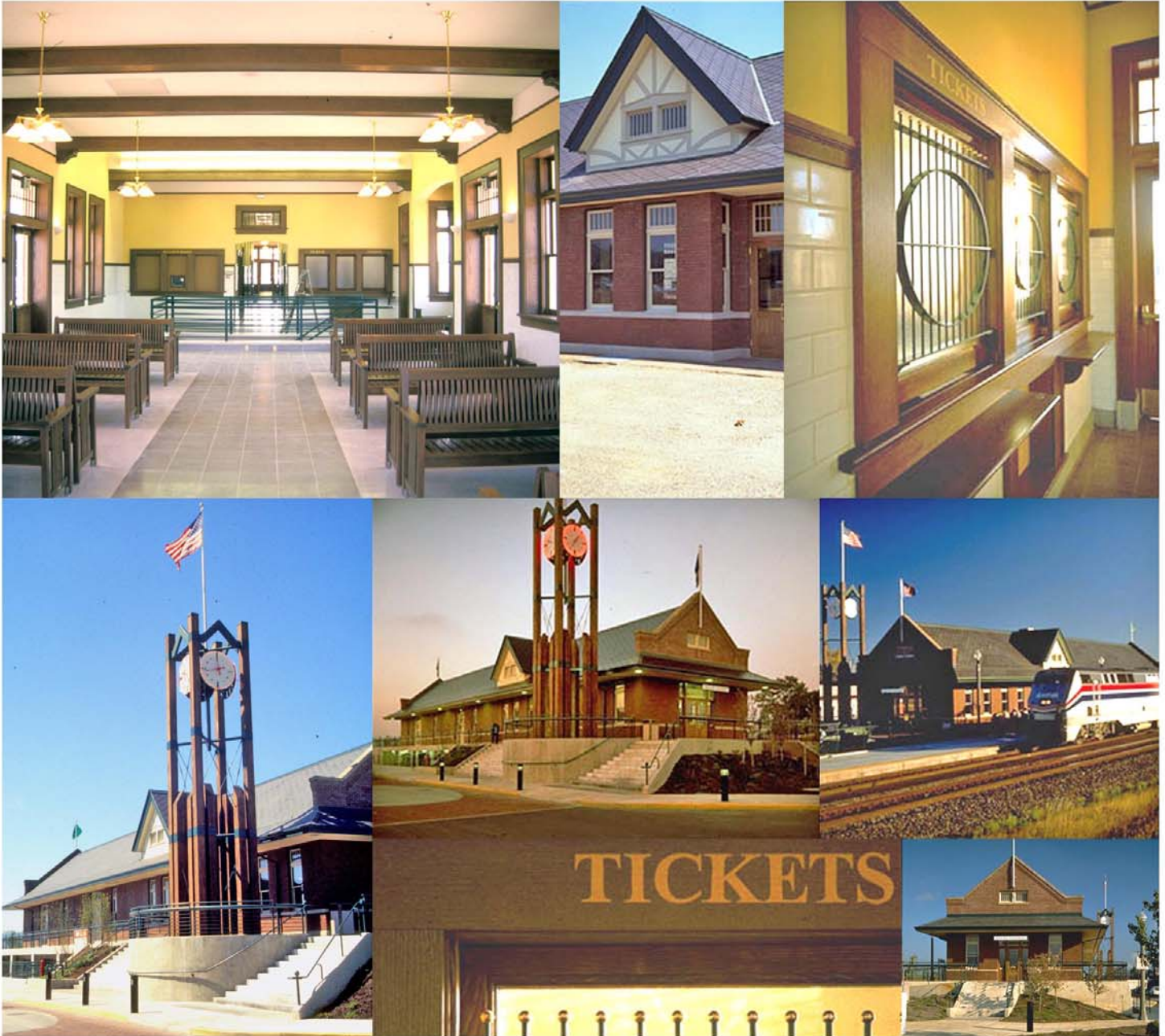


# Kelso Train Station

Kelso, Washington



Merritt led the planning and design process to convert the badly neglected and nearly abandoned historic Kelso train station into a multi-modal station and community center. The process began with community meetings to determine the possible opportunities and goals of the community. The State of Washington and the City of Kelso collaborated closely through a series of workshop sessions. While other communities could not focus on what to do with their historic stations, the consensus building process led by Merritt brought the project to completion with widespread community and State support. The project included a number of unique challenges from shoring and piling for a new foundation, resulting in a new first floor space essentially at street level, the repairing of the historic fabric of the building, and the integration of new elements, spaces, and materials to accommodate the new mix of users. The project was a success for historic preservation, the State of Washington Department of Transportation, Amtrak, Greyhound, and the City of Kelso.

Merritt led the City and State to a mutual consensus.

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