

Columbus, Ohio Signal Towers and Other Control Points 1950s view

CUD Columbus Union Depot Co. CUS Columbus Union Station B&O Baltimore & Ohio Railroad C&O Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad	NYC New York Central Railroad N&W Norfolk & Western Railroad PRR Pennsylvania Railroad T&OC Toledo & Ohio Central Railroad
---	---

East of Columbus Union Station

Name	Telegraph Call Letters	Location From CUS	Staffing	Remarks
Summit	SI	Eastside	B&O	PRR-B&O (Columbus and Newark Division) Main Line crossovers
East Columbus	NY	Eastside	B&O	PRR-B&O (Columbus and Newark Division)/ NYC (T&OC line from Truro) crossing
Alum Creek	AC	Eastside	B&O	East end of PRR yard B
Cleveland Ave	RA	Eastside	B&O	West end of PRR Yard B
US Tower	US	Just East of CUS	B&O	West end of the PRR-B&O Columbus and Newark Division - Included an operator and train director. Controlled eastside of CUS, as well as the Columbus Union Depot Co. (COD) Switch tenders at 4 th St. , 3rd St. and High St. via loud speakers.
Neilston	JA	Eastside	PRR	PRR (CA&C line)/N&W north of US Tower

West of Columbus Union Station

High Street Tower	HS	Just West of CUS	PRR	Junction of PRR's Little Miami and Bradford lines . Also controlled a switch tender at Dennison Ave.
LM Cabin/Scioto	LM/SC	Westside	C&O	C&O/PRR (Little Miami line)/NYC (T&OC line) crossing Plant provided by the NYC(T&OC).
BO crossing	GN	Westside	B&O	B&O/PRR (little Miami Line)/NYC (T&OC line) crossing
Miami Crossing	MI	Westside	NYC (Big)	NYC (Big Four line)/ PRR (little Miami line) crossing

			Four)	
HV Cabin/ Olentangy	HV	Westside	NYC (Big Four)	C&O/ NYC (Big Four line)-B&O/PRR (Bradford line) crossing
Mounds	MU	West side	PRR	PRR (Bradford line)/ NYC (T&OC line) crossing
Grandview	BJ	Westside	NYC (T&OC)	NYC (Big Four line)/NYC (T&OC line)crossing

North of Columbus Union Station

Worthington	WT	North side	PRR	NYC (Big Four line)/PRR (Sandusky line) crossing
Fields Ave.	FR	North side	PRR	West end of Grogan yard
CW Tower	CW	North side	N&W	East end of Grogan Yard – West end of Pennor Yard /PRR (CA&C line) crossing
JO Tower	JO	North side	N&W	Controlled the east end of Joyce Ave Yard and the entrance to Pennor Yard. Located on west embankment just north of bridge over PRR/B&O tracks.
Big Four Yard Office	CD	Just North of CUS	NYC (Big Four)	An operator controlled the Big Four Fifth Ave single to double track interlock and via loud speakers the switch tender at the east end of the Big Four Yard (DX) and the switch tender west of CUS (Neil Ave.).

South of Columbus Union Station

Bannon	XY	Southside	N&W	N&W/ NYC (T&OC line) crossing
Valley Crossing	SK	Southside	N&W	C&O (Hocking valley line)/N&W crossing
HX Cabin	HX	Southside	C&O	East End of Parsons Yard. Opened when Valley Crossing closed. Located in the Mosel building
Parsons	PA	Southside	C&O	West end of Parsons Yard
Frankfort St.	WF	Southside	NYC (T&OC)	C&O/ NYC (T&OC line) interchange East end of Mound St Yard
Steelton	SC	Southside	NYC (T&OC)	Near Lockbourne Road Double track to single track
Truro	JH	Southeast Side	NYC (T&OC)	NYC (T&OC lines) Junction (Agency not a tower)

Dispatcher Locations

Name	Telegraph Call Letters	Location	Staffing	
Union Station		Union Station & Chillicothe	B&O	Union Station – C&N Division Chillicothe – Ohio Midland
Spahr Building		Columbus	C&O	Spahr Building, 50 E. Broad St.
West Broad St.	FD	T&OC – Columbus Big Four – Springfield	NYC	T&OC – 370 West Broad street, second floor of the Freight house, control Toledo to Corning. Charleston, WV controlled south of Corning. Office included dispatcher, operator & wire chief Big Four - Springfield, Ohio controlled Cleveland to Cincinnati and Galion to Indianapolis
Portsmouth		Portsmouth	N&W	Some dispatching may have been done from CW tower at one time.
Union Station	RN	Columbus	PRR	Columbus Union Station

Thanks to Frank Kern – retired T&OC operator, Edward Miller – retired C&O operator and the members of the PennsWest and COhtrailfan Forums for help developing this list of Columbus signal towers and other control points.

Rev. 3/17/2010