

SOU Timeline

Year	Month	Day	Prime Timeline	Information	Data Source
1869	Jun	4	SOU	Cincinnati City Council passed a resolution designated Chattanooga, Tennessee as the southern terminus of the Cincinnati Southern Railroad.	Reggie Victor
1869	Jun	29	SOU	The citizens of the City of Cincinnati voted for the City to go into the railroad business.	Reggie Victor
1873	Dec	23	SOU	Construction began on the Cincinnati Southern Railroad.	Reggie Victor
1877	July	26	SOU	The first train, consisting of a locomotive and a single car ran over the first portion of the line (Cincinnati to Somerset, Kentucky)	Reggie Victor
1877			SOU	The Cincinnati Southern Railroad Bridge over the Ohio River was completed.	Reggie Victor
1879	Dec	9	SOU	The final rail was laid inside Robbins Tunnel (218 miles south of Cincinnati)	Reggie Victor
1880	Feb	21	SOU	The first through passenger train operated over the entire length of the line.	Reggie Victor
1881	Mar	11	SOU	The General Assembly of Ohio passed an Act directing the Cincinnati Southern trustees to sell or lease the railroad on terms and conditions to be fixed by the trustees.	Reggie Victor
1881	September		SOU	The Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific Railway Company was organized for the purpose of leasing and operating the railroad	Reggie Victor
1886			SOU	The Cincinnati Southern converted from five foot to standard gauge.	Reggie Victor
1890			SOU	Southern Railway leases the CNO&TP as part of the Alabama Great Southern Purchase.	Reggie Victor
1922			SOU	A new Southern Railway bridge over the Ohio River is completed.	Reggie Victor
1930	6	1	SOU	Southern takes possession of their new yard with new connection to the B&O at the south end.	J.Johnson - Source: The RR and the City - Condit
1933			SOU	Central Union Depot closed.	Reggie Victor
1933			SOU	Southern Railway passenger trains began using the Cincinnati Union Terminal	Reggie Victor
1963	July	10	SOU	All tunnel clearance restrictions were removed on Southern's "rat hole" between Cincinnati and Chattanooga	Reggie Victor
1964	Feb	1	SOU	The Southern Railway discontinued the Ponce de Leon between Council, Georgia and Jacksonville, Florida ending through Cincinnati to Florida passenger service.	Reggie Victor
1967			SOU	The first of many Cincinnati Railroad Club steam excursions left the terminal behind Southern's 2-8-2 #4501 locomotive.	Reggie Victor
1967			SOU	The Southern Railway passenger train, the Ponce de Leon made its last run.	Reggie Victor
1970	February		SOU	The Southern Railway ended passenger service to Cincinnati with the cancellation of the "Royal Palm".	Reggie Victor
1972			SOU	The land on which the Cincinnati Union Terminal was built, was sold to the Southern Railway.	Reggie Victor
1973			SOU	The Southern Railway opened a new "piggy back" facility on the land it acquired from the Union Terminal	Reggie Victor

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1982	Jun	1	SOU	The Norfolk Southern Corporation was formed to operate two subsidiary railroads: the Southern Railway and the Norfolk and Western Railway.	Reggie Victor
1986			SOU	A fire on the Southern Railway bridge near Dalton Street makes the bridge unusable for rail traffic. This eliminated the route to the Cincinnati riverfront.	Reggie Victor