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By Rick Anstey, Denver Infill Blog

For at least a year, we've seen renderings of the public spaces in front of Union Station and renderings of the wing buildings that will frame the station on each side. The earliest possible signs of progress are now visible. Three samples of pavers are on display in front of the station. The display pictured below includes one of the paver samples and a sample of material to be used on the sides of the 18th Street Bridge that will cross the seven sets of tracks behind the station.



What in the world are these



A good guess might have something to do with aliens, but that would be wrong. They are graphics painted on the surface of the parking areas in front of and beside Union Station. The blue one is one of four that identify the locations of the corners of the fountain that will be to the left of the station entrance. There are several (I believe 15) orange markings. Four of them identify the corners of the area containing the clump of trees called a bosque. It will be to the right side of the station entrance. The other orange markings identify the corners of the wing buildings that will be on opposite sides of the station building. For reference, here are the renderings: fountain, tree bosque, and IMA Financial's new headquarters building which will be one of the two wing buildings.





Elbra Wedgeworth reelected President of Denver Union Station Project Authority

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Denver Health News



The Denver Union Station Project Authority has reelected Elbra Wedgeworth, chief governmental relations officer, Denver Health, as president of its board of directors.

Denver City Council created the Denver Union Station Project Authority (DUSPA), which is responsible for financing, owning, renovating and operating the Denver Union Station redevelopment project.

Denver Union Station is part of the Regional Transportation District FasTracks transit expansion program and will serve as a transportation hub for the region.

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The temporary Amtrak terminal at 21st and Wewatta streets is expected to be finished in early October. However, since the temporary tracks on the other side of Wewatta are still in the early stages of construction, the terminal will not be in use until the spring.

Hunter Sydnor, Kiewit's Public Information Officer, gave me a tour of the building on Friday afternoon. The photo on the left is the passenger waiting area. On the right is the ticket counter. Nice touch with the arches.



Behind the public areas of the building are offices, an employee lounge, shower facilities for train crews, and a large room for baggage.

The following photo is the scene across the street. Wewatta Street is to the right and Coors Field is to the left. The open trench is full of conduit. Much work remains before this area is ready for the California Zephyr. Foundations and utility work need to be completed. The tracks will be laid. And the passenger platform must be built.

See the last image on the next page.

