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By Rick Anstey, Denver Infill Blog

The day is approaching when Amtrak passengers will use the new temporary station. Renovation of the building appears to be finished. The outside of the building has gotten a new paint job, signs are in place, and the parking lot is striped. See Update #37 for a reminder of the appearance of inside of the station as it neared completion two months ago. Here are some visual updates of the building. In the second photo, notice that even the lettering on the door is completed.



Across Wewatta Street, most of the passenger platform is now concrete, and most of the canopies have been installed, as you can see in the photo below. From the looks of the foundations, more canopies will be installed later. I am surprised at the length of the platform.

See additional photographs on the next two pages.

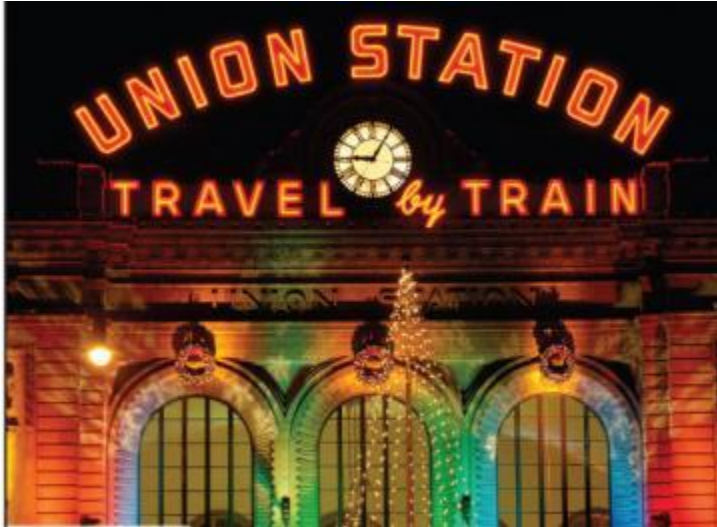


Work has begun on preparing foundations for the tracks. As noted in Update #39 rails were welded into long lengths about six weeks ago.



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By Julie Dugdale, 5280 magazine



Downtown Denver is awash in holiday lights this month, with festive illumination stretching from Civic Center through the business district, and all the way down to Union Station. The historic train depot, originally opened in 1881, has plenty to celebrate this year: Construction is under way for the Union Station redevelopment project, which aims to revitalize the landmark building with a transportation overhaul and public space enhancement. By 2014, Union Station will have replaced Market Street Station as downtown's regional and local transit hub, with expanded RTD, train, and free shuttle services. New pedestrian zones—renderings of the 17th Street Promenade and Gardens show tree-lined plazas, fountains, and outdoor dining—will make it a center for downtown activity. So when the lights catch your eye this holiday season, think of the history they recall—and the future they represent.