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NEWS RELEASE

Amtrak relocating from Denver Union Station to temporary station on February 1

Move will allow construction of new Amtrak and RTD commuter rail station with a regional bus facility at the historic landmark

DENVER –Beginning Feb. 1, Amtrak will temporarily relocate from the historic Denver Union Station to 1800 21st St., at the intersection of 21st St. and Wewatta St., west of Coors Field in Denver's Prospect Neighborhood.

The temporary station is completely accessible to passengers with disabilities, offers Quik-Trak® self-serve ticketing kiosks, free WiFi and vending machines with snacks and beverages. Free parking is available at the temporary station for Amtrak passengers with proper validation. Amtrak passengers are encouraged to plan to be picked up and dropped off at the temporary location. Approximately 15 short-term parking spaces are available at the lot on the east side of the station, and 30 long-term parking spots are available on the west side of the station under the 20th Street viaduct. The temporary station is served by a RTD bus stop just steps from the door.



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The move is necessary to accommodate construction of the new commuter rail station at Denver Union Station that will serve Amtrak and the East, Gold, North Metro and Northwest Rail commuter rail lines. When improvements are complete, Denver Union Station will be the centerpiece of the Regional Transportation District's FasTracks transit expansion program and will serve as a multimodal hub for the region. Amtrak will return to Union Station in the spring of 2014.

In addition to the eight-track Amtrak and RTD commuter rail station, the \$484 million Denver Union Station redevelopment project includes a 22-bay regional bus facility, new light rail station for current and future light rail lines, extension of the 16th Street Mall Shuttle and several public plazas to integrate transit services with adjacent neighborhoods.

Amtrak operates two trains daily through Denver – the westbound California Zephyr departing at 8:05 a.m. and the eastbound California Zephyr departing at 7:10 p.m. The California Zephyr runs between Chicago and Emeryville, coursing through the plains of Nebraska to Denver, across the Rockies to Salt Lake City, and then through Reno and the Sierras to Sacramento and the San Francisco Bay.

Amtrak passengers also use Amtrak Thruway Motorcoaches at Denver to connect with the Amtrak Southwest Chief at Raton, N.M. That service will also be transferred to the temporary station at 1800 21st St.

Last year, 128,410 Amtrak passengers used the Denver station. For more information, Amtrak customers locally can call 303-825-2583 or the toll-free Amtrak contact centers at 800-USA-RAIL.

“The opening of the temporary Amtrak station represents another significant milestone for the project,” said Elbra Wedgeworth, president of the Denver Union Station Project Authority.

Also on Feb. 1, the passenger tunnel in Union Station will be closed to allow for completion of a new underground regional bus facility. The tunnel has provided access for passengers to reach their trains since its opening in 1926. Passengers should use the 16th Street Mall Shuttle or the 16th Street sidewalk to get to and from the light rail platform.

About the Denver Union Station Project Authority

The Denver Union Station Project Authority is responsible for the financing, acquiring, owning, designing, constructing, renovating, operating and maintaining the Denver Union Station redevelopment project. The Authority is a partnership of RTD, the City and County of Denver, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) and the Denver Union Station Metropolitan District. For more information on the Denver Union Station redevelopment project, call 303-592-5465, or visit denverunionstation.org.

About RTD FasTracks

FasTracks is RTD's voter-approved transit program to expand rail and bus service throughout the RTD service area. FasTracks will build 122 miles of commuter rail and light rail, 18 miles of bus rapid transit service, add 21,000 new parking spaces, redevelop Denver Union Station and redirect bus service to better connect the eight-county District. The FasTracks investment initiative is projected to create more than 10,000 construction-related jobs during the height of construction, and will pump billions of dollars into the regional economy. For more information about RTD, call 303-299-6000, or visit rtd-denver.com.

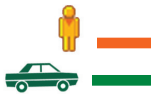
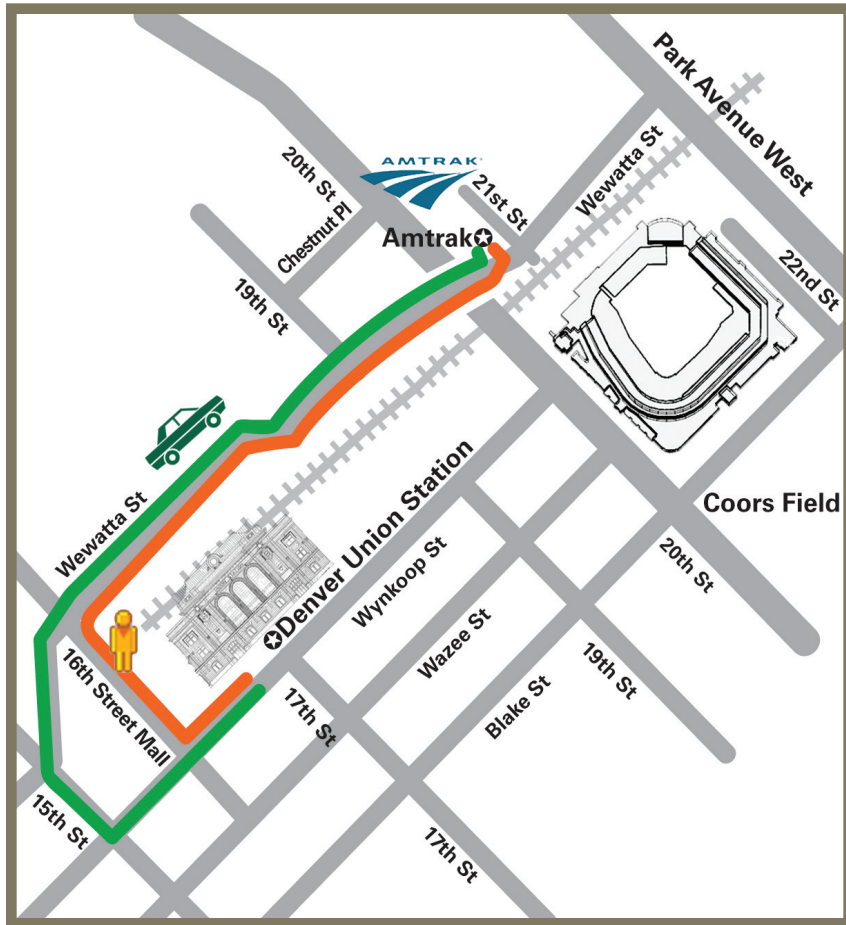
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INFORMATION ABOUT THE TEMPORARY AMTRAK STATION

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TRAVELING FROM DUS TO THE TEMPORARY AMTRAK STATION (1800 21st ST., DENVER 80202)

WALKING FROM DUS Walk southwest on Wynkoop St. toward the 16th Street Mall. Turn right on 16th St. Turn right on Wewatta St. Continue on Wewatta to 21st St. Cross Wewatta St. to the temporary station (approximately 18-20 min.).

DRIVING FROM DUS Travel southwest on Wynkoop St. toward 15th St. Turn right on 15th St. Take first right onto Wewatta St. Continue to 21st St. Turn left at 21st St. to temporary station.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO THE TEMPORARY AMTRAK STATION (1800 21st ST., DENVER 80202)

FROM THE NORTH Take I-25 south to Exit #213 (Park Ave. West). Continue to follow Park Ave. West to Wewatta St. Turn right at Wewatta St. Follow Wewatta St. to 21st.

FROM THE WEST Travel east on I-70 to I-25 South, Exit #213 (Park Ave. West). Continue to follow Park Ave. West to Wewatta St. Turn right at Wewatta St. Follow Wewatta St. to 21st St.

FROM THE EAST Travel west on I-70 to I-25 South, Exit #213 (Park Ave. West). Continue to follow Park Ave. West to Wewatta St. Turn right at Wewatta St. Follow Wewatta St. to 21st St.

FROM THE SOUTH Travel north on I-25 to Exit #212C (Park Ave. West). Continue to follow Park Ave. West to Wewatta St. Turn right at Wewatta St. Follow Wewatta St. to 21st St.

USING RTD TO REACH THE TEMPORARY AMTRAK STATION For information on how to use RTD to reach the temporary Amtrak Station, call RTD's telephone information center (TIC) at 303-299-6000, or visit rtd-denver.com. The TTD phone number for speech and hearing impaired is 303-299-6089. The TIC is open Monday-Friday from 6 a.m. - 8 p.m. and weekends/holidays from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

PARKING AT THE TEMPORARY AMTRAK STATION

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

Amtrak For more information about Amtrak, call 800-872-7245 or 303-825-2583 (Denver office), or visit Amtrak.com.

RTD For more information about RTD, call 303-299-6000, or visit rtd-denver.com.

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