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Beginning Feb. 4, 2011, Amtrak moved 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 Denver Depot is a temporary situation account Denver Regional Transportation District redevelopment.

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.

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.

Winter weather evidently prompted Amtrak 508 P32-8 to be sent to Denver, CO, as California Zephyr protection unit. It was parked on short stub track along BNSF's Buck Main under Park Avenue West Feb. 4, 2011.

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Shaul Turner, KDVR-TV

DENVER -- Thousands of commuters who ride the bus and train will notice a big change in the downtown Denver area this week.

RTD's FasTracks construction is now underway near Union Station.

In order to create this new "super hub" for public transportation, bus traffic will have to be re-routed.

That means buses will no longer exit the I-25 HOV lane then travel along the west side of Union Station toward the 16th Street Mall.

There will be no passenger pick up and drop off at Union Station and 16th St.

Riders are advised to check route revisions involving the Market Street station.

For more information about changes in RTD routes during FasTracks construction you can go to www.rtd-denver.com