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By Ken Schroeppel, Denver Infill Blog

July 11, 2011

This isn't Union Station Update #73. I'll leave that to Rick Anstey, the resident expert of Union Station updating. Instead, I'm offering a bit of news relating to some of the private sector development planned by the Union Station Neighborhood Company (USNC) on the Union Station site, specifically on the North and South wing buildings.

You may recall back in early 2010 that IMA Financial was announced as the anchor tenant for the North wing building at 18th & Wynkoop. Since then, the building's design has been refined and construction is anticipated to begin in early 2012. USNC has recently updated their website where you'll find new images of their proposed developments, including the renderings below of the proposed IMA Financial building. Top: View from mid-block between 17th & 18th along Wynkoop. Center: View at night. Bottom: Close-up of integration with the ped bridge over the commuter rail tracks:



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While USNC is still finalizing the tenant line-up for the South wing building at 16th & Wynkoop, the design of the structure has been evolving. The South wing building will be related architecturally to the North wing building, but not a twin. The South wing building is also planned to get underway in 2012. Top: View from 17th & Wynkoop across Wynkoop Plaza.

Center: View from roughly 18th & Wynkoop. Bottom: View down 16th Street from in front of the Tattered Cover:





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This final view looking down Wynkoop from the intersection with 16th shows both buildings and the future Wynkoop Plaza:



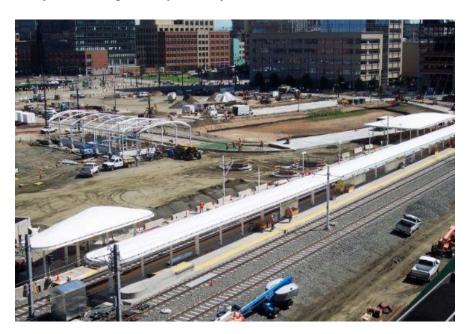
Finally, USNC has a new video showing not only some of the proposed vertical developments anticipated at DUS, but the various transit elements and public spaces too. Keep in mind that the designs of the proposed buildings and public spaces shown in the video are still evolving, and many of the future buildings shown are massing models only. Nevertheless, the video presents a compelling vision of what's to come at Denver Union Station. Visit the USNC website to see the video or use this link Denver Union Station Fly-Through to go directly to the video.

July 13, 2011

By Rick Anstey, Denver Infill Blog

Here is a quick update on several elements of the project: Chestnut Pavilion, Chestnut Place (the street), the light rail overhead catenary system, and signs of finishing touches.

In Update #72, I showed you preparations for constructing the Chestnut Pavilion which will be one of the entry and exit points between the underground bus facility and ground level. As of today, the framework has been built. Here it is from opposite perspectives. I took the left photo today and the right one yesterday.





Here's a shot of Chestnut Place from 16th Street. Notice the traffic signals and street lights. The closest ones at the intersection of Chestnut Place and 17th Street are on the roof of the bus terminal.



Here is a photo from the Union Gateway Bridge of what appears to be one of the more complicated parts of the project: the overhead catenary system (the light rail power system).



There are more signs of finishing touches. The following photo shows construction of a granite sidewalk from the new light rail and mall shuttle stations to 16th Street at the base of the

Millennium Bridge. The granite sidewalk is hard to pick out of the photo. Just look for the workers. Also notice the street lights and traffic signals at the intersection of 16th Street and Chestnut Place.



I will be out of town for 10 days starting tomorrow. You can expect the next update shortly after I return. In the meantime, I'm counting on you to let me know if anything big happens.

July 14, 2011

By Gerri Sweeney, Villager

Greenwood Village Council tour Denver Union Station redevelopment site



Those on the walking tour of Union Station June 17 are Denise Rose, City Council District 1; Mayor Ron Rakowsky; Bette Todd, City Council District 3; Ryan Gregory, assistant to the city manager and Tom Bishop, City Council District 4. The one-hour-long walking tour included information on the storied history of Union Station from the late 1800s to the present day. They learned about the early station buildings, famous travelers who visited Denver by train, the new Union Station neighborhood and its transformation of downtown and witnessed construction of the largest transportation redevelopment project in North American first hand.

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