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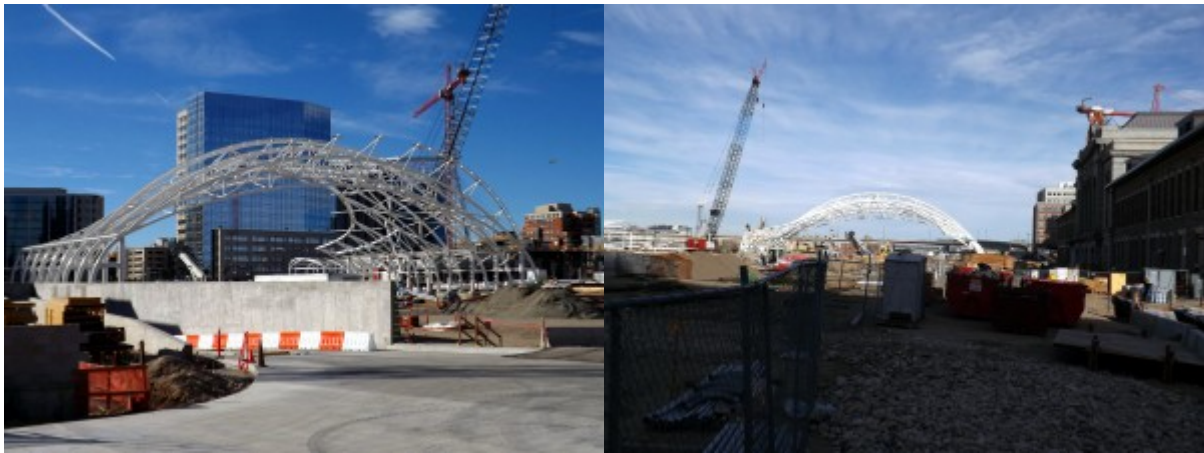
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December 2, 2012

By Ryan Dravitz, Denver Infill Blog

Today, for my 100th post on DenverInfill, I am going to update you on Denver's most extraordinary project: Denver Union Station. As you know, the historic station is now [closed](#) and will be renovated over the next two years. But that's not all the exciting news! Both wing buildings are under construction as well as the enormous, beautiful commuter rail canopy. Let's take a look!

These two pictures give you an idea of how large this canopy is going to be. It's only about 25% complete and will span all the way across the historic station.



The North (red crane) and South (yellow crane) wing buildings are fully under construction. As a refresher, these are 5-story buildings not to exceed the cornice line of the historic station.



When traveling north on Wynkoop Street, you can see both tower cranes up for the new wing buildings. It's quite a sight seeing so much construction going on around Union Station.



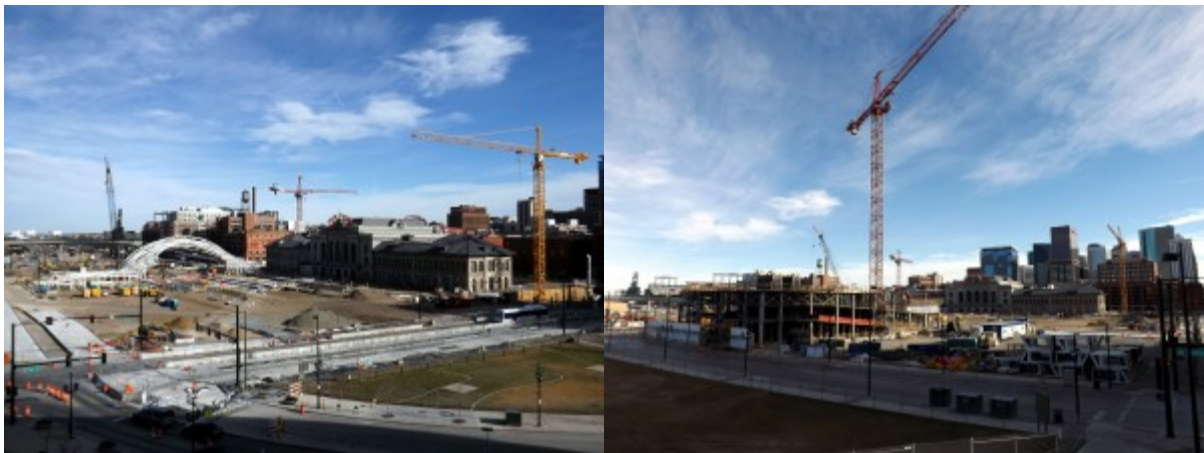
Going down the 16th Street Mall towards the Millennium Bridge, both lanes are now open for the mall shuttles.



Over on Wewatta Street, you can see two things: Wewatta Street itself is nearing completion and the structure for the Wewatta Pavilion is in place. Cadence is also beginning to rise above the street as well!



Finally, some additional views of the entire redevelopment. Here you can see the sheer size of the commuter rail canopy. Cadence is also beginning to make a small presence. You can no longer see the north side of Union Station from Millennium Bridge!



This is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to all the private-sector development planned for this neighborhood. With the station also closed for renovation and construction of the hotel, I am very excited to see what everything will look like in 2014 when the project is scheduled for completion.

Union Station closed to public as renovations begin

December 3, 2012

by Shaul Turner and Thomas Hendrick, KDVR.com

DENVER – Denver’s Union Station closed to the public Monday to begin a \$484 million renovation project that will turn the landmark into a transportation hub.

The project will turn Union Station into a mixed-use transit-oriented development with a RTD bus and Lightrail hub.

Union Station, built in 1881, was once Denver’s front door as travelers arrived by train. In recent years the building became deserted as train service dwindled to as little as two trains per day.

The building will be renovated to include a 110-room hotel on the second and third floors and retail and restaurants on the ground level.

RTD owns the building and recently approved a lease for the [Union Station Alliance](#), made up of Larimer Associates, REGen LLC., Urban Neighborhoods and Sage Hospitality, for the project.

Larimer Associates is handling the retail leasing of the remodeled urban transit center, which will feature more than 22,000 square feet of ground floor space divided into about 10 independent retail and restaurant outlets, complemented by a 12,000 square foot public common area called the “Great Hall” and a 40,000 square feet of outdoor plaza space.

Walter Eisenberg, CEO of Sage Hospitality, said the environment will add to Lodo’s already vibrant atmosphere.

“People will be able come down and enjoy some amazing plazas in front of the station with fountains and trees and cafes,” Eisenberg said.

Behind Union Station, a large 44,000-square-foot canopy will be built that will be a familiar sight for anyone who’s been to Denver International Airport.

Eight tracks and five platforms will service LightRail by RTD including its upcoming line to DIA. Amtrak will also resume service.

Underneath the train tracks is a new bus station that will replace Market Street Station that will include 22 bus bays.

The entire project is scheduled to be completed in spring 2014.

Union Station Now Closed To Be Transformed Into Urban Transit Center

December 3, 2012

By CBS Denver

Denver's Union Station is now closed as crews prepare to renovate the historic landmark.

The building is expected to reopen in the middle of 2014 as an urban transit center and tourist attraction.

Construction will begin this week.

"For the last many decades it has been underutilized; two trains a day with Amtrak going in and out of there, and now it is really going to be the new center of downtown Denver," Walter Isenberg with Sage Hospitality said.

Behind the building crews are already making way for Amtrak, a commuter rail station and an underground bus facility. That phase is on the fast track and is about 70 percent complete.

As focus now shifts inside, the transit-oriented hub will be open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year with a 110-room hotel on the upper levels and 10 retail and restaurant outlets within the great hall.

The cost of the Union Station project alone is about \$50 million. There is no word yet on what retailers will sign on.