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September 4, 2010

By Rick Anstey, Denver Infill Blog

There has been much more of the same activity over the past week. Concrete has now been poured for nine of the sections of the bus terminal floor. It appears that there are only six sections remaining. Two concrete forms for the bus terminal walls have been placed on each side of the floor (top of the photo). Two rows of 36 pillars rise from the center of the floor. So far, the pillars are made only of rebar, but they start to define the separation of the passenger area from the bus-travel area of the terminal. A row of 22 foundations have been built for the canopy at the light rail passenger platform (foreground).



Good news. According to the August edition of the Union Station Advocates Newsletter, the completion date for the project has been moved up a month to April 2014 from May 2014.

I copied the following from a recent email from DUSPA: “The Denver Union Station Project Authority, Regional Transportation District and City and County of Denver will host a Denver Union Station Construction Celebration on Tuesday, September 7, 2010, at 1:30 P.M.” The event will be held at the light rail platform behind Union Station.

September 7, 2010

By Rick Anstey, Denver Infill Blog

In spite of appearances in the photo below, it is not a group of local dignitaries behind bars making little rocks out of big rocks. It also is not local authorities digging the next phase of the bus terminal by hand. It is a gathering of those responsible for converting a dream into the reality of the Denver Union Station Redevelopment Project. Credit was duly given to dozens of individuals who worked tirelessly and overcame every conceivable obstacle to design and fund this massive project. It is a photo of the “DUS Construction Celebration” event held at 1:30 today on the light rail platform behind the historic station. I’ll take a wild guess that about 100 people attended the event.



In other news, work continues on preparing concrete forms for the bus terminal walls. Kiewit expects to start pouring those walls later this week. The photo below shows workers in the shadows on the far left suspended from the top of the form and tying rebar. You can see other workers tying rebar at the top of the pillar in the foreground. The sheets of pre-assembled rebar laying flat on the concrete floor will be lifted into place along the walls. The walls will be 19 feet high and two feet thick. Each form is 50 feet long. The pillars are 12 feet high and will support the ceiling girders.



Breaking Ground at Union Station

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September 8, 2010

By Tad Rickman, Denver Daily News



Lawmakers and other dignitaries broke ground yesterday during a celebration of the redevelopment of Denver Union Station. The project, currently under construction, recently secured \$300 million in federal loans from the U.S. Department of Transportation. The project is expected to create 7,000 jobs and bring \$3 billion in new economic activity to Colorado over 20 years. Denver Daily News photo by Tad Rickman.