

So eager was Denver to have its own rail connection to the newly completed transcontinental line that had been built through Cheyenne, Wyoming, in 1869, that the city organized the Board of Trade and announced plans to build its own “home town” railroad. The Denver Pacific Railroad laid track from Denver to Cheyenne marking the beginning of Denver’s place in transportation history.

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The first service into Denver's Central Platte Valley from the west arrived on June 21, 1870. There was one station. Station was not developed until 1880, reflecting a national trend.



The Union Depot and Railroad Company built the  and opened





The original Union Station building burned on March 18, 1894, when a fire ignited the electrical system of



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In 1914, the Denver Union Terminal Railway Company tore down the stone clock tower and replaced



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The plaster arches that line the walls of the center room have 2300 carved Columbine flowers in them.



The 1920s and 1930s were the glory days of Denver Union Station. During that time, the station operated



Madonnas were serving soldiers fighting in World War I & II.



President Theodore Roosevelt, along with President Franklin D. Roosevelt and the family, people who

1933, long plagued by floods, saw Union Station inundated by streams of water on August 4, 1933.



Until 1958, Denver Union Station had more travelers than Stapleton Airport.



During the 1980s, the BNSF and Union Pacific Railroad companies, which had been operating the Union Station building, the City and County of Denver, and the



in 1991, the City and County of Denver, RTD, and the BNSF and Union Pacific Railroad companies, which had been operating the Union Station building, the City and County of Denver, and the

progress was made in 2004 and 2005 to prepare Denver Union Station for the redevelopment now being undertaken. The RTD District 10 and the Denver Union Station Master Plan was approved by the Board of Directors of RTD in 2004 and 2005.



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Officials from DUSPA, RTD and City and County of Denver hosted a Denver Union Station Construction



On February 4, Amtrak temporarily relocated from the historic Denver Union Station to 1800 21st St., at



DUSPA and RTD held an opening ceremony on May 16 to officially open the Denver Union Station light rail



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