

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 rail line into Denver as Central Pacific Valley. The depot, 1870 Union Station to the



The Union Depot and Railroad Company built the depot and opened it in 1881.





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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.



Dignitaries



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.



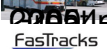
Until 1958, Denver Union Station had more travelers than Stapleton Airport.



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progress was made in 2004 and 2005 to prepare Denver Union Station for the redevelopment now. After extensive public involvement, the Denver Union Station Master Plan was approved by each of the



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FFD approved the first of its historic preservation plan, which included the renovation of the historic building with a plan to provide a new structure for the historic building that would be built on the site of the old building.



Both projects, the Old & New Square, Denver Public Library and the Regional Transportation District, Western Square