



Opening date for Union Station Bus Complex set for May 9, 2014

This major project of the FasTracks program was made possible through an innovative financing approach by DUS and partners

Denver – The Regional Transportation District (RTD) announces the opening date for the Denver Union Station Bus Complex as Friday, May 9, 2014. The 22-bay underground bus station will replace RTD's current Market Street Station, which will close permanently when the Union Station Bus Complex opens.

"This is another example of how RTD continues to successfully manage mega projects, serve as a positive role model and lead the way for other transportation agencies across the nation," said Phil Washington, RTD General Manager. "The success of our projects takes a total team effort between RTD and its partners."

Opening activities will occur on Friday, May 9, and bus service at the new bus terminal will begin on Sunday, May 11. The bus complex features an interior pedestrian concourse and the future 17th Street pavilion and plaza areas, which will provide a street-level connection between the bus facility and the other transit elements on the site. The project team is pursuing LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Certification for the bus complex.

The Union Station site is being transformed into a multimodal transportation hub, to serve as a major connector to downtown Denver. This RTD FasTracks project integrates bus transit, light rail, commuter rail and Amtrak®. The commuter rail portion of the project is scheduled to open in 2016.

"RTD would like to thank our many contractors working on the various elements of Union Station who are working tirelessly to deliver this project to our citizens and visitors traveling to the metro area," said Lorraine Anderson, RTD Board Chair. The Denver Union Station Historic Building is being redeveloped into a new 110-room hotel, restaurants and retail establishments, which will be managed by Denver's Sage Hospitality.

Walter Isenberg, President and CEO of Sage Hospitality and a member of the Union Station Alliance, the group that is redeveloping Denver's Historic Union Station said, "The hotel and retail elements of the Historic Building are on schedule to open in late July of next year. This will signal the completion of yet another important milestone for Union Station."

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The Denver Union Station redevelopment is part of RTD's FasTracks transit expansion program, which is also building out 122 miles of commuter rail and light rail, 18 miles of bus rapid transit (BRT) service, adding 21,000 new parking spaces, and redirecting bus service to better connect the eight-county District.

