Charlotte Gateway Station (CGS) Project Update



InterCity Rail, Charlotte Station

 Southern end of the first phase of the federally-designated Southeast Corridor

 Southern "bookend" of the Charlotte to Raleigh Piedmont Corridor

- Busiest station in NC 184,911 got on or off trains here in 2015
- Eight trains daily expanding to 12 by 2017
- Direct routes to New Orleans and Atlanta in the Southeast and Washington, DC and New York in the Northeast



Southern Railway Station Built 1905 – Torn Down 1962



Transportation

Project Objective:

- Improve regional and local transportation system and services
- Leverage publicly controlled property to facilitate further economic development



The Missing Link – an InterCity Station at the Right Location

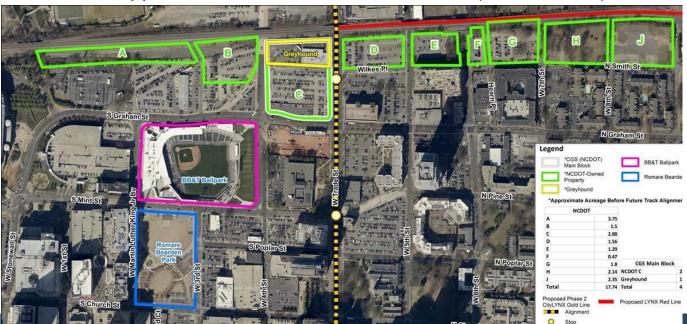
For 26 years, North Carolina's Amtrak has operated from a structure built in 1962. The location itself and the building are both inadequate:

- •5,100 sf waiting room too small and is often overcrowded; substandard baggage handling
- •Approx. two miles from Uptown poor access, especially for pedestrians; limited transit connection—one bus route
- Station tracks also serve as Mainline freight tracks – impact on NS operations (40 trains/day – expected to increase due to Airport Intermodal terminal)
- Inadequate parking, access and circulation
- Prone to flooding



Timeline of Key Dates and Studies

- 1991: City/NCDOT complete Preliminary Feasibility Study identifies West Trade Street as preferred location
- 1998-2012: NCDOT acquires approximately 18 acres for CGS Project
- 2002: NCDOT completes Feasibility Study (specific)
- 2004-2006: CATS secures FTA funding
- 2009: Municipal Agreement signed between NCDOT and City
- 2012: Norfolk Southern passenger policy issued resulting in additional capacity modeling
- 2015: Revised Municipal Agreement signed between NCDOT and City
- 2015: TIGER VII Application and Grant Announcement (\$25,000,000)



CHARLOTTE GATEWAY STATION



Phase One – Track, Structures & Signals (TS&S)

- Five new bridges at West 4th, West Trade, West 5th, West 6th Streets & Cedar Street Connection
- Two 2,000 foot long station tracks paralleling Norfolk Southern mainline on NCDOT-owned right-of-way
- Concourse
- Greyhound Reconfiguration
- Separates passenger from freight operations
- Signal Construction
- Includes connector track to Charlotte Locomotive and Railcar Maintenance Facility
- Area will accommodate future third station track

Conceptual Cost Estimate: \$70,000,000

- Federal \$25,000,000
- State and Local TBD
- STI Process TBD
- MPO Federal Funding TBD
- CIP Request TBD

Phase Two – Interim Station, Platform and Canopy

Interim Intercity Passenger Rail Station:

- New 10,000 sq. ft. building between Trade and 5th streets
- Immediately north of future CGS site
- Accommodate 200 seated passengers, 185 parking spaces
- Adequate functional space for day-to-day operations

Permanent Platform and Canopy:

- 1,200 foot long elevated, ADA compliant, level boarding center island platform
- Accommodates current as well as next generation train sets
- 600 foot long canopy

Conceptual Cost Estimate: \$20-\$25,000,000

No Funding or Financing Currently Identified

Study Goals



Communicate the vision



Establish the long-term vision for the district... ...but support near-term implementation



Further define the western edge of Uptown



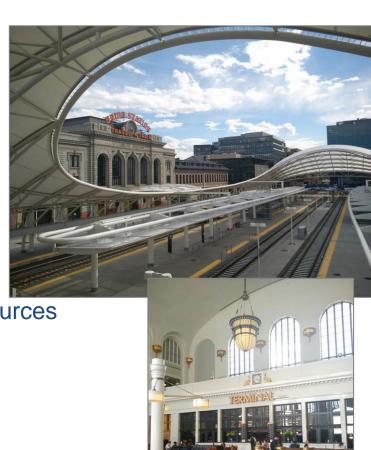
Create a gateway destination

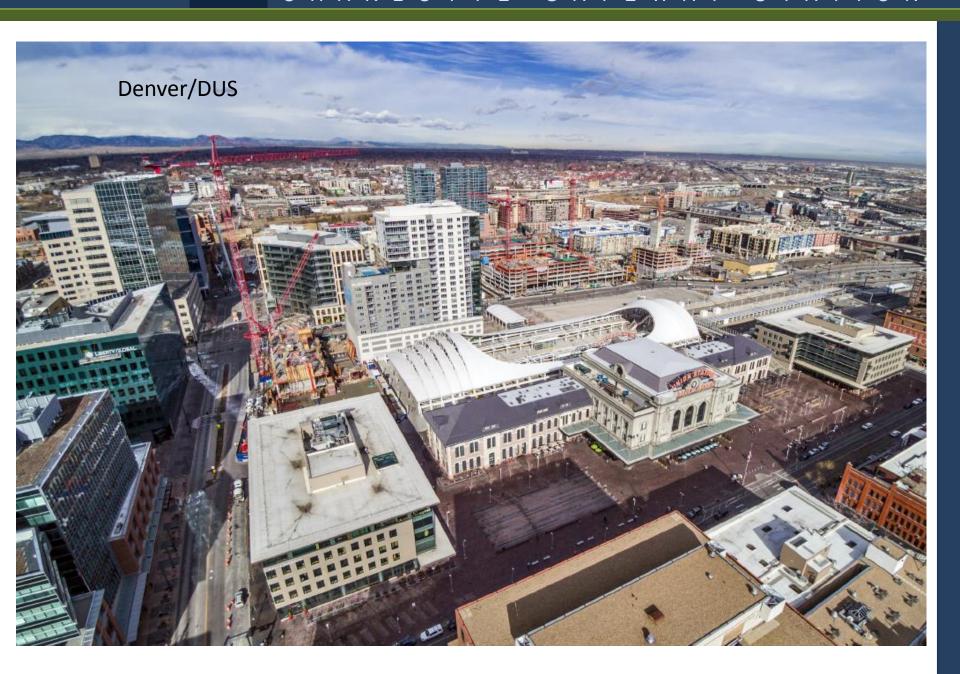


Leverage public property to facilitate mixed use development

Denver, Colorado

- Existing Union Station built in 1881
- Remodeled in 1914 well located but needed master planning and land uses to redevelop station into multimodal and TOD
- Implemented by 4 public entities and a private partner – 14 years in the making from acquisition of property to opening
- 9 different federal, state and local funding sources totaled approx. \$480M-\$500M
- Strategy paying off: New development of approximately \$2B in office, retail, hotel and residential





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