GROUNDBREAKING HELD TODAY FOR PERKINS EASTMAN-DESIGNED CIVIC CENTER STATION IN DOWNTOWN DENVER

New Transit Hub Will Offer Congestion Relief and Create Vibrant Space for New Development Opportunities

New York, NY (July 7, 2016) Perkins Eastman is pleased to join the Regional Transportation District (RTD) Board of Directors in announcing today’s groundbreaking ceremony for the new Civic Center Station in Downtown Denver. This revitalized hub was designed to better accommodate the more than 15,000 daily transit riders who use the station, as well as offer a series of safe and iconic public spaces that strengthen the area’s transit ridership experience and create lasting value for the surrounding plaza, for transit and non-transit users alike. The current 30+ year-old station has been decommissioned and the site will be closed to commuters for the next year while construction of the new station commences.

Situated on the southern end of the 16th Street Mall, one of the city’s most trafficked thoroughfares and the main connector to Union Station on the northern end, Civic Center Station has long been in need of major upgrades. The new station is designed using the principles of Open Transit and will offer a more inviting frontage at the end of the mall, a major gateway to nearby Civic Center Park and the Colorado State Capitol Building.

At ground level, the new station is fitted on all sides with glass walls, which creates enhanced visibility throughout the site and offers riders greater security and openness within the bustling hub. Visitors and transit users will also benefit from Civic Center Station’s open site plan and inviting staircases on either end of the plaza, which lead to an expansive Terrace, a great new public asset for Downtown Denver that affords uninterrupted views of Broadway and the Capitol dome.

“It’s a true honor to design this important transit-oriented development for the city of Denver,” says Peter Cavaluzzi FAIA, Design Principal for the project. “This new Civic Center Station is designed to be more than just a transit stop for commuters. We set out to create an iconic and timeless civic space that integrates transit with culture, encourages new development in the area, and above all appeals to everyone. We feel we’ve designed a place that the city and its citizens can be proud to call their own.”
In addition to accommodating increased traffic by bus, car, bicycle and pedestrian, the new Civic Center Station will benefit from its close proximity to the city’s cultural center, which includes the Denver Public Library, Denver Art Museum, Clyfford Still Museum, and History Colorado Center.

Perkins Eastman is serving as Design Architect for Civic Center Station, and Short Elliot Hendrickson, Inc. (SEH) is the Architect of Record. Construction is expected to last 12-18 months. The revitalization of the Civic Center Transit Center area is a joint consensus between the City of Denver, the Downtown Denver Partnership, Inc., and RTD.

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