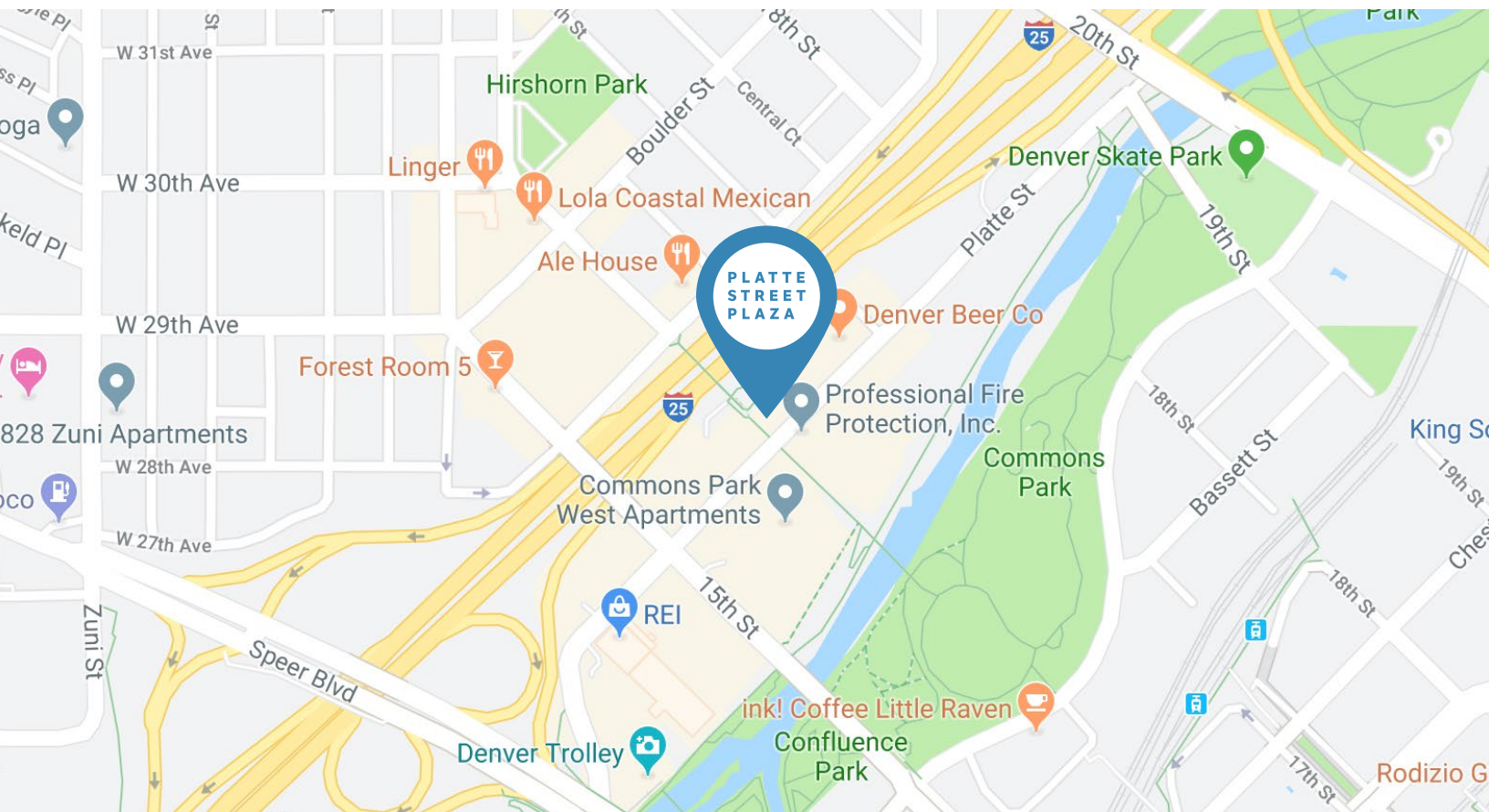




F.A.Q.

What is Platte Street Plaza?

Platte Street Plaza is a dynamic public gathering place located at the corner of 16th and Platte Streets, between The Circa Building and historic Zang Building. Situated at the base of the Highland pedestrian bridge that connects the Highlands to Downtown Denver, the proposed vision will transform this underutilized passageway into an engaging public plaza for neighborhood use.





What will Platte Street Plaza look like?

Platte Street Plaza's design promotes connection and relaxation, while keeping safety top of mind with clear sightlines and additional lighting incorporated throughout the area.



Renderings courtesy of Dig Studio

Will businesses remain open during construction?

Yes, all businesses located along Platte Street Plaza will remain open during construction, including [Colt and Gray](#), [Saint Ellie](#) and [Barre Forte](#). Be sure to check out [Habit Doughnuts + Carbon Café](#), [Common Era](#), [Superfood Bar](#), [Savory Spice Shop](#), [Inside Scoop Creamery](#), [Trelora](#), [House of Commons](#), [Republic of Paws](#), [Proto's Pizza](#), [Wilderness Exchange](#) and [Sushi Sasa](#), just around the corner.

Will construction interfere with my commute?

We recognize that this is a busy corridor, so Platte Street Plaza is committed to maintaining clear pathways for both pedestrians and cyclists throughout the entire construction process. Different sections of Platte Street Plaza (including the stairs to the Highland Bridge) will be closed during construction, which may lead to slight delays during peak commuting times. Bridge access via the ramp will remain open. Keep an eye out for detour signage and please respect your fellow commuters.

What is the construction timeline?

Construction on Platte Street Plaza will begin in August and is expected to wrap up in late fall/early winter.



Why is Platte Street Plaza being created?

Platte Street Plaza is being built on behalf of the community, and we hope everyone feels welcome to enjoy it once complete.

- For residents, Platte Street Plaza extends the green space you've come to love being right on the river.
- For employers, Platte Street Plaza provides a professionally managed outdoor amenity space for your employees to enjoy lunch or take a break with an afternoon coffee.
- For retail and restaurant owners, Platte Street Plaza will help re-energize Platte Street and encourage people to stop and patronize your establishments, instead of just walking through.

Is Platte Street Plaza part of a bigger plan?

Plans for Platte Street Plaza align with Denver Parks & Recreation and the Downtown Denver Partnership's master plan for downtown Denver's outdoor spaces, [The Outdoor Downtown](#). The 20-year plan focuses on enhancing quality of life in the downtown area through investment in parks and public spaces.

It also aligns with the Downtown Denver Partnership's [Urban Forest Initiative](#), which aims to create a healthy tree canopy throughout downtown Denver to benefit the community and local businesses. According to DDP's website, downtown Denver's current tree canopy is 4 percent, with plans to increase it to 10 percent.

How is Platte Street Plaza being funded?

Platte Street Plaza is a public/private partnership between the City of Denver and Unico. The \$1.7 million in equity required for the project is being furnished by Unico.

Who will manage Platte Street Plaza once complete?

To ensure Platte Street Plaza remains an enduring asset in the community, Unico has committed to overseeing its ongoing maintenance.



Who is involved in the construction of Platte Street Plaza?

In addition to Unico, partners on Platte Street Plaza include general contractor [Swinerton Builders](#), landscape architect [Dig Studio](#), and public relations firm [SideCar PR](#).

What will happen to National Velvet?

The construction of Platte Street Plaza will not interfere with National Velvet, a sculpture created by Denver visual artist [John McEnroe](#) and installed on the site in 2008. Get the full scoop behind the iconic artwork from [Colorado Public Radio](#).

Where do I find more information about Platte Street Plaza?

If you have additional inquiries, please [fill out our contact form](#). We're looking forward to hearing from you!