Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative

Creating and Sustaining Place with Transit

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LANI Background

• Established in 1994 to stimulate community-driven neighborhood revitalization

• Community engagement

• Constructed $15 million in neighborhood improvements

• Leveraged an additional $30 million in public, private and in-kind improvements
LANI Program

LANI jump-starts neighborhood revitalization and improves transit access in challenged urban neighborhoods through:

• Community Consensus Building
• Business District Revitalization
• Transit Corridor Improvements
• Urban Greening
• Organizational Development and Support
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Unprecedented Community Involvement

West Adams RCO Members

South Robertson RCO Members

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City of Los Angeles & Site Maps

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Koreatown Pavilion Garden
Before

The site is a busy pedestrian & auto thoroughfare as well as a heavily used bus corridor. Prominent transit stops border the site on both sides of the southeast corner.
Groundbreaking Ceremony
January 2004
Partners in Creating Place

- Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative
- Korean American Chamber of Commerce LA
- Korean Consulate General
- Los Angeles Mayor’s Office
- Four Los Angeles City Council Districts
- Office of Congressman Becerra
- Department of Recreation & Parks
- Community Redevelopment Agency
- Department of Public Works
- Department of Water & Power
- GDS Architects, Inc.
- CJ Tech Construction, Inc.
- KDG Construction Management
- Los Angeles Unified School District
Project Benefits

- Provide a lasting symbol of Korean culture and heritage in the City of L.A.
- Create a gathering place for the Korean and greater L.A. community
- Improved transit and pedestrian amenities
- Improved transit access
- Increased security
- Encourage harmony, unity and increased sense of community identity
Project History

• Desire for project dates back over 10 years
• LANI enters as project manager in January 2003 at request of the City of L.A. Mayor’s office
• LANI galvanizes the key stakeholders to transform the vision into the reality of design and construction.
• Phase I construction begins July 2004
The Heart of a Place
“Da Wool Jung”
(A place to live together in peace)

- Project steering committee prioritizes desired improvements
- Goal: Authentic replica of a Korean pavilion
- GDS Architects is selected by the project’s steering committee
- GDS’ task: to design the garden incorporating a Korean pavilion as its heart
- Phase I of construction: Pavilion
- Pavilion is imported from Korea and installed in LA by Korean craftsmen
Phase I Construction

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Pavilion Dedication Ceremony
September 2004
Completing the Pavilion
Phase II Construction

- Landscape
- Decorative Paving
- Dry Riverbed
- Donor Wall
- Benches & Trash Receptacles
- Light Sculpture
- Lighting
- New Sidewalk and Curb
Phase II in Progress
Phase III Funds Secured

- Federal Transportation Funds
- $200K dedicated to Koreatown Pavilion Garden Project
- Funds secured by LANI through Congressman Becerra’s office
- Funds available in January 2006
- Project steering committee earmarks funds for bus stop improvement
LANI Bus Stop Improvements

No Ho Transit Arts Park

Before

After

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The City of L.A. pledged to undertake the Garden’s basic maintenance. However, the project stakeholders have a plan in place to provide a much higher level of care. The following elements are the backbone of the plan:

- Community Participation
- Anti-Graffiti Task Force
- Inventory of Replacement Parts & Paint
- Landscaper Sponsor Program
- LA Unified School District Security Partnership
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