Union Station - History
Union Station Property

Metro's Union Station Property

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Union Station and Surrounds
Why a Master Plan? 3 considerations

Waterloo Station, London
(1) LA’s Expanding Transit System
Existing Rail System

- Metro Orange Line
- Metro Red Line
- Metro Purple Line
- Metro Expo Line
- Metro Green Line
- Metro Gold Line
- Metro Silver Line
- Metro Blue Line

- 105 stations
- 131.1 miles
Transit System: Existing and New

Existing Lines:
105 stations
131.1 miles

Existing + New Lines:
Total: 197-205 stations
236.2+ miles
(2) We can build A LOT on this property
(3) High Speed Rail
Goals of the Union Station Master Plan

• Accommodate Current and Future Transit Needs
• Create an Iconic Place of Extraordinary Design
• Protect and Enhance Union Station
• Improve Access and Connectivity to the City Around Us
• Maximize the Value of Metro’s Investment in the Property
• Incorporate the Best Sustainability Features
Master Plan: Finding a Team

• March 2011: Board directs Master Plan and formation of the Union Station Master Plan Advisory Committee

• April 2011 Union Station transfers to Metro

• July 2011 – Metro procurement process, Vision
  June 2012: Boards

• Selected Team: Gruen Associates and Grimshaw Architects

• August 2012: Work begins, 24 month process
What is a Master Plan?

- Data Collection/Analysis (defining the Program)
- Draft Alternatives
- Final Plan
- Stakeholder Outreach (throughout)
- Market Study (concurrent)
Stakeholder Involvement

• ULI Advisory Services Panel

• Internal stakeholders

• Union Station Advisory Committee

• Community Outreach Plan
L.A. Union Station. What’s Your Connection?

This illustration, looking southwest towards downtown, with L.A. Union Station protected at the heart of a future Los Angeles, anchoring a green ‘Historic District’.

Here you see the Santa Ana Freeway capped, the L.A. River Channel revitalized and high speed rail entering a proposed second terminal to the east of Vignes Street.

A central, open-air concourse brings together local and regional rail, bus, bikes and pedestrians, and the river and city are re-united with a new transit spine.

1. Existing, disconnected Union Station site
   - This Union Station site is isolated from the rest of the city with little room for expansion.

2. An Integrated Transport Hub
   - A new true hub connects the existing Union Station terminal and the bus station to the new terminal building and beyond to the river.

3. Regeneration
   - A River Transit Hub is formed to connect the arts and cultural district to the new stations district via the new high-speed terminal.

4. A Sustainable Transit Oriented Development
   - The heart of the new site is a 3 million square foot sustainable mixed-use development.

5. Uniting the City
   - Together with the proposed park, wetland and river contributions, this transformation reconnects the city.
Restoring the Gateway to the Heart of Los Angeles

At the original crossroads of the city, Union Station is once again the landmark gateway to Los Angeles, and the inspiration for a vibrant future. Positioned at the intersection of 21st Century transit, the rebirth of Union Station and its district breathes new life into downtown Los Angeles, reconnecting new and historic neighborhoods that have long been cut off by freeways and overpasses.

From Olvera Street to the river and beyond, the station's elegant pattern of building and courtyard is extended outward into a rich, pedestrian-oriented network of streets and open spaces. A dynamic spectrum of arts, culture, recreation, education, and entertainment make the Union Station district a local retreat and a regional destination.

At the heart of the new district, a grand sequence of shaded groves and lush courtyard gardens welcomes visitors to the paradise landscape of Los Angeles, and offers residents a green retreat in the center of the city. From bus platforms, to light rail, to high-speed train service, riders will experience a new standard of speed and ease of movement, transformed by the fragrance of orange trees, and the unmistakable warmth and light of Southern California.
IMAGINE THE FUTURE OF LOS ANGELES UNION STATION AT THE CENTER OF A NEW GARDEN CITY

UNION STATION GARDEN DISTRICT (2020) AND THE STATION BUILDING

In this new Garden City, Union Station will no longer be a terminal but a transit and urban “hinge,” linking Los Angeles in multiple directions via multi-modal transit while connecting the neighborhoods around Union Station through a network of performative gardens and urban courtyards.

The experience of Union Station could be defined as a lush courtyard that reorganizes the station activities around the tracks while creating an iconic arrival experience—sun shine, trees, people, powerful architecture, and art... Los Angeles.
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