



YESTERDAY

Commissioned in 1933 as a joint venture of the Southern Pacific, Union Pacific and Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroads.

Opened in May of 1939 with a star-studded, three-day celebration.

Cost was reported at \$11 million to build or an estimated \$1.2 billion in today's dollars.

Ranks as the largest train terminal in the Western United States.

Designed by father and son team of Donald and John Parkinson, known for their work on Bullocks Wilshire and Los Angeles City Hall.

Architectural style is an innovative blend of Spanish Colonial, Mission Revival and Art Deco architecture now commonly referred to as Mission Moderne.

Landscape architecture was by Tommy Tomson, known for his work on the infield of Santa Anita Park and Park La Brea.

Transportation at opening serviced 33 trains with an estimated 7,000 passengers per day.

Designated as a Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument in 1972 and placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980.

TODAY

Next Great Public Space: Union Station is a bustling 52-acre transportation center in the heart of downtown Los Angeles serving 110,000 commuters daily. In 2016 Union Station began its historic transformation into a vibrant destination for art, entertainment and culture.

Transportation: With 14 tracks for heavy rail and four tracks for light rail servicing more than 500 trains, Union Station is the primary regional hub for Amtrak and Metrolink's five-county commuter train service and serves as a transfer point for Metro's Red, Purple and Gold Lines. Linked to the Patsaouras Transit Plaza, the Station offers essential transit throughout Los Angeles via approximately 1,800 buses per day (Metro Commuter, MegaBus, Fly Away and Greyhound).

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Historic Restoration: In 2020 – 2021, key restoration was completed in the Ticket Concourse, Waiting Room and entry vestibule with additional restoration continuing throughout the Station.

Oscars Debut: In 2021, the 93rd Oscars were held at Union Station in the Ticket Concourse, where the Academy Awards ceremony took place, the Waiting Room, the North and South Patios.

Metro Acquisition: In April 2011, Metro completed the acquisition of the Union Station Los Angeles property, including 38 acres and 5.9 million square feet of development rights.

WAITING ROOM

Function: An extraordinary historic space that serves as a waiting area for Metrolink and Amtrak passengers.

Size: 11,200 square feet; 140-feet-long; 80-feet-wide

Features:

- Six stunning art deco-inspired brass chandeliers each weighing more than 3,000 pounds
- Original terracotta floor tiles
- Intricate 11-foot-wide floor runner made from a variety of inlaid stone
- 286 iconic art deco chairs carved from mahogany
- Three-foot-high wainscoting created from stunning geometric tiles created by Gladding McBean and made of Belgium marble and polished travertine
- Vintage sound-dampening acoustic tiles made from ground corncobs
- Towering 40-foot-high windows with their original Venetian blinds
- Beamed ceiling with hand-painted tiles

Eateries:

- Traxx: New-American cuisine served in a unique setting reminiscent of the glamour of train travel's golden era.
- Traxx Bar: Creative cocktails and small plates served in a historic corner of the Station that was once the telephone room.

Amenities: Kiosks for gifts and goods from local merchants and artisans.



TICKET CONCOURSE

Function: Once the main ticketing hall, the concourse now serves as a vibrant event space.

Size: 11,200 square feet; 140-feet-long; 80-feet-wide.

Features:

- 62-foot-high ceilings have created a space large enough to fit a five-story building
- 115-foot-long ticket counter made of American black walnut and featuring thirty ticket windows
- Towering 40-foot-high windows made of diffused glass
- 18 brass angels adorn the ironwork around each window
- Hand-painted steel beams and acoustic tiles line the ceiling
- 15 brass and glass doors open to the station's original staging area
- More than 1,000 hand-painted art deco tiles dress the walls
- Six 10-foot-wide chandeliers designed by Phoenix Day drop 10 feet from the ceiling

PASSENGER CONCOURSE

Function: The operational heart of the Station and home to Amtrak and Metrolink ticketing facilities, car rentals and food venues.

Eateries:

- Cilantro Fresh Mexican Grill
- Starbucks
- Subway
- Trimana (market)
- Wetzel's Pretzels

Amenities: Classic shoeshine station.



UNION STATION EAST

Function: Modern east end of the Station designed by the firm of McClaren-Vasques to connect Union Station to the Patsaouras Transit Plaza and is home to several extraordinary pieces of Metro art.

Features: Magnificent 87-foot-high etched-glass ceiling designed to mimic the geometric patterns found throughout the Station.

Artwork:

- “River Bench” by artist May Sun: Water representing the LA River trickles onto Chinese artifacts excavated from this site.
- “A Train” by artist Bill Bell: Interactive artwork featuring 12 pulsing light rods that produce more than 300 fleeting images designed to be viewed in periphery by passersby.
- A magnificent 80-foot-long mural painted by artist Richard Wyatt celebrates diversity and depicts powerful images of Los Angeles settlers.

Eatery:

- Starbucks Pick Up
- Wetzels Pretzel Cart

SOUTH PATIO

Function: Playing to the strengths of the California climate and designed as a formal garden through which travelers exit the Station.

Features:

- Paved entirely in Spanish brick with a 16-pointed star motif at its center
- Hedges set in a geometric pattern surrounded by seasonal flower beds
- Stunning views of the iconic Union Station clock tower

Eatery: Homebound Brew Haus - a brewery channeling the raucous spirit of the great Bavarian beer hall.

Originally designed by: Mary Coulter, a Santa Fe Railway architect widely known as the inventor of Southwestern design.



Features:

- Three massive Moorish-style arches
- An inlaid cement tile floor designed to replicate a Navajo blanket
- An immense horseshoe-shaped bar
- Six Deco-style chandeliers drop from hand-painted beamed ceilings

NORTH PATIO

Function: Designed as a place of quiet contemplation amidst the frenetic energy of the station.

Features:

- Original Deco fountain designed by Parkinson and Parkinson in cast concrete and glazed tile
- A 76-year-old historic rubber tree shades the Traxx restaurant patio
- An avocado and tangerine orchard
- Flowering Jacaranda trees

NORTH ARCADE

Bike Hub: Metro Bike Hub offers 24/7 secure bike parking spaces with controlled access for registered users.