

# The Grapevine

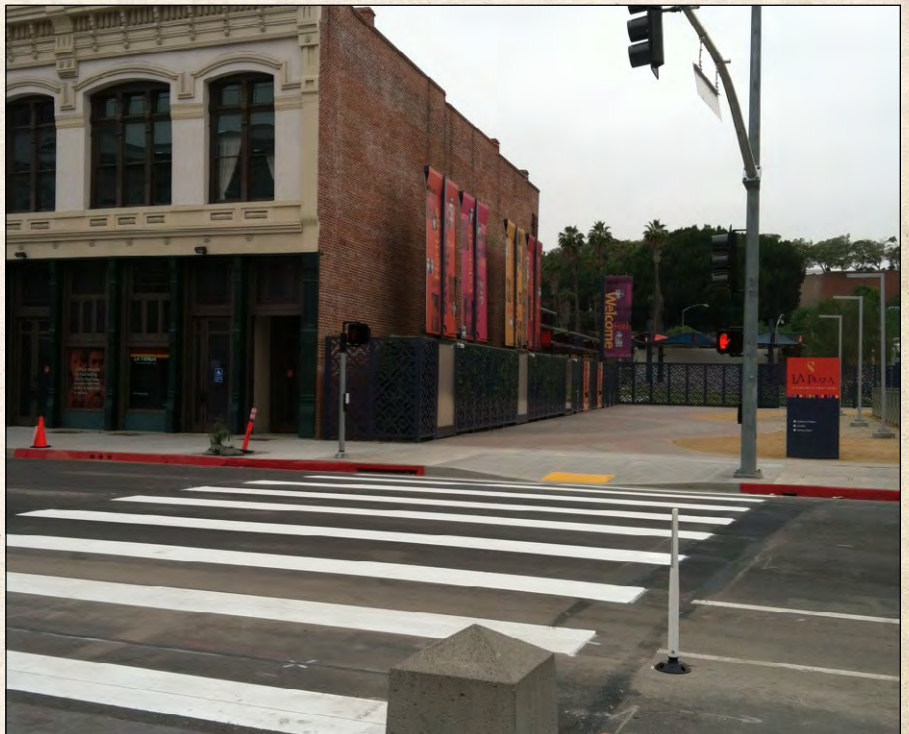
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## UNION STATION MASTER PLANNING

Representatives from El Pueblo and Olvera Street are part of the Community Council reviewing and commenting on the Union Station Master Planning process. Metro, owner of Union Station, is developing renovation concepts to prepare for projected increases in ridership on its light rail train service. In addition, Metro is also working on consolidating and improving connections to its bus service. On top of these local transportation efforts, Union Station must also prepare for the potential arrival of High Speed Rail. If you have any questions about this issue, please send a note to Linda Duran at [Linda.Duran@lacity.org](mailto:Linda.Duran@lacity.org), and El Pueblo staff will try to assist you.



## NEW CROSSWALKS!

Through the support of Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and the Department of Transportation, El Pueblo was the fortunate recipient of two new crosswalks. Both sidewalk areas are fully signalized and contain the new “continental crosswalks” that are wider, clearer, and safer for pedestrians.

Visitors will now be able to safely cross Los Angeles Street from the historic plaza to Father Serra Park. The other crosswalk connects directly to La Plaza de Cultura y Artes on Main Street. The intent of this effort was to 1) reduce potential liability; 2) improve the connection with LA County’s \$50 million cultural institution - La Plaza de Cultura y Artes; and, 3) provide new ways in which to utilize Father Serra Park.

A special thanks goes to Jaime de la Vega, General Manager, Department of Transportation and his colleagues: Zaki Mustafa, Manoochehr Adhami; Verej Janoyan; Mat Talag; and Laurel Soriano. Additional thanks goes to the contractor Comet Electric Inc. and the excellent Doug Turner, Superintendent, for a clean, quick, and safe job!



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## AMÉRICA TROPICAL WINS TOP HONOR



The América Tropical Interpretive Center has been recognized by the Los Angeles Conservancy with its “President’s Award” for 2013. The award is the LA Conservancy’s top honor for truly exceptional contributions in the field of historic preservation.

The project team will be attending the 32nd Annual Preservation Awards Luncheon at the Biltmore Hotel this month to meet with other award recipients and friends of historic preservation.

## CINCO DE MAYO PARTNERSHIP



If you walk through Union Station, you can’t help but notice all the Metro-sponsored banners promoting the Cinco de Mayo at El Pueblo Historical Monument. Univision Radio is back again this year, providing live music, dance and cultural festivities. In addition, La Plaza de Cultura y Artes will have dance, art workshops, and live theatrical performances. El Union de Poblanos en El Exterior (UPEXT) is presenting five days worth of educational seminars and cultural festivities as well.

Thank you to all of our partners for making the Cinco de Mayo 2013 a success.

## CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK AT ELPUEBLOLA

For the latest information on events, great articles, historic photographs, and other promotional efforts, check out our Facebook page at [ElPuebloLA!](#) We post information on a daily basis and are consistently drawing in more and more followers.

## MERCHANT OFFICE HOURS


To increase the General Manager’s availability to our merchant partners, we have standing office hours every Wednesday from 3 pm to 5 pm. Please call (213) 485-6855 or e-mail Linda Duran at [Linda.Duran@lacity.org](mailto:Linda.Duran@lacity.org) to make an appointment.

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