## DOWNTOWN DESIGN GUIDE CITY OF LOS ANGELES







# Chpater 12: Civic Culture

### 12 CIVIC AND CULTURAL LIFE

### **List of Places**

- Music Center Plaza
   Festivals, outdoor dining, tourism,
   concert outdoor lobby
- 2 Civic Park (future) Outdoor dining, festivals, proposed small-scale event site, outdoor screenings
- 3 Cathedral Plaza Events, Shakespeare Festival/LA, cafe, church lobby
- 4 City Hall South Lawn Farmers market, small demos, speeches
- 5 City Hall West Lawn and Courtyard Political events
- 6 Grand Avenue Festival Annual October ~ 25,000 attendees
- 7 MOCA Street level - public art, nighttime openings Below street level - cafe
- 8 Spiral Court, California Plaza Outdoor dining
- 9 Watercourt Summer lunch and evening programming 50 programs June - October
- 10 Colburn
  Plaza and Cafe, gathering spot for students
- 11 Wet Fountain
- 12 Paseo Wells Fargo Court Interior
- 13 Angel's Flight
- 14 Grand Central Market Paseo - Outdoor seating
- 15 Biddy Mason Park
- 16 CRT Parking Garage Paseo
- 17 Broadway Pedestrian Activity
- **18** Arcade Building Paseo
- 19 Old Bank District Outdoor cafes and street life
- 20 Monthly Art Walk 2nd Thursday
- 21 Walt Disney Outdoor Site Garden and Amphitheater
- 22 Arts High School Theater entry on Grand Ave. and New outdoor Lobby
- 23 Arts High School Grand Ave. Entry
- 24 DWP Fountain Circuit (potential)
- 25 Bamboo Lane (future)
- 26 Art Walk/West Plaza
- 27 Central Plaza Informal games, people sitting, some events (under utilized)
- 28 Blossom Plaza (future) Event site, outdoor dining, paseo connect Gold Line to Broadway
- 29 Network of Chinatown Alleys (new)
- 30 Future bridge to State Historic Park
- 31 State Historic Park Event site, concerts, circus, etc.
- **32** Farmlab and Under Spring Events, openings, music
- 33 Chinatown Pedestrian Overpass (should be gateway)
- 34 Solano Canyon Pedestrian enclave
- 35 Bridge to Chinatown West

Everything in the Design Guide is intended to provide a framework for and support an increasingly active civic and cultural environment for residents, workers and visitors in the Downtown in public spaces and along the streets. Figure 12-1 maps many of the current events, activities, cultural facilities street activity and other aspects of life in the Downtown public realm.

### A. GOAL

Every project should contribute to the civic and cultural life of the Downtown, building on and connecting to existing elements.

### **B. GUIDELINE**

- Describe how your project will:
  - · Contribute to the civic and cultural life of the Downtown.
  - · Connect to existing elements illustrated on the map in Figure 12-1.
- 36 Alpine Recreation Center Tai Chi, basketball, sports etc.
- 37 Future Ord Street Stairs
- 38 Castelar School Playground Festival and event space, carnivals, moon festival
- 39 Chinatown Street Activity
- 40 Main Street Triangle
- 41 California Endowment Entry Plaza Annual Event Site, Healthy Neighborhood test and man street closure
- 42 Phillipe's
- 43 Homegirl Cafe
- 44 El Pueblo Events, festivals, music on weekends, church events, outdoor dining and shopping
- 45 Redesigned Plaza
- 46 Union Station and Gateway Plaza Some private events
- 47 Chinatown Library destination, classes, lectures, community meetings
- 48 Dragon Gateway (no pedestrian place)
- 49 Plaza de Cultura y Artes New cultural center 2010
- 50 Gloria Molina Parkway (future)
- 51 Triforium Plaza (no current uses)
- 52 St. Vibiana's
- Concerts, possible event site

  53 Little Tokyo Walk Streets
- 54 JACCC 800 seat theater
- Festival plaza (Noguchi)
  - JANM
    Event Plaza, outdoor music, tea room
- 56 New Gold Line Station
- 57 Temporary Contemporary
- 58 Arts Park (unbuilt)

- 59 Go For Broke Monument Magnet for JA tourists
- 60 East West Players Outdoor Lobby
- **61** Irvine Japanese Garden Traditional new site for weddings and events
- 62 Sci-Arc
- 63 Arts District
  Walk streets, some outdoor dining, some street
  closures on traction for events
- 64 Skid Row very dense
- 65 Toy District Streets
- 66 Flower Mart
- 67 Fashion District Walking streets
- 68 "St Vincent" Court Outdoor dining
- 69 Jewelry District
- 70 Pershing Square Outdoor Concerts, events, and ice skating
- 71 Library West Lawn (nice place)
- 72 Library Steps
- 73 Financial District Walking streets
- 74 Nokia Plaza Possible events
- **75** LA Live
- **76** Ralph's New destination
- 77 FIDM and Grand Hope Park
- 78 South Park new housinng, restaurants & nightlife
- 79 Broadway to City Hall Historic Parade Route

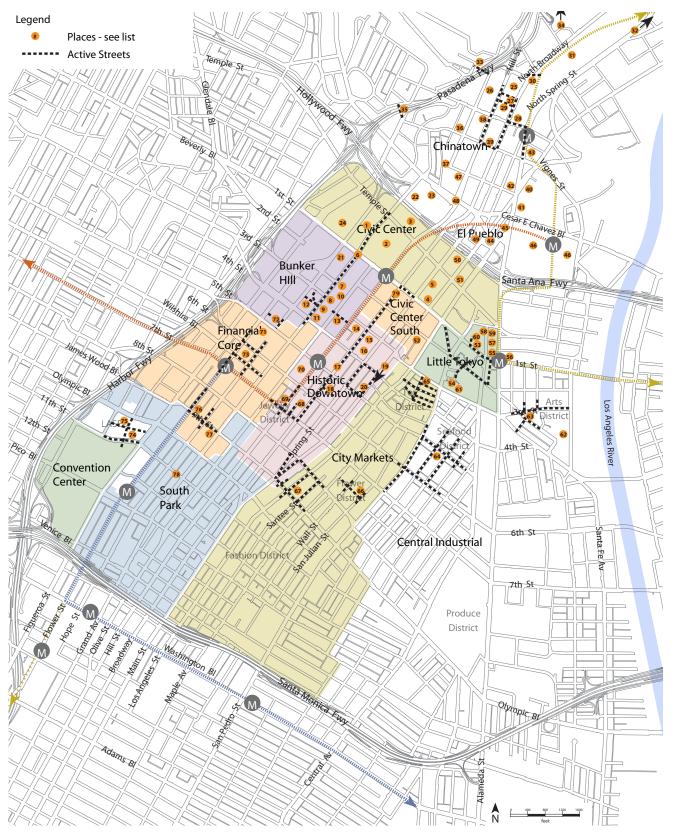


Figure 12-1 Existing Downtown Activity (map courtesy of Aaron Paley, Community Arts Resources).