

DOWNTOWN

DESIGN GUIDE

CITY OF LOS ANGELES



Chapter 12:

Civic Culture

List of Places

- 1** 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** Bidly 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

1. 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.

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| 36 Alpine Recreation Center
Tai Chi, basketball, sports etc. | 59 Go For Broke Monument
Magnet for JA tourists |
| 37 Future Ord Street Stairs | 60 East West Players
Outdoor Lobby |
| 38 Castelar School Playground
Festival and event space, carnivals, moon festival | 61 Irvine Japanese Garden
Traditional - new site for weddings and events |
| 39 Chinatown Street Activity | 62 Sci-Arc |
| 40 Main Street Triangle | 63 Arts District
Walk streets, some outdoor dining, some street
closures on traction for events |
| 41 California Endowment Entry Plaza
Annual Event Site, Healthy Neighborhood
test and man street closure | 64 Skid Row
very dense |
| 42 Phillippe's | 65 Toy District
Streets |
| 43 Homegirl Cafe | 66 Flower Mart |
| 44 El Pueblo
Events, festivals, music on weekends,
church events, outdoor dining and shopping | 67 Fashion District
Walking streets |
| 45 Redesigned Plaza | 68 "St Vincent" Court
Outdoor dining |
| 46 Union Station and Gateway Plaza
Some private events | 69 Jewelry District |
| 47 Chinatown Library
destination, classes, lectures,
community meetings | 70 Pershing Square
Outdoor Concerts, events, and ice skating |
| 48 Dragon Gateway (no pedestrian place) | 71 Library West Lawn
(nice place) |
| 49 Plaza de Cultura y Artes
New cultural center 2010 | 72 Library Steps |
| 50 Gloria Molina Parkway (future) | 73 Financial District
Walking streets |
| 51 Triforium Plaza (no current uses) | 74 Nokia Plaza
Possible events |
| 52 St. Vibiana's
Concerts, possible event site | 75 LA Live |
| 53 Little Tokyo Walk Streets | 76 Ralph's
New destination |
| 54 JACCC
800 seat theater
Festival plaza (Noguchi) | 77 FIDM and Grand Hope Park |
| 55 JANM
Event Plaza, outdoor music, tea room | 78 South Park new housing, restaurants & nightlife |
| 56 New Gold Line Station | 79 Broadway to City Hall
Historic Parade Route |
| 57 Temporary Contemporary | |
| 58 Arts Park (unbuilt) | |

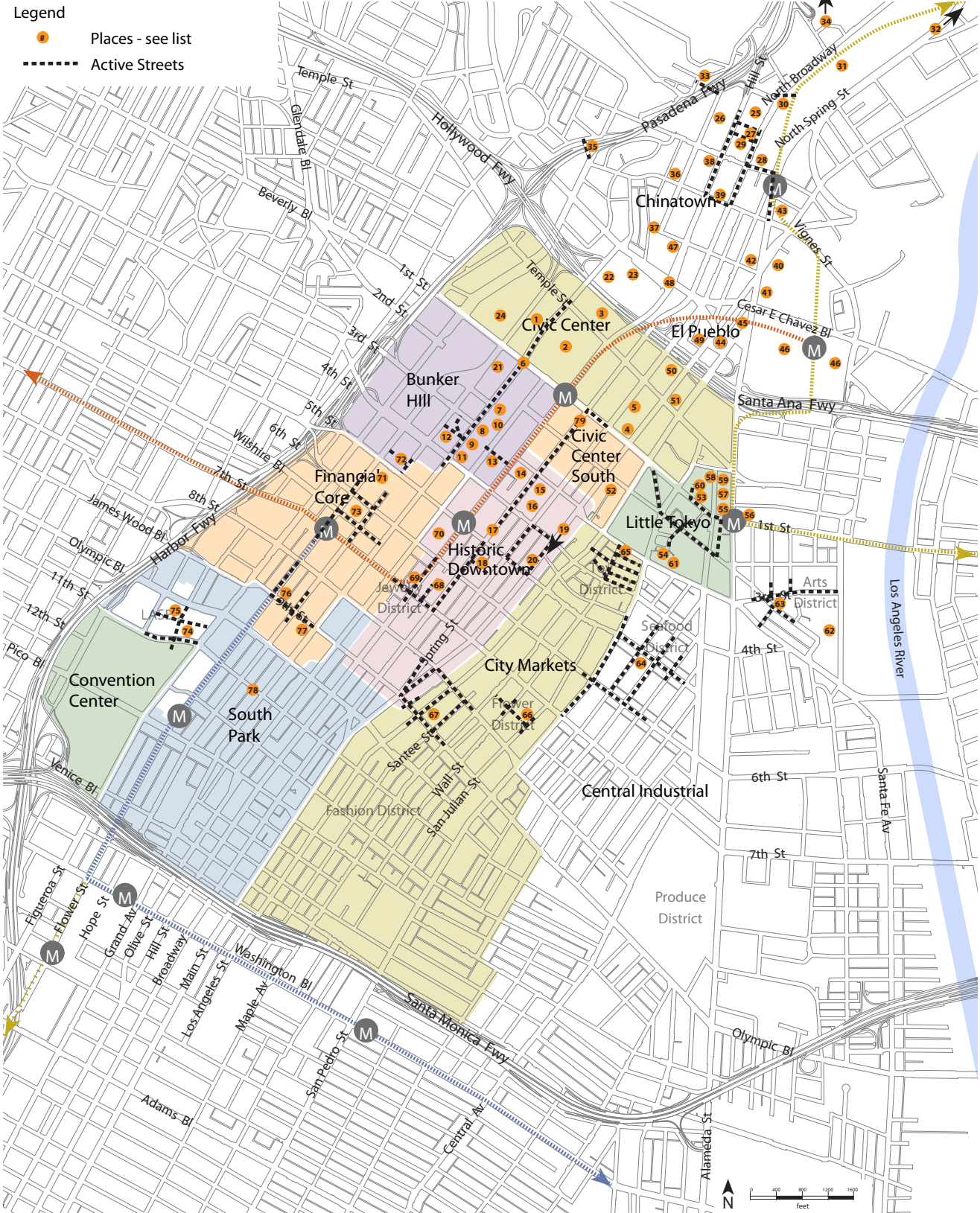


Figure 12-1 Existing Downtown Activity (map courtesy of Aaron Paley, Community Arts Resources).