



*Preserving the History of Union Station. Developing its Future.*

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**January 21:** 57th Presidential Inaugural Swearing in of President Barack Obama's second term.

**February:** Valet Parking coming to the Union Station Parking Garage. For more information click [here](#).

**January - June:** Construction on the Bus Deck in the Parking Garage to provide restrooms, enclosed waiting area and a ticketing kiosk will be ongoing this Spring with expected completion in June.

**April:** Earth Month at Union Station. Mark your calendars! A month long of activities and campaigns to broaden, diversify and mobilize the environmental movement. Learn more [here](#).

### *Union Station Redevelopment Corporation is hiring...*

The Union Station Redevelopment Corporation (USRC) is actively recruiting for two professional level positions: Principle Planner and Project Manager.

**Principle Planner** - The USRC's Principal Planner manages and guides the Corporation's overall planning functions with respect to the historic structure of Union Station itself and the surrounding areas under the Corporation's stewardship. Major areas of responsibility include: preparing a Master Plan for Union Station and its environs; developing a consolidated program of capital projects for all Union Station associated infrastructure; coordinating on-going planning activities with all Union Station stakeholders; and ensuring USRC maintains a well-qualified and effective team of internal and external resources to conduct necessary analyses, assessments and studies that may be needed on a continuing basis. *Education and Experience:* Master's degree in urban planning, transportation planning or related fields from an accredited college or university. A minimum of ten years of increasingly responsible experience in urban/transportation planning is preferred. An equivalent combination of education and/or experience will be considered.

**Project Manager** - The USRC's Project Manager will manage USRC's projects for preservation/maintenance and enhancement of the infrastructure at Union Station. The Project Manager is responsible for coordination of projects and will perform a variety of tasks including understanding and tracking timelines, monitoring and summarizing project progress and ensuring projects are completed on-time and within budget. This position will work as part of a team of diversified stakeholders to meet the requirements and deadlines of each project. *Education and Experience:* Bachelor's degree in business, administration, engineering or a closely related field from an accredited college or university. A minimum of five years of increasingly responsible experience in project management is preferred. An equivalent combination of education and/or experience will be considered.

For more details on these positions and how you can apply, please visit the USRC website at [www.usrcdc.com](http://www.usrcdc.com).

### *Happy New Year!*

Cheers to another great year ahead of us! Now the 2012 holiday season is behind us and all the decorations have been stored until next year. However, we would like to recognize the many organized efforts to achieve a true holiday feel with the Union Station annual traditions. This past holiday season we were able to display the gorgeous Christmas Tree in the West Carriage Porch. The tree is [a gift from the Norwegian Embassy](#) symbolizing their gratitude for the support

the United States provided during and after WWII.

Thanks to joint contributions from Amtrak, Ashkenazy Acquisition Corp., and USRC a new model train was purchased and displayed in the Main Hall. The train from years past had reached a state of disrepair. As we continue to invest in this holiday fixture the model train and display will grow into an extraordinary holiday attraction. We hope all who visited the Station were able to enjoy the displays before their travels and are now enjoying a prosperous New Year in 2013!



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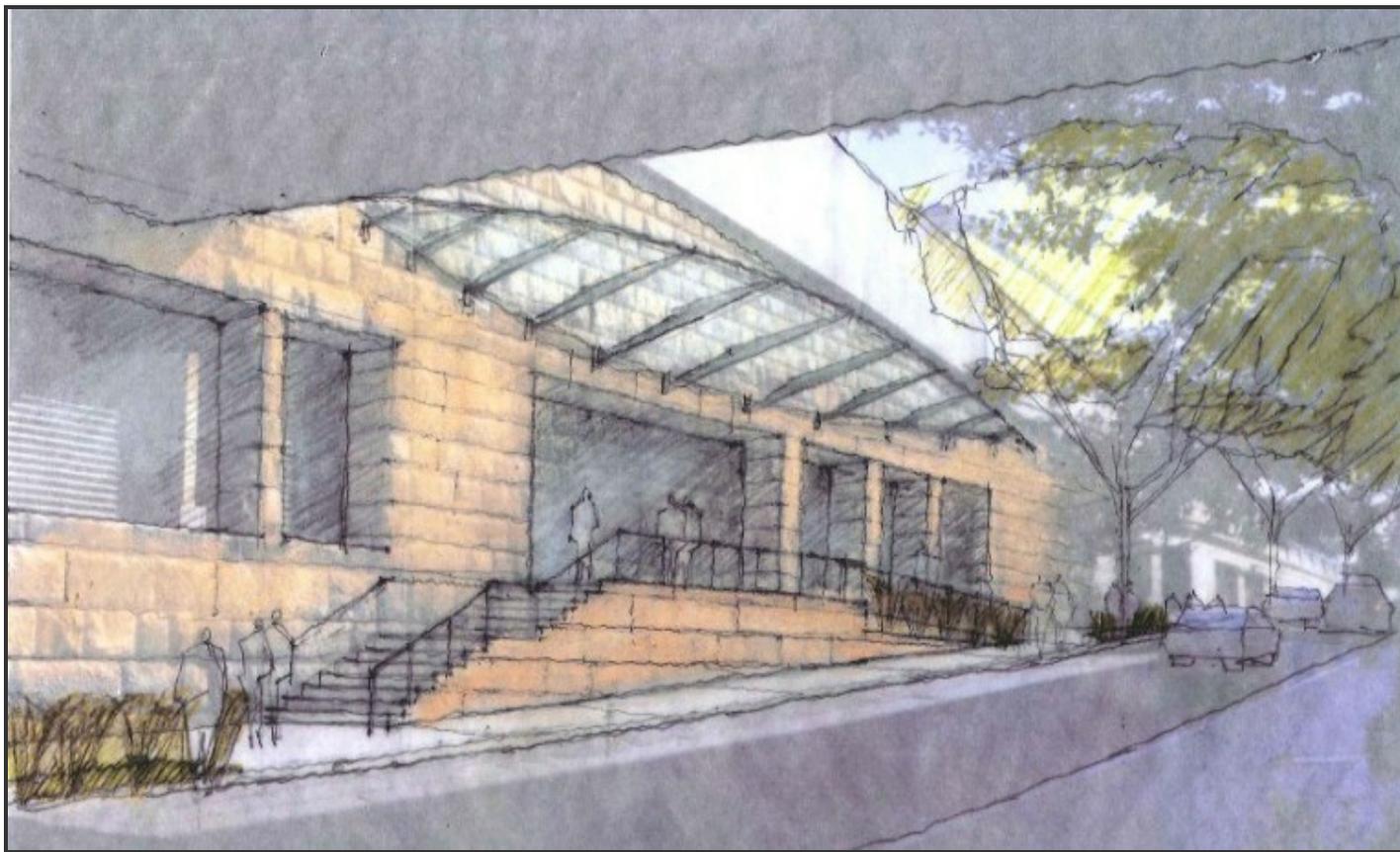
— UNION STATION PROJECTS —

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### *First Street and Metro Reconstruction*

There are two major efforts underway to improve the 1st Street, NE corridor adjacent to Union Station. First, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) streetscape beautification project will improve 1st Street NE between Massachusetts Ave and G Street NE. Improvements include wider sidewalks to accommodate the new Metrorail entrance, new streetlights, and repairs to the service entrance to Union Station, complete reconstruction of the street and possibly the establishment of a new terminal for two DC Circulator bus routes. The project design duration is anticipated at six (6) months and is expected to begin in conjunction with the second effort, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)'s 1st Street Metro improvements.

The initial design for WMATA's 1st Street Metro improvements include; relocation and expansion of the 1st Street, NE entrance; addition of at least two wider, luggage-friendly faregates; and construction of a new stair from Metrorail station mezzanine level to the Union Station train concourse level parallel to the existing escalators. Completion of this design phase is expected by Summer of 2013. Funding must be established before construction can commence.



Preliminary rendering of proposed First Street Entrance. Image courtesy KGP Design Studio.

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## *Columbus Plaza*

The nearly 2-year construction project to improve pedestrian and vehicular circulation for Columbus Plaza is nearing completion. The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) improvements which include repaving of Massachusetts Ave.; the installation of security bollards lining the front colonnade, Lane A and the east ramp have been installed; the new pedestrian right-of-way and signals at the west side of the plaza along with vehicular egress are complete as well as the new vehicular entrance and taxi queue at the east entrance. The remaining landscaping and pedestrian walkways within the plaza, under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service, should be complete by mid-February 2013.

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## *Amtrak Station Improvements*

The Amtrak Ticket Counter, Passenger Service Office and the first phase of the Public Address (PA) system are all complete.



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### *Get to know Nzinga Baker...*

Ms. Baker is the Vice President of USRC and has been with the Corporation since 2004. Ms. Baker joined USRC with a strong background in commercial property management. Her proficient financial and organizational skills quickly excelled her into a position as an Officer of the USRC as Vice President. With oversight on many of the capital improvement projects at Union Station, Ms. Baker is most significantly involved in the expansion of inter-city bus operations and the many improvements in the Parking Garage and Bus Deck facility. Ms. Baker is a graduate from Howard University and holds an MBA from the Keller Graduate School of Management. Learn more about Ms. Baker at [www.usrcdc.com](http://www.usrcdc.com).

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### — INTERESTING FACT —

**Sanctioned Events at Union Station :** Union Station has hosted a sanctioned Presidential Inaugural Ball every four years - from President George H.W. Bush in 1989 through Barack Obama's historic Inaugural in 2009.



Inaugural Candlelight Dinner, January 19, 2005.

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### *What is USRC?*

In 1983, The Union Station Redevelopment Corporation (USRC) was established as a non-profit organization charged with overseeing Washington Union Station's restoration and renaissance as a multi-use transportation center and a retail/entertainment center while preserving its significant historic character. Today, USRC continues to oversee Union Station as it continues to evolve into a premier world class inter-modal facility meeting the needs of more than 80,000 people who stream through the station daily. The USRC generates its revenue through operation of the parking garage and management of the developer's lease.

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