



UNION STATION
REDEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

NEWSLETTER

Fall 2015



— JOB OPENING —

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

USRC is currently looking to hire an Executive Assistant. For more information on the position, visit our website, [HERE](#).

— NEWS and EVENTS —



DC BUILDS: MASTER PLANNING FOR UNION STATION'S 2ND CENTURY

As part of the National Building Museum's DC Builds series, USRC, Amtrak and Akridge were featured panelists on an exclusive program held at the National Building Museum as part of the museum's DC Builds series. Representatives from USRC, Amtrak and Akridge jointly presented the current concept for Union Station's future. The presentation was then followed by a panel discussion led by museum curator, Susan Piedmont-Palladino.

NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION'S PASTFORWARD 2015 EVENT



PastForward is an educational and networking event hosted by NTHP for those in the business of preserving and restoring historic places. The event will kick off a year-long celebration of the National Historic Preservation Act's 50th anniversary. The three-day program, taking place November 3rd to 6th, will host major preservation players such as individuals, elected officials, federal agencies, architects, scholars, and activists. During the event, on November 5th, Union Station will be featured as a "field study" opportunity. Registrants for this event will get a tour of the station, an up-close look at the preservation work being done on the Main Hall ceilings, and a chance to learn about the transformative vision for Union Station's 2nd Century.

A limited number of spots are currently available. Click [here](#) to register for the event.

TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE - OCTOBER 22

The US High Speed Rail Association has launched a new initiative entitled "Transit Oriented Development Institute", and on October 20th - 22nd the organization will be hosting it's first Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Conference. The three-day event will be focused on TODs from across the nation and around the world, with a major focus on station area planning. USRC President, Beverley Swaim-Staley will be amongst the first presenters on October 20th, and will be highlighting her experiences at Union Station with TOD planning.

Click [here](#) to register for the event.

FOX5 ZIP TRIP - FEATURES CAPITOL HILL

Every month FOX5 DC news features a segment titled "Zip Trip" in which they highlight a destination in the metro area as a good "day trip" activity. In each segment they select 'five must stops' in that area worth seeing. On August 20th, Capitol Hill was Zip Trip's highlighted destination and Union Station was featured as one of the five 'must stops'. Highlights from FOX's program are available on USRC's facebook page [here](#).



— GET TO KNOW —



JESSICA MCVARY, SENIOR PLANNER

Meet Jessica McVary, USRC's new Senior Planner. Prior to joining USRC, Jessica worked with the City of Alexandria's Department of Planning and Zoning where she managed development applications in all phases of the entitlement process from conceptual projects, to completion of civic, residential, and mixed-use construction. Jessica was drawn to USRC's unique responsibility of preserving the historic significance of Union Station, while evolving to meet the needs of an increasingly multi-modal population. She is excited to build additional experience in project management and the regulatory processes associated with both the historic station and future development, including the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the Historic Preservation Act. Jessica is particularly interested in the creation and continued success of vibrant urban spaces, and looks forward to participating in projects which improve connections between the Station and the surrounding community.

Jessica earned her graduate degree in Urban and Environmental Planning from the University of Virginia and her undergraduate degree in Environmental Studies from Bucknell University. She lives in the Penn Branch neighborhood of southeast D.C. and enjoys spending her time with her family, running, practicing yoga, and cooking.

— A PIECE OF HISTORY —



In the fall of 1907, Louis Saint Gaudens sent several sample plaster models of the Roman Legionnaires to Union Station for a trial installation on the colonnade that leads to the West Hall. Pictured here are both samples on display. One of the models, features the original concept of the candelabra figure, which held two lighted torches in its raised arms. The other model, was a more compact version which offered a different silhouette against the light in the West Hall. After testing both statues in the space, architect Daniel Burnham expressed his preference for the more compact version with the addition of a shield for a more modest figure, sating inspiration from Donatello's statue of St. George at the Orsanmichele in Florence, Italy. *(Image credit: Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division)*

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