



— NEWS and EVENTS —

## UNION STATION PARKING GARAGE PARTICIPATION IN ABA MARKETPLACE TRADE SHOW

Union Station participated in the American Bus Association's 2017 Annual Meeting & Marketplace held in Cleveland this January. Thousands of tour operators, suppliers, and exhibitors came together to kick off a new year of business opportunity and growth. USPG and USRC representatives participated in the trade show to engage directly with charter/tour and inter-city bus companies in efforts to bring awareness to and promote the garage facility and Union Station as a destination.

The meeting was a great success and an interview with USRC's Vice-President and Director of Finance and Administration, Nzinga Baker, can be found [HERE](#).

## HOLIDAY EVENTS IN THE MAIN HALL



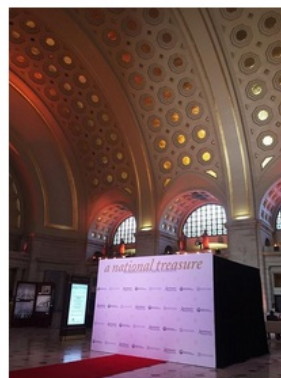
On November 30th, Union Station held the 20th Annual Norwegian Holiday Tree Lighting, featuring the Norwegian Ambassador to the United States, Kåre R. Aas, and Norwegian singer Jardar Johansen. Lauren Vaug, Secretary of the District of Columbia, also spoke and Robert Aubry Davis emceed the event. The public was treated to appearances by the Carolers of Greater Washington and Santa Claus.

The tree, a gift from the people of Norway, was on display in the Main Hall throughout the holiday season. The Union Station Annual Train Display was also open to the public for viewing in the Main Hall.

## MAIN HALL RESTORATION CELEBRATION AND GALLERY EXHIBITION

A special reception to celebrate the fully completed restoration of the Main Hall at Union Station was held the evening of October 13th. The cocktail style reception took place in the Main Hall and was hosted by Ashkenazy Acquisition Corporation, USRC, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP). The event highlighted the history of Union Station's Main Hall with comments by U.S. Department of Transportation Deputy Secretary Victor Mendez, NTHP President Stephanie Meeks, American Express Foundation CEO Tim McClimon, and USRC President and CEO Beverley Swaim-Staley.

The celebration also kicked off a 30-day exhibition in the Main Hall open to the public to celebrate this great milestone. The exhibition featured two main attractions: one was a formal exhibit of photographs and memorabilia that highlighted the history of the Main Hall and its transformation throughout its history and the other was an augmented reality display.



Full coverage of the speeches made at the event on October 13th can be found [HERE](#).

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## CAPITOL HILL BID RELOCATION

On November 1st, the Capitol Hill Business Improvement District moved their offices from the location they had occupied on the Union Station Bus Deck for more than 15 years to office space located on Pennsylvania Avenue SE. At the September 2016 BID Board Meeting, the BID expressed its appreciation to USRC for the years of in-kind office space provided. The BID will continue their regular cleaning of the Columbus Plaza areas and we look forward to our ongoing relationship with them.

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### — AWARDS & RECOGNITION —

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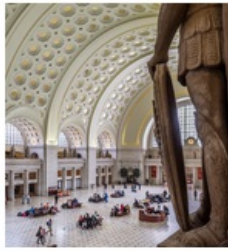
## NTHP's 2016 HISTORIC PRESERVATION WINS

USRC is happy to announce that Union Station has received some favorable mentions in the news recently. The National Trust for Historic Preservation included Union Station's Main Hall Restoration in the 2016 historic preservation wins.

The complete list of 11 Preservation Wins and Losses in 2016 published by the National Trust for Historic Preservation can be found [HERE](#).

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## FEATURE IN HOME & DESIGN MAGAZINE



The January/February 2017 edition of Home & Design magazine featured an [article](#) on the Grand Entrance of Union Station, known as the Main Hall. "The Union Station Redevelopment Corporation (USRC), which manages the federally owned property, spearheaded the repairs..." "The ceiling now has 75 to 100 years of life," [President/CEO Beverley] Swaim-Staley says. "This was quite a feat of engineering."

Photographs were taken by Washington, DC based photographer, Colin Winterbottom. A digitally formatted version of the article can be found [HERE](#).

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## UNION STATION WINS TWO WBC CRAFTSMANSHIP AWARDS

The 2017 Washington Building Congress Craftsmanship Awards announced that Union Station's Main Hall Ceiling Restoration was a winner in two categories: (1) Finishes, Plaster and (2) Mechanical HVAC-Sheet Metal. The project is also a Star Award Nominee for the Finishes, Plaster category. The WBC's Star Award gives special recognition for demonstrating the highest level of quality and exceeding the WBC's award criteria.

USRC would like to congratulate all involved and thank you for your hard work and dedication.

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### — WUS EXPANSION PROJECTS —

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## WASHINGTON UNION STATION EXPANSION PROJECT EIS PUBLIC MEETING #3

USRC and Amtrak submitted all proposed concepts to FRA for the Station Expansion Project and are currently awaiting FRA to complete their review. As part of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) processes, a public meeting was held on October 19th in the station's Presidential Room to present all existing concepts for public review and comment. The meeting identified nine project concepts and the screening criteria used by FRA to evaluate the concepts. FRA is expected to provide their preferred concepts to the public in Spring 2017.

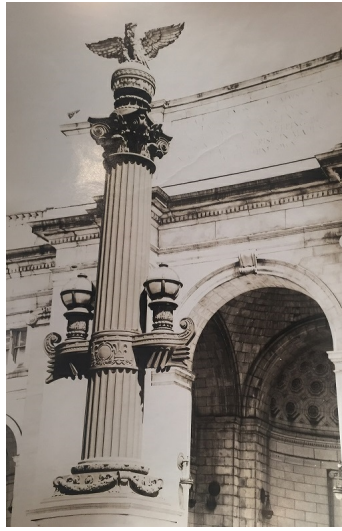
For more project information, visit [www.WUSstationexpansion.com](http://www.WUSstationexpansion.com).

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### — A PIECE OF HISTORY —

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## ROSTRAL COLUMNS RESTORATION COMPLETION AND RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY



Historic East Plaza Rostral Column, c. 1960  
(Historical Society of DC)



Restored West Plaza Rostral Column, 2017  
(USRC)

The rostral columns and balustrades located in the front of Union Station were part of the original station design by Daniel Burnham in 1908. In 2014, an assessment revealed the need to restore the rostral columns, lampposts, and balustrades after a century of wear and tear. Starting in Fall 2016, rehabilitation efforts to restore these historic icons to their original splendor were undertaken. The work entailed removal and transport of the cast iron columns and lampposts off-site for disassembly, cleaning, painting, and restoration. The lampposts were upgraded with new LED lighting and the eagles were regilded with gold leaf. The granite balustrades were restored on-site. This was the first time since the original installation that the columns and balustrades were comprehensively cleaned.

This project was partially funded through the Transportation Alternatives Program of the Federal-Aid Highway Program, administered by the DC Department of Transportation.

USRC will be hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony to honor the completion of the Rostral Columns Restoration project in late winter or early spring. Stay tuned for updates on when the ceremony will take place. USRC would like to thank all parties involved for their hard work and dedication on a job well done.

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