

Updated Itinerary for 2022 ERA Convention

Welcome members! This is the **final updated itinerary** for the San Diego Convention. There have been a few changes since we sent you a draft itinerary with your tickets for each activity. **Please review this carefully** and be sure to arrive at all group meeting locations 15 minutes prior to each activity.

Additional times may be changed without prior notice. Listen carefully to daily tour director announcements.

Tour directors are Bob Newhouser (917-482-4235) and Mike Glikin (917-714-7087).

Thursday: July 7, 2022

8:45 a.m. Leave hotel for 10-minute walk to **Old Town Transit Station**. A Pronto pass will be distributed to paid participants good for travel on July 7 and 9.

NOTE: Validate your ERA-provided **Pronto Transit Pass** at the light rail stop, **not the commuter rail stop**

9:15 a.m. Group leaves on new **Blue Line north extension** (regular service) to UTC Transit Center (last stop) at University Towne Center (UTC), the outdoor shopping mall after which the station is named

9:42 a.m. Arrive at **UTC Transit Center** for photo stop

10:03 a.m. Depart UTC Transit Center on Blue Line regular service to 12th & Imperial Station

10:52 a.m. Arrive at **12th & Imperial Station**. The MTS headquarters building is there.

11:00 a.m. Tour of San Diego Trolley maintenance shops

12:21 p.m. Depart 12th & Imperial Station on Green Line for lunch near Santa Fe Depot

12:30 p.m. **Downtown San Diego lunch stop** near Santa Fe Depot

NOTE: See **Map 1** for suggested restaurants near Santa Fe Depot

2:00 p.m. Leave Santa Fe Depot for tour of **Green and Orange Lines** on regular service, led by tour directors Bob Newhouser and Michael Glikin

4:30 p.m. Return to **Old Town Transit Station**. Your day pass is also good for travel on the Blue Line south of 12th & Imperial to San Ysidro (border with Mexico).

5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. On your own to ride MTS services, have dinner, visit Tijuana, or walk back to hotel

7:30 p.m. Meet at the hotel's **La Palma Room** for an exciting presentation by Harvey Laner. Harvey's program will be an all-video presentation of Southern California transit updates and the history of Los Angeles and San Diego light rail lines, and their predecessor rail lines.

Friday: July 8, 2022

8:00 a.m. Depart hotel on our chartered Sundance motorcoach to Santa Ana (90 minutes)

9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Arrive at **Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center**. Tresa Oliveri and Cleve Cleveland of Orange County Transportation Authority (operator of the OC Streetcar) will lead us on a round trip tour of the **OC Streetcar line** currently under construction. Tour includes photo stops at the Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center and one other location.

NOTE: See **Map 2** for the **OC Streetcar alignment in Santa Ana**

11:00 a.m. Depart Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center for **Plaza Olvera**, adjacent to Old Town Los Angeles

12:15 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Arrive at Plaza Olvera. Lunch in the adjacent Olvera Street historic district.

NOTE: See **Map 3** for **Plaza Olvera restaurants and meeting point adjacent to Old Town Los Angeles**

1:30 p.m. After lunch, meet back at Plaza Olvera where the bus dropped everyone off

- 1:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Group leaves Plaza Olvera for approximate 15-minute walk through Los Angeles's magnificent Union Station to **LA Metro Headquarters Building** at Gateway Plaza. An electric cart has been requested from Amtrak for those few who might need a ride through the 11-platform station (about half of the walking time).
 - 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Briefing and Q&A with LA Metro staff to discuss the Crenshaw, Purple Line and Regional Connector rail projects
 - 3:00 p.m.-3:45 p.m. Travel by LA Metro's Metro Rail subway (B or D lines), transfer to Expo (E) light rail line to **Expo/Crenshaw Station**. Each ERA guest will receive a ticket during the LA Metro briefing.
 - 3:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Meet our chartered bus at Expo/Crenshaw Station and tour Crenshaw line construction with photo stops at **Fairview Heights Station** (Florence Avenue & West Blvd.) and at **Aviation/Imperial Station**
- NOTE:** See [Map 4 for LA Metro Crenshaw/LAX Alignment](#)
- 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Depart Aviation/Imperial Station for our chartered bus back to hotel. Rest of evening free.

Saturday: July 9, 2022

- 9:00 a.m. Sundance motorcoach departs our hotel for 90-minute ride to **Southern California Railway Museum** in Perris (formerly Orange Empire Trolley Museum)
- 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Streetcar rides and carbarn visits. Admission to Southern California Railway Museum has been prepaid.
- 1:30 p.m.-1:45 p.m. Sundance Motorcoach departs Southern California Railway Museum for the Bombshell Restaurant & Bar
- 1:45 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Lunch at your own expense at **Bombshelter Restaurant & Bar**, adjacent to the Skydive Perris skydiving field
- 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Return by Sundance motorcoach to our hotel
- 6:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. **Cash bar** opens prior to the ERA 2022 Banquet in the hotel's **Pueblo Room**
- 7:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. **ERA 2022 Banquet** in the Pueblo Room. Buffet dinner will be followed by keynote address by E. Wayne Terry, chief operating officer of MTS San Diego Trolley, Inc.

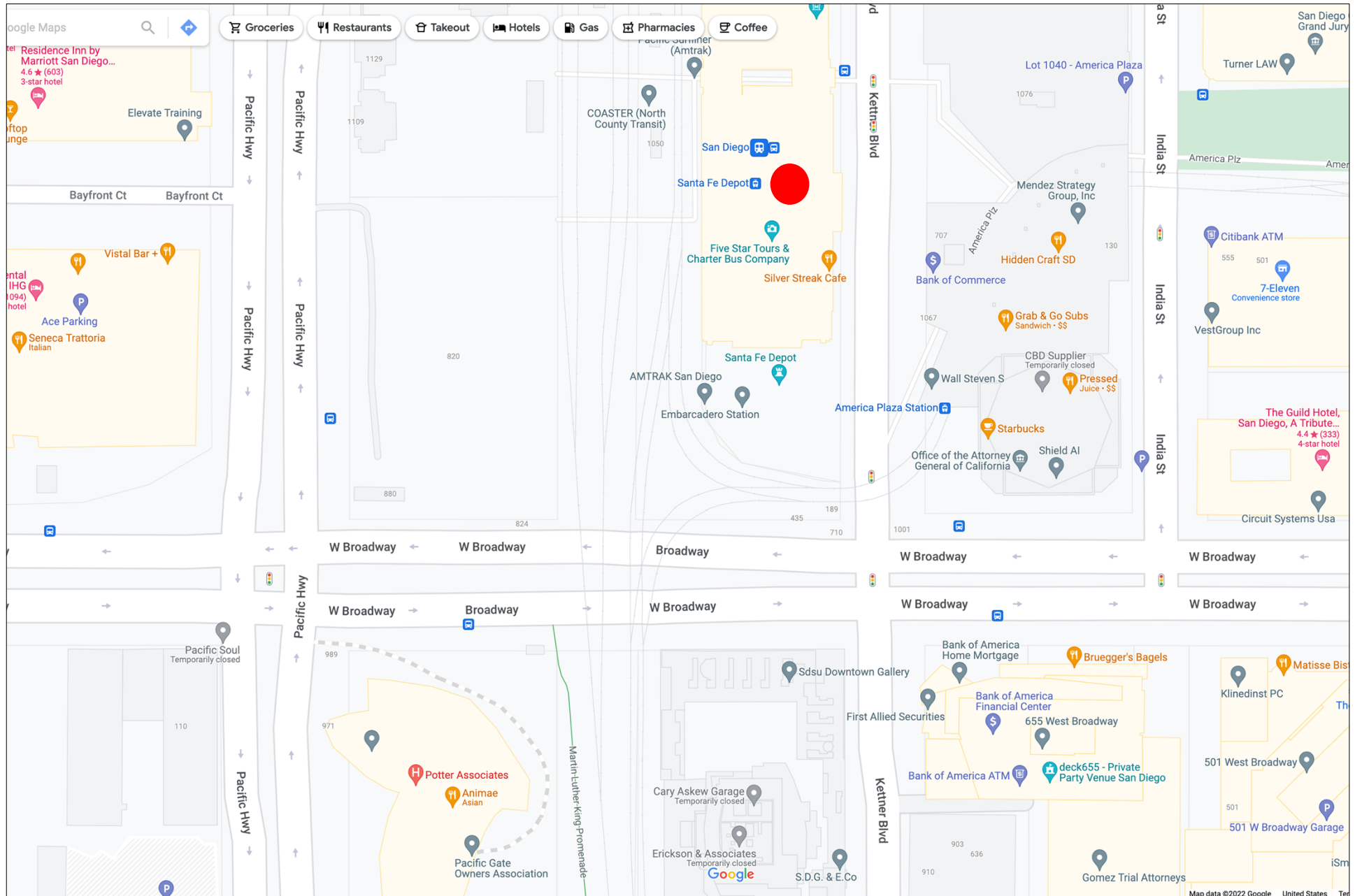
NOTE: Admission to the banquet is by itinerary letter indicating your attendance. **Don't forget to bring it!**

Sunday: July 10, 2022

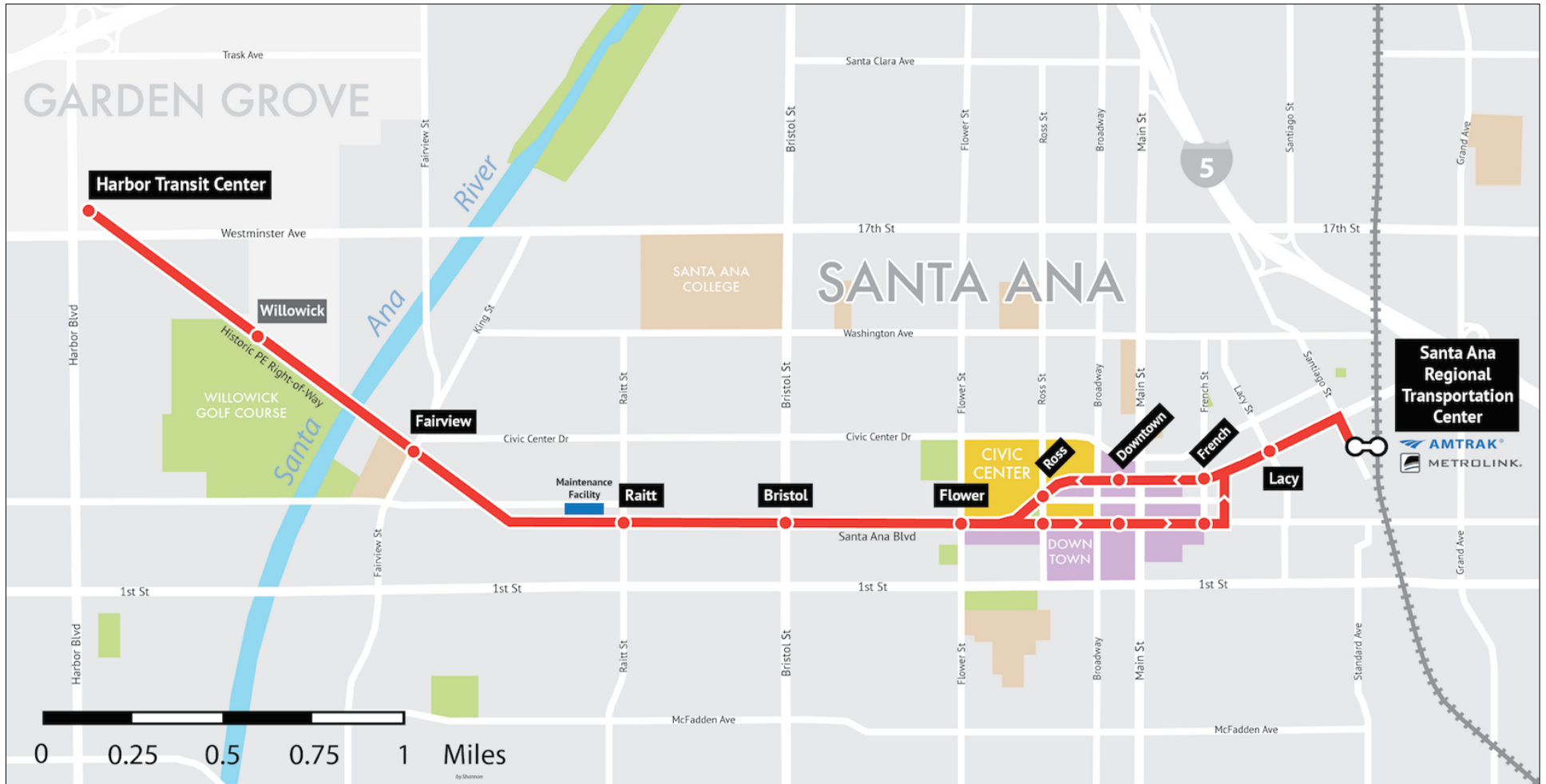
- Note:** Pick up your ERA-paid box lunch starting 8:30 a.m. **at the hotel's Prado Room before leaving our hotel!** There is a selection of turkey, roast beef, and tuna salad box lunches. If you have a preference, get there early to make sure you get your selected lunch box. There are rest stops but no lunch stops today.
- 9:00 a.m. Leave hotel with our group for 10-minute walk to **Old Town Transit Center**
- NOTE:** Validate your Pronto Transit Pass at the Old Town Transit Center **commuter rail platform**, NOT the light rail station where you validated it on Thursday
- 9:27 a.m.-10:22 a.m. ERA Group boards regular service Coaster train from Old Town Transit Center to **Oceanside Terminal**. Time allowed for rest stop before boarding **Sprinter** hybrid light rail DMU at 11:03 a.m.
 - 11:03 a.m.-12:56 p.m. **Round trip on Sprinter** from Oceanside Terminal to Escondido
 - 12:56 p.m.-1:31 p.m. Rest stop upon return to Oceanside
 - 1:31 p.m.-2:37 p.m. Take regular-service Coaster train from Oceanside to **Santa Fe Depot**
- NOTE:** Those needing to **leave early** can get off at Old Town Transit Center and walk back to our hotel
- 2:50 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Leave Santa Fe Depot for a round trip on the Silver Line, San Diego Trolley's 2.7-mile downtown loop that operates two restored PCC streetcars. **Last event of the convention.**
- NOTE:** The Silver Line trip is **subject to cancellation** depending on MTS needs for a San Diego Padres game

Map 1: Suggested Restaurants Near Santa Fe Depot

Red circle is meeting point, nearby restaurants shown in orange

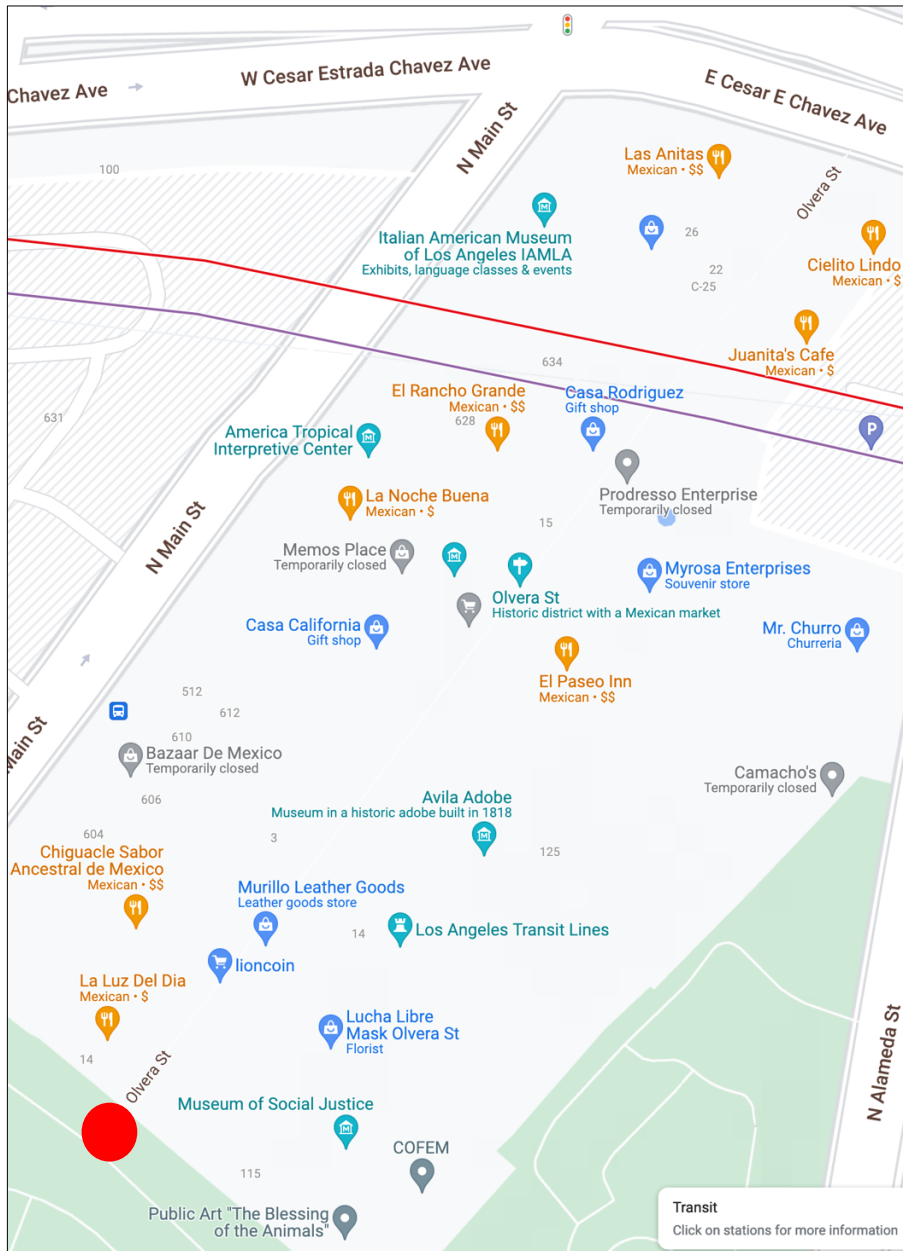


Map 2: OC Streetcar Alignment in Santa Ana



Map 3: Plaza Olvera Restaurants

Plaza Olvera restaurants and meeting point adjacent to Old Town Los Angeles. Red circle is meeting point, nearby restaurants shown in orange



Map 4: LA Metro Crenshaw/LAX Alignment

