Recommended Master Plan Team Members and Roles

Gruen Associates Prime Consultant/Project Management/Master Planning
Grimshaw Architects Design Leader/Master Planning/Architecture
Point C, LLC Strategic Advisors on Transportation Finance/Funding & Entitlements
Fehr & Peers Transportation Planning/Traffic Engineering/Parking/Connectivity
Sener Transit Engineering for High Speed Rail
Buro Happold Sustainability/Building Engineering/Security
Cityworks Design Urban Design
Wiltec Traffic Consulting
The Robert Group Community Outreach
Historic Resources Group Historic Restoration Architect
Mia Lehrer + Associates Landscape Architecture
Psomas Infrastructure/Entitlement Assistance
VCA Engineering, Inc. Civil Engineering
Wagner Engineering and Survey Surveying
Diaz Yourman & Associates Geotechnical
Terry A. Hayes Associates CEQA/Environmental
Davis Langdon Cost Planning
MARRS Services, Inc. Cost Estimating
Exponent Fire/Life Safety
Davis Blueprint Printing

25% of the Union Station Master Plan services will be provided by Metro-certified Small Business Enterprises (SBE)
Grimshaw Architects and Gruen Associates have come together to form a powerful team to address the Union Station Master Plan. Grimshaw has a long history of creating visionary master plans and architecture for high-profile rail stations that serve millions of passengers, catalyze neighborhood revitalization, and become civic landmarks. Gruen Associates, a multidisciplinary Los Angeles-based firm who will be the Prime Contractor to Metro, has worked with city and county agencies and private landowners throughout Southern California to design, manage and execute some of the area’s most distinctive urban plans and is also well known for its transit projects.

Grimshaw Architects has brought internationally renowned and wholly unique rail projects to great cities across the globe including London, Amsterdam, New York City and Melbourne. Beginning with London’s Waterloo Station 25 years ago which was grappling with the arrival of the first high speed Eurostar trains arriving from Paris and Brussels, Grimshaw created a well-conceived plan that was fluid and intuitive, funneling passengers easily and smoothly to various transit modes. The new station stimulated a cultural and economic resurgence of London’s South Bank.
Later Grimshaw was retained to look at eight major stations in the United Kingdom to identify their long-term futures, improve their functionality and boost performance for rail, bus, taxi and private auto transportation. Pinpointed for greater study was **Paddington Station** due to the pending arrival of the Heathrow Express that would be ferrying thousands of air passengers into the station. By re-planning the concourses and other facilities, Grimshaw doubled capacity within the existing station and, at the same time, updated and enlivened the passenger experience. Its long-term master plan calls for linking a neglected canal basin to the station.

In Amsterdam, Grimshaw redeveloped **Bijlmer ArenA Station** one of the country’s five largest stations that handled 60,000 riders per day on eight tracks including two dedicated to high speed trains. The mandate was to make the station a link between an arena stadium on one end and a new mixed-use community on the other. By raising the tracks, Grimshaw was able to open a visual path across the station floor and create a comfortable walkway for both passengers and local pedestrians.
An undulating dune-like roof that covers an entire city block unites the many elements of Southern Cross Station in Melbourne. Already a well-regarded civic landmark, the roof also provides important climate control in warmer seasons. The Royal Institute of British Architects gave one of its highest design awards to the station. It fits into the Docklands master plan created by Grimshaw that extends the city’s urban, social and economic patterns to the harbor, forming a vibrant new district for redevelopment.

In New York, construction is underway at the Fulton Street Transit Center in Lower Manhattan, one of the city’s busiest subway stations. Part of the challenge of untangling the complicated track systems was the preservation of historic platforms and an adjoining building. Grimshaw’s plan allows for access to daylight and panoramic views of the street. A 120-foot high conical dome above the entrance pavilion enfolds an oculus inclined to the southern sky that redirects light deep into the station below. The station has remained fully functional during construction.
Gruen Associates, with a 65-year history in Los Angeles, has master planned many signature Southern California projects and maintains long-term relationships with city and county agencies and major property owners and developers. It is well known for its community outreach and attention to context and connections.

The firm’s master plan for the 800-acre Marina Del Rey has resulted in a wildly successful residential, commercial and boating center, generating substantial revenues for its owner, Los Angeles County. Gruen continued its work with the county for over 50 years and recently prepared the Marina Beach Concept Plan designed to reenergize the public realm and create a new image for the Marina.

Gruen was the original master planner for South Coast Plaza, one of the nation’s most successful and most emulated shopping centers. It also designed the neighboring South Coast Town Center which has evolved into a leading cultural, entertainment and business hub in Orange County. The firm continues to provide architecture and planning services for South Coast Plaza.

Some of its other well-known urban center master plans in Los Angeles are the Pacific Design Center in West Hollywood and the Los Angeles Convention Center Expansion.
Gruen has worked on many Metro projects since the agency was established as architects, planners, urban designers, landscape architects and interior designers. Among these are the Canoga MOL Extension, the Mid-City/Exposition Corridor Light Rail, the San Fernando Valley East-West Transit Corridor, and the Santa Monica Boulevard Transit Parkway. In addition, they have worked on projects for other transit agencies including the E Street Bus Rapid Transit Corridor in San Bernardino, which is currently under construction.

Together Grimshaw and Gruen are well suited to create a bold vision for Union Station that will preserve its storied past, set it on a well balanced course to serve millions of future passengers and visitors, and inspire generations to come as a symbol of our city.