Los Angeles Waterfront

Location: San Pedro, USA Designer: AECOM Photographer: AECOM The Los Angeles Waterfront project is a long-term plan to transform the industrial Port of Los Angeles property along a 7-mile stretch of



Cruise Ship Promenade
Gateway Fountain
Harbour Boulevard
Cabrillo Beach

The Los Angeles Waterfront project is a long-term plan to transform the industrial Port of Los Angeles property along a 7-mile stretch of waterfront to include promenades, parks, retail and commercial spaces. Designed to reconnect the community with its waterfront, improve environmental quality, create new economic opportunities, and triple the amount of San Pedro's existing open space, the development has already dramatically changed the appearance of the Port's working waterfront and spawned new development.

Built portions of the San Pedro Waterfront Gateway Project include the Cruise Ship Promenade, Gateway Plaza, the Harbour Boulevard Parkway and the Fanfare Fountain. The one-mile promenade is dotted with plazas, event spaces, fountains and art, and represents the first phase of realisation of a long-awaited community vision to recapture an industrial waterfront for public access and use. It has been a catalyst for urban revitalisation and created momentum for on-going phases of redevelopment. Connecting the promenade with the Gateway Plaza, the 21-metre-wide Harbour Boulevard Parkway is designed to accommodate pedestrians and bike riders, and includes seating and gathering spaces with historic interpretive elements. The Gateway Plaza is located at the entrance of the Los Angeles World Cruise Centre and the welcoming station of the Waterfront Red Car Line. The Fanfare Fountain, located in the heart of the Plaza, is a choreographed exhibit of water and lights. The Plaza creates a civic gathering place, surrounded by significant icons such as the Vincent Thomas Bridge and the visual attractions of Cruise Ships and cranes.

Award description:

2010 Honor Award, American Society of Landscape Architects, Northern California Chapter 2010 Los Angeles Architectural Award, Los Angeles Business Council 2009 Honor Award, Waterfront Centre

Right: The promenade creates a shady link to downtown San Pedro. A coloured asphalt Class 1 bike trail, custom lighting and furniture were designed in collaboration with the community



