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MTA'S GATEWAY BUILDING AND TRANSIT PLAZA WIN TWO TOP ARCHITECTURAL/DESIGN AWARDS

The MTA's new Gateway Headquarters building near Union Station has received the *Calibre Award* from the Southern California chapter of the International Interior Design Association (IIDA), for best interior design.

The Gateway Transit Plaza received the *Kaufman & Broad Award* from the Los Angeles Business Council (LABC), for best outstanding project which has contributed to the beautification of the Los Angeles area.

"These two awards show that we have created and designed a place that invites people to use the transit center and use public transportation," said Nick Patsouras, MTA Board Alternate and Chairman of the Union Station Gateway Board of Directors.

The IIDA is the largest organization for the interior design profession with over 9,500 members. Its mission is to enhance the quality of life through excellence in interior design and to advance interior design through knowledge.

In presenting the award, the IIDA recognized MTA for epitomizing the best in clients through its support for increased public awareness of the importance of good quality design of the Gateway Headquarters Building.

The LABC honored MTA by presenting the Gateway Transit Plaza with its distinguished Kaufman & Board award for outstanding architectural design.

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The Union Station Gateway Transit Plaza was designed by Ehrenkrantz and Eckstut architects of Los Angeles. It consists of the Patsaouras Bus Transit Plaza and the East Portal providing access to Union Station, Metro Red Line trains, Metrolink, Amtrak and a 2,100 space park and ride facility for commuters.

Development of the headquarters building and accompanying transit center was overseen by the Union Station Gateway Board of Directors. The 26-story, 628,000 square foot headquarters building was designed by the architectural firm of McLarand, Vasquez & Partners, of Costa Mesa, CA. The Project was built by Charles Pankow Builders of Altadena, CA, and jointly developed by the MTA and Catellus Development Corporation, Los Angeles.

"We are all very proud of these two distinguished awards and the recognition for our new headquarters building and transit plaza," said MTA Interim CEO, Linda Bohlinger.

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