

TONGVA PARK + KEN GENSER SQUARE

Project Facts

Santa Monica welcomes two new parks to its Civic Center: Ken Genser Square, a 1.2-acre site directly in front of Santa Monica City Hall on Main Street, and Tongva Park, a 6.2-acre site across the street from Ken Genser Square occupying most of the block bounded by Main Street, the future Olympic Drive, Ocean Avenue and the I-10 Freeway. Sharing the block with Tongva Park are Chez Jay (chezjays.com) and Ocean Lodge Hotel (oceanlodgethotel.com). Tongva Park is located on the former Rand Corporation (rand.org) headquarters site. In November 2002, Rand opened a new headquarters building at 1776 Main Street. Under construction across the future Olympic Drive is Ocean Avenue South (relatedcalifornia.com/oceanavenuesouth/project).

Project Team

Owner	City of Santa Monica	smgov.net
Design Lead / Landscape Architect	James Corner Field Operations	fieldoperations.net
Contractor	W.E. O'Neil Construction Co. of CA	weoneil.com
Architecture	Frederick Fisher & Partners	fisherpartners.net
Artist	Iñigo Manglano-Ovalle	inigomanglano-ovalle.com
Structural & MEP Engineering	Buro Happold	burohappold.com
Civil Engineering	Fusco Engineering	fuscoe.com
Lighting	HLB	hlblighting.com
Water Feature Design	Fluidity Design Consultants	fluidity-design.com
Geotechnical	Converse Consultants	converseconsultants.com
Urban Soils	Wallace Labs	us.wlabs.com
Horticulture	Greenlee & Associates	greenleeandassociates.com
Horticulture	Perry & Associates	www.landdesignpublishing.com
Irrigation	d.d. Pagano, Inc.	www.asic.org/Pagano2.aspx

Construction Cost

The total budget for design and construction of the two parks, new sidewalks, and street and other public space improvements is \$42.3 million.

Site Preparation

The site was prepared by American Landscape (americanlandscape.com). Senna Tree Company (sennatree.com) relocated a number of mature trees including three gigantic *Ficus rubiginosa* trees each weighing over 100 tons. A video can be seen here: smciviccenterparks.com.

Hours

Both parks will be open to the public from 6AM to 11PM.

Location

Ken Genser Square, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401
Tongva Park, 1615 Ocean Avenue, Santa Monica, CA 90401

Getting There:

By Car: Limited on-street parking on Main Street, Olympic Drive and Ocean Avenue is available. Parking is also available in the Civic Center Parking Structure and the Civic Center lot. Enter from 4th Street.

By Bus: The new parks are served by Big Blue Bus lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 and Rapid 3 and 7.

By Foot: Both parks were designed with pedestrian access in mind. Tongva Park accommodates pedestrian entry through paths leading from all major intersections and mid-block. A wide raised crosswalk between Tongva Park and Ken Genser Square allows for a safe welcoming pedestrian flow across Main Street. The intersection of Main Street and future Olympic Drive will have a traffic signal. As part of the future Colorado Esplanade project, the park edge along Ocean Avenue and Colorado Avenue will be widened, the intersection alignment improved, and a pedestrian all-movement intersection sequence installed.

By Bike: Bikes are allowed in all city parks, but bike riders are strongly encouraged to park their bikes in one of the many "Bike Bays" located at the park edges. The largest bike parking area at the corner of Ocean Avenue and the future Olympic Drive will open when Olympic Drive is completed.

By Light Rail: The Exposition Construction Authority is constructing Phase II of Expo Line a light rail corridor with a 4th/Colorado terminus station. When open in 2016, passengers will leave the station and walk/bike down Colorado Avenue and enter at Main Street or Ocean Avenue.



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