A NEW NEXUS FOR UNION SQUARE

In January 2021, the Union Square Partnership unveiled a bold new vision for transforming the greater Union Square area into New York City’s most accessible space. The Union Square-14th Street District Vision Plan centers on five key improvements prioritizing multi-modal accessibility, district-wide connectivity, and substantial increases in public open space.

The plan is the result of robust community engagement during the plan’s development and builds upon the organization’s past district improvement work, most recently the renovation of the North End of Union Square Park. It also brings together, under one cohesive vision, several City initiatives including NYC Parks’ Parks Without Borders, and NYC DOT’s Plaza Program, the 14th Street Busway, and their plans for the pedestrianization of Broadway.

The Vision Plan is a jumping-off point for collaboration with our constituents. At its center, the plan proposes a dramatic 33% expansion of public space.
VISION PLAN: FACT SHEET

KEY IMPROVEMENTS

1. Increase public open space 33% by expanding Union Square Park to the surrounding building edges
2. Transform 14th Street into a world-class boulevard and permanent crosstown transitway
3. Streetscape elements including pedestrian-friendly “micro parks,” trees, lighting, and trash containers
4. Enhanced Broadway plaza at 17th Street, the gateway to the Square and the terminus of the 2.5-mile pedestrian corridor stretching down from Columbus Circle
5. Park infrastructure such as landscaping and utilities, enhanced ADA accessibility, permanent market stalls, and new subway entrances

IMPLEMENTATION

The Union Square-14th Street District Vision Plan is a multi-phased 10-20-year initiative with an estimated cost of $100 million.

Funding sources will include:

- USP funds ($2M - 10M) for design + short-term projects
- Bond financing ($10M - 20M) for custom street furniture
- Private contributions ($10M - 20M) for park features
- Government funds ($40M+) for infrastructure + utilities

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the Vision Plan visit unionsquarenyc.org/vision or email the Union Square Partnership at info@unionsquarenyc.org

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