

DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- 1983 The Park Shops opens
METRO Texas Special circulator launches
- 1984 North and Katy Freeway transit-ways open
Downtown Streetscape Improvement Plan
- 1985 UH Downtown campus renovations
Houston Police Department Mounted patrol begins
- 1986 Selection of design team for Sesquicentennial Park
Buffalo Bayou master plan and creation of Buffalo Bayou Partnership
- 1987 Wortham Theater Center opens
George R. Brown Convention Center opens
- 1988 Creation of Theater District
Albert Thomas Convention Center (Bayou Place) redevelopment
- 1989 Phase I of Sesquicentennial Park opens
Improvement of Theater District streetscape
- 1990 Creation of Houston Downtown Management Corporation (HDMC)
Downtown coordination for Economic Summit
- 1991 METRO bus way system becomes largest in America
Creation of Downtown Historic District
- 1992 Begin operations of HDMC
HDMC Street Teams Program starts operations
- 1993 HDMC research finds demand for Downtown/Midtown housing units
Convention Center Hotel Rebate legislation passes (HB 2282)
- 1994 Houston Rockets NBA Championship
Randall Davis completes Hogg Palace Lofts restoration project
- 1995 Legislation to create Houston Downtown Management District (Downtown District)
passes
Miracle on Main Street Ice Skating Rink opens
- 1996 Enron Field project inception, planning and referendum passes
Market Square Clock Tower dedicated
- 1997 New Hope Hamilton Street Residence opens
Redevelopment of the Albert Thomas Convention Center into entertainment complex
Bayou Place opens

- 1998 The Rice Lofts opens
Phase II of Sesquicentennial Park opens
Transit Streets project groundbreaking
1414 Congress SRO housing for homeless opens
Sakowitz building converted into a parking garage

- 1999 Costwold streetscape test blocks groundbreaking
Harris County Criminal Justice Center opens

- 2000 Master Plan for Main Street is announced
Allen's Landing Park groundbreaking
Enron Field opens
METRORail (Main Street) planning begins

- 2001 Announcement of new Catholic Co-Cathedral
Historic Houston National Bank converted to Islamic Da'wah Center
Jones Plaza reconstruction

- 2002 Street reconstruction hits peak level
Hobby Center for the Performing Arts opens
5 Houston Center opens

- 2003 Toyota Center opens
Downtown Aquarium opens
Hilton Americas-Houston opens
Historic Humble Oil building converted to Marriott Courtyard, Residence Inn and Humble Tower Apartments
1000 Main (formerly Reliant Energy Plaza) opens at Main Street Square
George R. Brown Convention Center expansion completed

- 2004 METRORail begins service
Super Bowl XXXVIII Main Event
Main Street Square completed

- 2005 Root Memorial Park re-opens
Downtown/Midtown Transit Street project completed
Byrd's Lofts and Kirby Lofts open on Main
METRO Administration Building and Downtown Transit Center opens

- 2006 Harris County Civil Justice Center opens
Buffalo Bayou Sabine to Bagby Promenade opens

- 2007 University of Houston Downtown's Shea Street Building opens
Christ Church Cathedral expanded campus opens

- 2008 Discovery Green opens
Houston Pavilions (now GreenStreet) opens
Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral opens

- 2009 New residential high-rise, One Park Place, opens

- 2010 Market Square Park re-opens

- 2011
Downtown District launches Downtown Public Safety Guide (DPSG) Program
Houston Ballet Center for Dance opens
Julia Ideson Library restored and re-opens
Revitalization along Main continues with the opening of Hines' BG Group Place at 811 Main
Hess Tower opens next to Discovery Green
Tellepsen Family YMCA relocates into new Kirksey-designed facility
Harris County Jury Assembly Room and Transportation Plaza opens
- 2012
Downtown Living Initiative approved
Greenlink launches
20th anniversary of the Downtown Street Team Program
BBVA Compass Stadium opens
Downtown District takes first place in inaugural Green Office Challenge
- 2013
City announces second convention center hotel will be a Marriott Marquis
Mayor Annise Parker forms Downtown Retail Task Force
Houston Pavilions is rebranded as GreenStreet by new owners Midway and Canyon-Johnson Urban Funds
- 2014
SkyHouse Houston, the first applicant as part of the Downtown Living Initiative, opens
Newly restored JW Marriott Houston Downtown opens at 806 Main
High School for the Performing and Visual Arts groundbreaking
- 2015
Alley Theatre reopens after a full restoration
METRORail North, East and Southeast corridors open
Buffalo Bayou Partnership complete \$58M transformation of the Buffalo Bayou Park
- 2016
NCAA Final Four Championship
Downtown District launches Art Blocks
New interior and exterior improvements to the George R. Brown are complete
Second convention center hotel, Marriott Marquis, opens
Downtown Redevelopment Authority completes new improvements to Allen Parkway
More than 100 new wayfinding signs are installed throughout Downtown
Buffalo Bayou Partnership moves into restored Historic Sunset Coffee Building at Allen's Landing
500 Crawford, Downtown's first midrise apartment complex, opens
- 2017
Super Bowl LI
More than 3,000 additional residential units to enter the market within two years
Hines' opens new landmark skyscraper, 609 Main at Texas
Brookfield Properties completes exterior and interior renovations to One Allen Center, now renamed Motiva Plaza
Brookfield Properties announces the purchase of the 4.2 million square-foot Houston Center, making them Downtown's largest property holder
Downtown District releases Plan Downtown, a vision blueprint for the next twenty years