



AROUND TOWN

Transit Plaza Slated for Figueroa Corridor

Thirty-first District Congressman **Xavier Becerra** has secured a half-million dollars in federal funding for a transit plaza near **Los Angeles Trade-Technical College**. Plans call for converting an existing Blue Line station on Washington Boulevard between Grand Avenue and Flower Street into a pedestrian-friendly station with rail and bus stops. Designed by Culver City-based **MDA Johnson Favaro** and **Ted Tokio Tanaka**

Architects of Los Angeles, the station will cost \$3 million. It is being funded through bonds, additional federal money and the city Department of Transportation. It is scheduled for completion in 2008. The station renovation coincides with Trade-Tech's \$230 million upgrade of its 40-year-old campus. When completed in 2008, the community college will have a new library, gymnasium and academic buildings.