In Downtown

The diagonal alignment of LRT through the Athletic Club block creates a unique city-building opportunity. It will allow for the elimination of the Robert and Sixth Street stations, create an integrated transit station that links both the bus and LRT services, and improve integration with the skyway system in a pedestrian-oriented transit zone.

Central Station
By shifting the existing north/south bus stations to align with Fifth Street, an opportunity exists to locate many of the principal downtown transit route stops directly adjacent to Central Station. This would make it easier to transfer between routes, by providing a single direct connection between three of the busiest transit stations in downtown. The 6th/Cedar bus station to the north would be connected to Central Station via a skyway.

Linking the Skyway System
Located in the heart of downtown, the combined Athletic Club block development and integrated station creates an opportunity to fill in the missing piece in the skyway puzzle and link adjacent buildings through an integrated skyway network. With clear and direct linkages to both the ground and the station, this missing “piece of the puzzle” will play an important role in not only improving the skyway network, but also in anchoring it to the ground and the city’s transit system.

Development of the Athletic Club block site at the northeast corner of Fourth and Cedar creates an opportunity to complete a series of key linkages in the skyway system. By integrating new skyway development above the station with buildings on all four sides of the station, the new station would become a key juncture in the city’s skyway system. New and renovated ground connections would help to firmly link the system back to the ground and connect directly with LRT.
A light rail station at Canary Wharf in London, UK sits between two office towers and links several transit lines under a light and airy atrium.

This transit station in San Diego has integrated developments on either side of the station.

An integrated transit hub could be created around the station at Cedar and Fourth. An opportunity exists to seamlessly link over 15 bus routes with LRT and other modes at Union Depot.