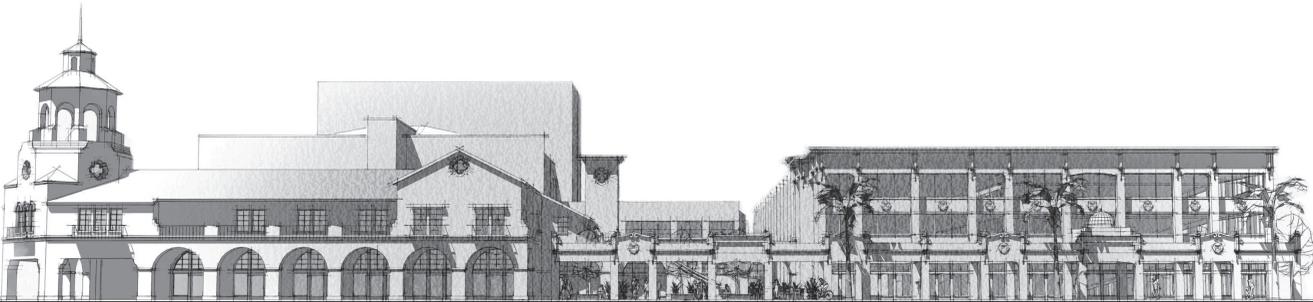


Construction of Fox Entertainment Plaza underway



The Fox Performing Arts Center will soon have more amenities for theater patrons and residents to enjoy. Construction has begun on the \$14.4 million project dubbed the Fox Entertainment Plaza.

The Fox Entertainment Plaza is a multi-purpose facility with 400 parking spots, 10,000 square feet of exhibit space for the Riverside Metropolitan Museum, and 12,000 square feet of restaurant and retail space. There will also be a 4,000-square-foot black box theater which is a flexible performance space that can be reconfigured to suit different events.

Bailey Construction, the contractor that oversaw the \$32 million Fox renovation, is demolishing everything along Market Street between Sixth Street and the Fox, except the building's historic front façade and the Press Bindery building. The façade is going to be preserved and turned into an architectural arcade that sets off a public plaza and walkway.

A separate lobby with an elevator offering easier access to the Fox Performing Arts Center is also part of the work. That piece of the project is being fast-tracked and should be ready in early 2011.

Construction on the garage and theater building is expected to begin next spring, with completion set for May 2012.

