Dear Friends,

I am honored to welcome you to Los Angeles for the National Association of City Transportation Officials’ annual Designing Cities Conference. L.A. is a unique city with 4 million diverse, creative, and passionate people and one of the largest economies of any city in the world. I know you will enjoy yourself as you explore our iconic streets and landmarks.

NACTO comes to L.A. at a pivotal moment. Across the nation, cities are leading the way in a great transportation renaissance. Following core principles of accessibility, equity, safety, and sustainability, cities are building and expanding transit systems, creating livable communities, making safer streets, and harnessing technology to improve quality of life. This is a time unlike any other in the history of transportation.

I am proud of L.A.’s progress in reimagining the way we get around, as we cast off our infamous reputation as the car capital of the world. We are investing $120 billion in transportation over the next 40 years, starting with four transit megaprojects already under construction. At the same time, Vision Zero has brought a whole new approach to the way we incorporate safety into the operation of our streets, and signature projects like MyFigueroa are creating healthier, more vibrant communities by providing active transportation options. Moreover, we are eagerly working to deploy technology-based transportation and other new mobility services equitably so that all will benefit. As L.A. looks toward the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games, I know our future is bright.

Designing Cities will allow us to share our experiences and learn from our peers and experts from all across the country. This is an opportunity to absorb ideas and find innovative solutions together to create a transportation future that benefits every NACTO city.

This is a great time to be on the move in L.A. We’re excited to have you join us!

Eric Garcetti
Mayor of Los Angeles
Welcome to the City of Angels for the seventh Designing Cities conference!

We are honored that you've chosen to spend four days here celebrating big wins, tackling shared challenges, and finding ways large and small to make sure cities are at the table shaping the future of mobility. We are proud to host lucky number seven!

Designing Cities remains the premier venue for cities’ top minds in transportation. The professional generosity of this community remains its most potent strength. Your willingness to share your insights, best practices, and questions delivers value that ripples out across the country. From designing safe streets, to creating vibrant public spaces, to building the right tools to ensure that new technology expresses our values, the conversations we have here shape the future of cities.

This year, nearly 1,000 leaders from over 150 cities around the world are gathered in L.A. to build better streets and more equitable, sustainable cities.

City transportation faces very real challenges. Traffic fatalities remain a tragic norm in the U.S., topping 35,000 deaths for the second year in a row. The legacy of systemic racism in the way our cities took shape continues to prevent equitable access to opportunities for all our neighborhoods. With these challenges come new opportunities if we are willing to do the work. Emerging mobility technologies are changing the way people get around in cities and coast to coast, DOTs are diving into data to optimize street performance, even while we get back to the basics of building complete walking, biking, and transit networks.

As the transportation planning landscape shifts, L.A. seeks to lead by example. Aiming to eliminate traffic deaths by 2025, we are transforming streets across the city. Once infamous as L.A.’s most dangerous pedestrian area, the intersection of Hollywood and Highland is now an icon of pedestrian and transit-centered design. In August, MyFigueroa transformed one of the city’s busiest corridors into a complete, multimodal street. L.A. is also making strides in the world of transportation technology, following a strategic plan to build a transit network for the digital age. We couldn’t be more eager to share these efforts with you to improve them and learn from you.

Just like the cities we inhabit, Designing Cities is made great by its people. This year, nearly 1,000 leaders from over 150 cities around the world are gathered in L.A. to build better streets and more equitable, sustainable cities. Please join me in welcoming one another and taking this time to strengthen our network as we continue to change the status quo for city transportation.

Seleta Reynolds
General Manager, Los Angeles Department of Transportation
NACTO President
Dear NACTO Members,

Thank you all for choosing to gather in Los Angeles at a very fortuitous moment in our history. LA Metro is in the early stages of the nation’s largest transit expansion. Four rail transit projects are currently under construction and more than a dozen road, rail and bus rapid transit projects will break ground in the next few years. For decades we have been the nation’s car capital. Now we are finally giving Angelenos some truly great alternatives to driving.

At Metro, we are pursuing many strategies for helping people get around the County. In the past, Metro primarily saw its mission as running buses and trains. No more. We have embraced a more holistic attitude toward mobility. We are exploring on-demand transportation services, building affordable housing and communities near transit, and revamping our bus network to reflect modern travel patterns. We are increasingly involved in first-last mile issues and our bike share program will soon allow people to transfer for free between buses, bikes and trains. We are committed to getting people where they’re going quickly and easily.

I am grateful and proud that Designing Cities chose to gather this year in Los Angeles. I wish everyone an informative and fruitful conference. And my thanks to you, the members of NACTO, for helping to keep America moving!

Sheila Kuehl
Los Angeles County Supervisor
Chair of the Board of Directors, LA Metro

“...we need to imagine, design and build it today. We have all the technical experience, real-world examples and technological possibilities we need to make people-focused streets, and we must take the decisive action now to make them a reality.”

Janette Sadik-Khan
Principal, Bloomberg Associates
NACTO Chair

For decades we have been the nation’s car capital. Now we are finally giving Angelenos some truly great alternatives to driving.
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Los Angeles, CA 90017

Main entrance is on S. Figueroa Street and 7th Street

The InterContinental Los Angeles Downtown is located across the street from the 7th St / Metro Center station, with service on Metro Red, Purple, Blue, and Expo lines, and the Metro Silver Line busway.

From Hollywood/Burbank (Bob Hope) airport, take Metrolink to Union Station. From LAX, take the FlyAway bus to Union Station. Union Station is just three stops away from the hotel on the Red or Purple line.
"NACTO cities have changed the conversation about street design. But transforming our transportation systems requires thinking bigger than the street, the block, or the corridor—streets are the lever to build places where every person in every neighborhood has the freedom to move throughout the city without relying on a car."

Robin Hutcheson
Director of Public Works, Minneapolis
NACTO Vice President

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MON 10/1
8:30am–12pm // locations vary
Trainings (pre-registration required)
12:30pm–2pm // 5th floor lobby
Registration Opens
2pm-3:30pm // Wilshire Ballroom
Opening Plenary
  Linda Bailey
  Executive Director, NACTO

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Phillip A. Washington
CEO, LA Metro

Laurie Berman
Director, Caltrans

3:45pm–5:15pm // locations vary
Breakout Sessions
7pm–9pm // Angel City Brewery
Opening Reception

TUES 10/2
8am-9am // Wilshire Ballroom
Breakfast Plenary
  Eric Garcetti
  Mayor of Los Angeles

Christopher Hawthorne
Chief Design Officer, City of Los Angeles

9am-12pm // locations vary
Walkshops

12:15pm-1:15pm // Wilshire Ballroom
Lunch Plenary
  Senator Scott Wiener
  California State Senate

Cynthia Strathmann, PhD
Executive Director, SAJE

Naomi Iwasaki
Deputy Director, Investing in Place

1:30pm-3pm // locations vary
Breakout Sessions

3:15pm-4:15pm // Wilshire 1
Meet the Cities

4:30pm-6pm // locations vary
Breakout Sessions

WED 10/3
8am-9am // Wilshire Ballroom
Breakfast Plenary
  Councilmember Nury Martinez
  District 6, City of Los Angeles

Councilmember Mike Bonin
District 11, City of Los Angeles

Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson
District 8, City of Los Angeles

Councilmember Jose Huizar
District 14, City of Los Angeles

2:45pm-4:15pm // locations vary
Breakout Sessions

4:30pm-5:30pm // Wilshire Ballroom
Closing Plenary
  Laura Ballesteros
  Former Undersecretary of Mobility, Mexico City

6:30pm // locations vary
Neighborhood Dinners

THU 10/4
8am–5pm // locations vary
Walkshops

1:30pm-2:30pm // Wilshire Ballroom
Afternoon Plenary
  Corinne Kisner
  Deputy Director, NACTO

Cecilia Vaca Jones
Bernard Van Leer Foundation

Skye Duncan
Director, NACTO Global Designing Cities Initiative

Monique Earl
Assistant General Manager, LADOT

Stephanie Ramirez
AARP California

James Siegal
CEO, KaBOOM!
"We must commit to designing cities that support human infrastructure, and this begins with relationship building between City and community. These partnerships are essential to building public support and identifying community needs, and provide opportunities to break down barriers to participation by reaching people in their own communities."

Michael Carroll
Deputy Managing Director, Office of Transportation and Infrastructure Systems, Philadelphia
NACTO Secretary
MONDAY

8:30am - 12pm // locations vary

TRAININGS

All trainings require advance registration.

201 Workshop: Building Racial & Social Equity Into Transportation Planning

// Boyle Heights

The lasting impact of destructive urban policies and disinvestment is often the tale of two cities, in a single public realm. As jurisdictions across the country grapple with this legacy, it is critical for practitioners to institutionalize a racial equity lens in order to generate better outcomes on the ground.

This interactive workshop will provide the opportunity to move beyond the high-level planning and rhetoric of racial and social equity, to develop tools and techniques to transform analysis into action.

Using the CSI Racial Equity Toolkit, participants will engage in the active practice and development of strategies and techniques to integrate equity into everyday transportation planning. Through the use of role-playing exercises and small group work, we’ll collaborate on best practices for operationalizing equity internally, and practice techniques for fostering relationships with the communities we serve.

This workshop is provided, in part, by the Better Bike Share Partnership.

Pre-registration required; includes breakfast

3.0 credit hours

Amalia Alarcon Morris - Race Forward, Government Alliance on Race and Equity
Julie Nelson - Race Forward, Government Alliance on Race and Equity

Workshop: Vision Zero Arterials & Intersections

8:00am - 12:15pm // Silver Lake

Every city has one: it’s your city’s leader in crashes; it’s probably five or seven lanes wide, has tens of thousands of cars per day, and traffic; it’s a big, wide, risky arterial, and this workshop will give a hands-on look at innovative approaches your city can use to tame it.

Join this Vision Zero workshop to learn from cities that have tackled their most dangerous streets, wielding the entire engineering toolbox to not only reduce fatalities and injuries, but to transform these important corridors into high-performing urban streets that are safe, efficient, and inviting. Building on last year’s workshop, this session will cover topics like lane reassignment and narrowing, walking-based intersection design techniques, and signal timing basics for big streets. Safety planning and prioritization techniques, as well as working with crash information and before-after evaluation, will also be described.

Learn innovative street design strategies, hear about high-impact case studies, and engage in hands-on design challenges. Participants will leave ready to tackle their most challenging streets.

Pre-registration required; includes breakfast

4.0 credit hours

Matthew Roe - NACTO
Wendy Cawley - Portland Bureau of Transportation
Nichole Altmix - NYC DOT
Paul Supawanich - Remix
Christopher Rider - LADOT

Workshop: Motivating Teams Through Strong Leadership

// Hancock Park West

Inspiring and motivating people is one of the most rewarding and challenging roles in any organization. Strong leaders are able to build trust-based teams, hold staff accountable toward productivity, gain commitment, manage teams through healthy conflict, and prevent burnout. There is a powerful and effective way to do all of this and create meaningful relationships with staff all at the same time! The recipe for success includes a mixture of:

- asking powerful questions
- building resonance around job and performance expectations
- understanding your staff’s values and thinking styles
- defining a clear core ideology around why you exist and how you behave as a team
- establishing clear expectations

During this interactive and informative workshop, you will learn a set of tools for leadership and management success. You will learn how to support overcoming burnout, triangulation, and dissonance. And, you will have the opportunity to practice having difficult conversations with one another so that you walk out confident to use the tools provided.

Pre-registration required; includes breakfast

3.0 credit hours

Katie Miller - Left Lane Advisors
Traffic Signals 301: Bicycle Signal Tools & Techniques
// Hancock Park East
Creating all ages & abilities bicycling networks requires not only giving people safe spaces to ride, but also prioritization in time. Using traffic signals to manage both speed and separation is a crucial field of practice in bringing a city’s bike network to life.

During this intensive workshop, learn from leading practitioners about how to wield the full toolbox of bike-friendly signals, and cutting edge applications from cities across North America. Modules include:

- Bicycle Signal Faces, including application & regulation, near-side bike signals, and actuation & detection
- Phasing & Timing Tools, including leading intervals, split phases, and scrambles
- Contextual applications for combining signal treatments with geometric design, covering crossings ranging from protected intersections to bicycle boulevards

**Pre-registration required; includes breakfast**

3.0 credit hours

Dongho Chang · Seattle DOT
Joe Gilpin · Alta Planning + Design
Tim Frémaux · LADOT

Traffic Signals 302: Timing Streets for Transit
// K-Town
From the green extension to the low-speed progression, and from the reverse queue jump to the quarter-cycle offset, learn from cities that are finding innovative strategies to manage streets in time as well as space, and are using signal strategies to prioritize people beyond the traffic platoon. Whether you’re a veteran traffic engineer or an ambitious planner, join this interactive workshop to discover new techniques, work through design challenges, and make a better case for getting the most from your transportation system.

**Pre-registration required; includes breakfast**

3.0 credit hours

Chris Pangilinan · TransitCenter
Britt Tanner · SFMTA
Alvin Lam · SFMTA
Aaron Villere · NACTO

Workshop: Engagement Strategies & Practice
// Echo Park
Planning with rather than for communities is the foundation of an equitable transportation framework, and meaningful pre-project engagement is often the difference between the life and death of big projects. Displacement, cultural competency, and legacies of segregation and disinvestment have heightened the call for broadening outreach beyond “checking the box” to realize the transformative potential of community-involved processes.

This workshop will discuss what it looks like to go beyond the standard town hall approach to engaging your community, and why it matters. From lessons learned in building out a city-led engagement program, to techniques for developing relationships and leveraging local expertise, the goal of this workshop is to make connections between community needs and policy decisions to realize the challenges and opportunities planners face in adopting a more inclusive practice.

This interactive workshop will employ a “choose your own adventure” style role playing game where we’ll move through a series of scenarios that explore the intersections of community needs, government policy and impact on stakeholders. Come in with an open mind and leave with ideas, resources, and next steps for working with the public in bold new ways.

**Pre-registration required; includes breakfast**

3.0 credit hours

Inbar Kishoni · NYC DOT
Kate Fillin-Yeh · NACTO
Nicole Payne · NACTO

Telling a Compelling Story
// Westwood
Whether we realize it or not, storytelling is central to our daily lives. Not only do we tell stories with friends & family, storytelling is also a tool we use at work and when influencing change. During this interactive workshop, you’ll learn tools to bring your storytelling to the next level. Whether it’s communicating a new project to the public or using personal experiences to find common ground in the workplace, this workshop will provide strategies to improve communication and public speaking through storytelling.

**Pre-registration required; includes breakfast**

3.0 credit hours

Gary Buchler · Storyteller
MONDAY

REGISTRATION OPENS
12:30pm - 2pm // 5th floor lobby
Pick up your badge, printed program book, and conference bag!

OPENING PLENARY
2pm - 3:30pm // Wilshire Ballroom
Linda Bailey
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Laurie Berman
Director, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

BREAKOUT SESSIONS
3:45pm - 5:15pm // locations vary
Contracting for Expanded Transit and Meaningful Service Upgrades
// Ladera Heights

Some of the most effective transit agencies around the world effectively use competitive bidding to contract transit operations to private companies, aligning expectations to results and delivering first-in-class service. Meanwhile, most leading cities in North America operate under a pure public sector in-house model.

Join this panel of agencies who have tested the contracting waters in the U.S., and others who have used different on-demand strategies to expand transit service, including with innovative microtransit pilots. In this session, hear the benefits, as well as potential pitfalls, of externalizing risk—and hear the strategies for effective performance-based contracting of operations. Contracting is no panacea—it’s all in the agreement and partnership for delivery.

Stephanie Lotshaw - TransitCenter
Corinne Ralph - LADOT
Rani Narula-Woods - LA Metro
John Urgo - AC Transit
Global Cities: Inspiring Lessons from Around the World

// Hancock Park West

Explore street transformations and innovative projects through a series of high-energy pecha-kucha presentations. Presenters from around the world will showcase projects from their local contexts, share their experiences and discuss the challenges they faced while improving street environments.

From shared streets in London, innovative bike lane treatments in Amsterdam, and safe intersections in Addis Ababa, these simple, yet effective street transformations breathe life into cities.

Ankita Chachra - NACTO Global Designing Cities Initiative
Esther Kurland - Transport for London (TfL)
Yohannes Legesse - City of Addis Ababa
Dhyana Quintanar Solares - Nexity, Mexico City
Eduardo Pompeo - NACTO Global Designing Cities Initiative
Laura Hakvoort - Physical Planning Department, City of Amsterdam
Blanka Bracic - City of Calgary
Shreya Gadepalli - ITDP

Agency Culture: Building Resonance, Achieving Results

// Silver Lake

Personnel is policy, and agency culture is the glue. A city’s ability to achieve its mobility goals rests on the internal support structures, management strategies, and accountability mechanisms that keep staff motivated, engaged, and focused on results.

Hear from city leaders who are dedicated to the hard work of building a positive and productive agency culture as the foundation for implementing an innovative transportation vision.

Katie Miller - Left Lane Advisors
Robin Hutcheson - Minneapolis DPW; NACTO Vice President
Barbara Gray - Toronto Transportation Services
Euloiis Cleckley - Denver DPW
Bridget Smith - LADOT

Major Events: Catalysts for Investment in Everyday Mobility

// Hancock Park East

Major events, like the Olympics, the World Cup, the Super Bowl, or the mega-conference South by Southwest, can shape and reshape not just a city’s identity, but its physical infrastructure and mobility capabilities.

In Los Angeles, sweeping strategic planning and an impressive slate of major capital projects will remove mobility barriers, enable easier travel, and accommodate a much wider variety of trips in time for the Olympics in 2028—with a transportation legacy that will last for decades longer.

In Minneapolis, the first city to host a Super Bowl in the heart of downtown, and in Austin, which sees its population swell as it hosts SXSW each spring, improvements in the pedestrian realm provide both opportunities and challenges for hosting a large high-profile event: with many residents living downtown, pedestrian circulation has to be carefully planned for, monitored, and accommodated.

Jacqueline Torres - Arup
Stephanie Wiggins - LA Metro
Robert Spillar - Austin Transportation Department; NACTO Treasurer
Steve Mosing - Minneapolis DPW

California Cities in the Lead: Shifting From Policies that Guarantee Congestion to Moving People

// Echo Park

In 2013, California passed a landmark law with the potential to reverse the decades-long trend of planning for cars in cities. As cities move to put the focus back on people, the metrics we use to evaluate new projects’ impacts can play a key role.

In this session, hear from California cities on how the shift from auto-focused measurement (level of service) to a metric that prioritizes walking, biking, and transit (vehicle-miles traveled) has changed the planning conversation to focus on creating a safe, convenient, and multimodal transportation network. We will explore how policy reform can promote complete streets, encourage sustainability, and ultimately shift an entire state’s planning landscape.

Kate White - CalSTA
David Somers - LADOT
Sarah Jones - SFMTA
Wilson Tam - San José DOT
Security in the Public Sphere
// Westwood

In recent years, security threats have been unfortunately woven into our everyday thinking around transportation and mobility. From vehicle-mounted attacks, to the need for streets that work for all—emergency responders and cities’ residents alike—our cities’ streets are about much more than moving from Place A to Place B.

In this session, hear about how Portland, Toronto, and Washington D.C. are protecting residents by creating safe streets—protecting from all manners of hazards while welcoming vibrant public life.

Kate Fillin-Yeh - NACTO
Elyse Parker - Toronto Transportation Services
Mike Myers - Portland Fire & Rescue
Anna Chamberlin - District DOT

Unsustainable? What the Growth in App-Based Ride Services Means for Our Cities
// Roosevelt

New mobility services—from Uber and Lyft to Via and Gett—are rapidly reshaping transportation networks, transporting 2.6 billion passengers last year in cities across the U.S., and nearly eclipsing total local bus ridership. The impacts of these new services are huge—both in terms of increased strain on cities’ streets, as well as the mobility opportunities that these new services offer to communities with poorly-connected walking, biking, and transit networks.

In NYC, new legislation aligns the number of for-hire vehicles with passenger demand and city goals—for the first time, regulating the total number of for-hire vehicles on city streets. In Chicago, strategic pricing models, and new thinking around managing vehicles near major events, means better demand management in high-traffic areas, as well as support for the city’s robust transit system. And in cities across the country, new mobility services have the potential to add to our understanding of city streets with data sharing partnerships, and as a complement to high-frequency, reliable transit service.

Unsustainable? It’s complicated. With forward-thinking policies, cities and transit agencies have the potential to utilize the benefits of TNCs, and mitigate unsustainable impacts. Hear how.

Bruce Schaller - Schaller Consulting
Rebekah Scheinfeld - Chicago DOT
Meera Joshi - NYC Taxi & Limousine Commission
Gabe Klein - CityFi

SharedStreets: Powering Collaboration for Better Streets
// K-Town

SharedStreets is a first-of-its-kind transportation data standard and platform for public-private partnerships that allows cities to work with companies to manage streets, reduce traffic deaths, and prepare for the unprecedented technological advancement emerging in cities’ transportation networks.

In this session, hear how cities are using non-proprietary and open data to address street and mobility challenges. From taxi and TNC pick-up and drop-off data, to mapping the curb, SharedStreets shows how data is the new currency on our streets.

Kevin Webb - Open Transport Partnership
Seth Hostetter - NYC DOT
Stephanie Dock - District DOT
Benjamin de la Peña - Seattle DOT

From Paint to Concrete: The Complete Toolkit for Building Innovative Projects
// Boyle Heights

Quicker, cheaper, faster, and iterative: These maxims have been adopted by cities across the country as innovative street treatments are built in temporary, then interim, and finally in permanent materials. Cities are finding creative ways to build bike and pedestrian projects fast and set the stage for making them permanent later. In San Jose, Better Bikeways are coming...and fast! Over the next two years, the city will build out 23 miles of All Ages & Abilities bikeways in downtown San Jose. Meanwhile, SFMTA has finally found the secret recipe for quickly implementing bike and pedestrian projects. Seattle has growing community buy-in for their quick-build process, which enables them to build more projects faster. And Burlington is topping off their project development toolkit with a new tool for community-driven demonstrations. In this session, find out what’s in the secret sauce for building out a successful quick build system in these four cities.

Mike Sallaberry - SFMTA
Jessica Zenk - San José DOT
Norman Baldwin - Burlington DPW
Brian Dougherty - Seattle DOT
MONDAY

7pm - 9pm // Angel City Brewery

OPENING RECEPTION

Reception included with full conference registration.

Join the NACTO staff, board, and member cities for a social networking reception to begin the 2018 Designing Cities conference. This year, we will be in the Arts District—a rapidly evolving area of DTLA.

Meet transportation professionals from cities across the country and world working towards safe, sustainable, vibrant streets. Enjoy refreshments from the brewery and bites from local food trucks!

Angel City Brewery, 216 Alameda St.
Los Angeles, CA

Take DASH (Line A) or Metro (Purple/Red to Gold) to the reception!

Take Metro Red/Purple Line to Union Station and transfer to Gold Line to Little Tokyo/Arts District Station.
TUESDAY

OCTOBER 2

8am - 9am  Breakfast Plenary
9am - 12pm  WalkShops
12:15pm - 1:15pm  Lunch Plenary
1:30pm - 3pm  Breakout Sessions
3:15pm - 4:15pm  Meet the Cities
4:30pm - 6pm  Breakout Sessions
See projects with your own eyes, and get an understanding of how concepts translate to cities’ streets with this year’s WalkShops. Los Angeles city staff and local partners will host 50+ on-the-ground tours of projects.

See WalkShops section starting on page 57 for further details.

Get your energy up: Start the second day of #NACTO18 with a relaxed bike ride on the new MyFig corridor! Sign up on Monday at the WalkShop table.

Led by Bicycle Transit Systems

**Breakfast Plenary**

**Eric Garcetti**
Mayor of Los Angeles

Eric Garcetti is a fourth-generation Angeleno and the 42nd Mayor of Los Angeles. Born and raised in the San Fernando Valley — the son of public servants and the grandson and great-grandson of immigrants from Mexico and Eastern Europe — Mayor Garcetti’s life has been shaped by a deep commitment to the core values of justice, dignity, and equality for all people.

**Christopher Hawthorne**
Chief Design Officer, City of Los Angeles

Christopher Hawthorne is the Chief Design Officer for the City of Los Angeles. Prior to joining City Hall, Hawthorne was architecture critic for the Los Angeles Times. Since 2015, he has directed the Third Los Angeles Project, a series of public conversations about architecture, urban planning, mobility, and demographic change in Southern California.

**Lunch Plenary**

**Senator Scott Wiener**
California State Senate, District 11

**Cynthia Strathmann, PhD**
Executive Director, SAJE

**Naomi Iwasaki**
Deputy Director, Investing in Place

With a booming economy and major transit investments, Los Angeles and California’s strengths are enviable. At the same time, the city and state are under extreme pressure from auto traffic, climate change, and from a severe housing shortage, where homelessness and displacement have reached a crisis point.

Los Angeles and California are vibrant and prosperous, yet these gains aren’t being seen by all. How do we ensure that our cities’ vibrant economies result in more equitable cities, with high-quality transit and housing opportunities? Hear how this debate is crucial not just in California, but in cities across the country.
Affordable Mobility: Access to Jobs and Opportunities  
// Hancock Park East

Transportation does more than move a person from one place to another—it provides access to opportunities and resources, connections to community, and the ability to live a healthy, fulfilled life. Yet, many times, the transportation options that exist are out of reach for those with more limited means.

In this session, hear from cities that are expanding access to transportation for people with limited incomes: from an innovative electric car share program, to the country’s first combined bike and bus pass, to state-of-the-art payment systems that allow passengers to always pay the lowest possible fare in all situations. Beyond policy, this session will look at how programs are marketed and operationalized for the greatest buy-in and impact.

Mary Skelton Roberts - Barr Foundation  
Marcel Porras - LADOT  
Anita Tang - LADOT  
Jeff Owen - TriMet  
Frank Ching - LA Metro

Managing Speed through Automated Enforcement  
// Hancock Park West

Enforcement is a critical element in improving safety for all road users in cities. However, certain enforcement strategies are often overutilized, do not improve safety outcomes, and target people of color. Deciding how best to enforce safe speed limits and traffic safety laws to maximize safety outcomes and minimize discriminatory practices is a critical piece of Vision Zero. In this session, hear from forward-thinking cities on how they are utilizing automated enforcement as part of a citywide traffic safety program.

Leah Shalum - Vision Zero Network  
Darby Watson - Seattle DOT  
John Tipaldo - NYC DOT  
Charlotte Castle - Philadelphia oTIS

Working Groups for Lasting Change  
// Boyle Heights

Building lasting relationships across complex governmental structures enables great projects to be built, and can change the game on our streets. We all want to work with our agency partners, yet sometimes creating meaningful, lasting impact across agencies and administrations can mean friction, even when there is alignment for larger goals.

What are the tools needed to ensure that collaboration means successful action—from project to project, and program to program? In this session, hear from cities that have created inter-agency working groups for a multitude of concerns—from stormwater to equity to Vision Zero—and succeeded not only in breaking silos, but in building connections and trust between agencies.

Stephen Buckley - WSP  
Chava Kronenberg - SFMTA  
Ahmed Darrat - Seattle Mayor’s Office  
Hank Kelley - Mobile GR, City of Grand Rapids
Talking with Communities in Ways that Count

// Westwood

Mobility is the key driver of every community’s social and economic well-being. By putting our communities at the center of authentic, inclusive civic engagement, we can not only foster strong relationships that enable change, but create better outcomes for diverse communities with different needs.

In this interactive panel session, we will think beyond checking the ‘outreach box’ to look at how city staff can connect in meaningful, honest ways with the communities they serve. We’ll take a deep dive into successful techniques, lessons learned, and uncomfortable truths needed to create productive agency and community relationships.

Naja Killebrew - Media Culture Marketing & PR
Marissa Monroy - Austin Transportation Department
Hank Phan - Oakland DOT
Inbar Kishoni - NYC DOT
Dr. Destiny Thomas - LADOT

Vibrant Streets Mean Modern Parking Policies

// K-Town

There are an estimated 500 million public parking spots in the U.S.; more than one for every resident in the country. To make better use of high-value public space and support sustainable transportation modes, leading cities are rethinking their parking policies - from planning codes to pricing models.

Join parking experts from leading cities, as well as the original Shoupista, for a lively panel discussion on one of transportation’s most challenging (and emotional) topics: parking policy.

Dr. Donald Shoup - Distinguished Research Professor of Urban Planning, UCLA
Lisa Bender - Minneapolis City Council
Uyen Dang - City of West Palm Beach
Jon Hamblen - Pasadena DOT

The Road Ahead

// Silver Lake

Building the city of tomorrow means innovating with existing infrastructure and making smart use of street space today.

Now more than ever, cities need a clear-eyed view of how to make the most of infrastructure investments while both managing and harnessing the promise of emerging technologies, from 5G small cells to electrified fleets and autonomous taxis. Hear from leading cities on the keys to success for welcoming new technology, managing data and relationships, and paying dividends far into the future in the form of safer, more efficient, and more inclusive cities.

Janette Sadik-Khan - Bloomberg Associates; NACTO Chair
Seleta Reynolds - LADOT; NACTO President
Polly Trottenberg - NYC DOT
Tilly Chang - San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA)

Transit Fundamentals: Priorities, Trade-Offs, and Service that Works for Your City

// Echo Park

Delivering transit service with limited resources is fundamentally about striking the balance between a series of trade-offs: Ridership vs. coverage, walking vs. waiting, and faster travel vs. fewer transfers.

In this session, hear how cities are framing and setting priorities, and delivering transit service that serves their communities’ goals. From complete network redesigns, to investments in service that make the bus an easy choice, to prioritizing high capacity lines that serve the most people, transit agencies are working smarter with their resources to attract and win back riders, and provide effective mobility options.

Michelle Poyourow - Jarrett Walker + Associates
Katie Roth - Metro Transit (Minneapolis/St. Paul)
Julianne Sabala - Salt Lake City Transportation Division
Stephen Tu - LA Metro
Managing Shared Active Transportation

// Roosevelt

From docked and dockless bike share to electric scooters, a proliferation of shared active transportation vehicles is creating new challenges and opportunities for cities.

In this session, hear how cities are developing permit programs, setting up contracts, and organizing the right of way to ensure that new active mobility options provide the greatest public benefit - getting our residents where they need to go, and welcoming inventive new products and service models on the street.

Lisa Farr - Bi-State Development (St. Louis)
Jason JonMichael - Austin Transportation Department
Jose Elias - LADOT
Jamie Parks - SFMTA
Stefanie Brodie - District DOT

The City of Tomorrow Challenge: Bringing Humanity to Urban Mobility

1:30pm-2:30pm // Ladera Heights

The City of Tomorrow Challenge is an innovation challenge program aimed at listening, creating and ideating. Join us for an interactive discussion taking a look at how Ford is partnering with Pittsburgh, Miami-Dade, Detroit, and Grand Rapids to learn about mobility needs. Through these partnerships, we’re developing new solutions with residents at the center of the research and innovation, and testing how mobility pilots can provide opportunities to create immediate impact for residents and support long-term improvements to how the people get around the city.

The City of Tomorrow Challenge is a new program created by Ford Smart Mobility, in collaboration with AT&T, Dell, and Microsoft.

Aniela Kuzon - Ford City Solutions
Josh Naramore - Mobile GR, City of Grand Rapids
Mark de la Vergne - City of Detroit
Karina Ricks - Pittsburgh DOMI
Carlos Cruz-Casas - Miami-Dade County

3:15pm - 4:15pm // Wilshire 1

MEET THE CITIES

NACTO member cities will gather to show their success stories, from protected bike lanes to dedicated transit lanes. Meet the faces behind the names of city leaders that are making a difference in urban mobility.

Don’t forget to pick up your Meet the Cities Passport at the entrance and collect city stickers as you hear their stories. Five or more stickers will get you a raffle ticket to win a Tern folding bike or a NACTO guide of your choosing!
Land Use and Transportation: Planning for Sustainable Outcomes

// Echo Park

North America’s cities are booming—attracting ever-larger populations, millions of the world’s most dynamic jobs, as well as increased traffic, ever-increasing sprawl past city limits, and frustrated residents who see cities’ increased opportunities out of reach because of untenable commutes or insurmountable housing costs.

Land use and transportation are inextricably linked, and it’s a more complicated relationship than simply adding housing near transit or building bus lines that connect job and population centers. In this session, join us for a frank and honest conversation about how to change the land use equation when we’re not always in the driver’s seat.

Hear how transportation practitioners are gaining a seat at the table, and influencing the thorny debate about distributing and reallocating the limited space we have in our cities.

Jenna Hornstock - LA Metro
Carol Kong - City of Vancouver
Andy Linseisen - City of Austin Development Services Department
Janet Attarian - Detroit Planning and Development

Measuring for Happiness, Equity, and Access

// Westwood

What would it look like to introduce more holistic and qualitative metrics to evaluate changes in mobility and the public realm? What if we measured traveler satisfaction or transportation happiness instead of commute times? What if we used diverse focus groups to learn about communities’ experiences with transportation in their own words? What if we prioritized health and inclusivity in public space design—and had a set of metrics to support those values?

Join this session to think beyond the standard day-to-day performance measures, and rethink what and how we measure what we value in transportation.

Alissa Walker - Curbed
Hanaa Hamdi, PhD - The Trust for Public Land
Janna Smith - LADOT
Judy Farvolden, PhD - University of Toronto Transportation Research Institute

Design that Celebrates Communities and Revitalizes Streets as Places to Be

// Hancock Park West

How are cities infusing art into everyday urbanism? A community-inspired, 1.1-mile-long outdoor museum, that celebrates Black culture on the street. Highway underpasses that remake a city’s most uninviting spaces into colorful landscapes that invite people to play, and even linger. Street art, literally on the asphalt, that celebrates community, while slowing cars and highlighting pedestrians in the intersection.

Join this session to hear how cities are bringing art into their everyday practice, creating a shared public realm, community ownership of space, and streets that are both safe and vibrant.

Christopher Hawthorne - City of Los Angeles, Mayor’s Office
Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson - Los Angeles City Council
Elyse Parker - Toronto Transportation Services
Ryan Russo - Oakland DOT
Making the Advocates Your Advocates  
// Boyle Heights

In Los Angeles, decades of political momentum means that billions of dollars are being spent in communities across the city and region to improve mobility. In Boston, an ambitious transportation roadmap for the city envisions a city where streets are safe and vibrant, and where all Bostonians have a diversity of mobility options for their everyday needs. How and where public dollars are spent, and which priorities are defined and then met, is crucial to ensuring that agency action is aligned with community goals, and inequity is being addressed through public policies and investments. In this session, hear how to make ‘the advocates’ your advocates, and work together toward shared goals for more prosperous, equitable, and sustainable cities.

Veronica Vantpool - Vision Zero Network  
Jessica Meaney - Investing in Place  
Jennifer Cohen - LADOT  
Stacy Thompson - Boston Livable Streets Alliance  
Vineet Gupta - Boston Transportation Department

Priced to Move: Setting Value on the Street  
// Roosevelt

Growing populations and new mobility options are increasing demands on our cities’ most finite resource—space. Pricing the use of streets is an essential tool to tackle traffic, curb carbon pollution, and accelerate sustainable outcomes in the aim of moving more people more efficiently. Pricing streets raises tough questions: Where should cities have a mobility charge? Who should pay? Is dynamic curb pricing in our future? Join leading cities to answer the difficult questions and dig in to old and new strategies for pricing the street to move people sustainably and equitably, from charging for the curb to pricing zones based on emissions and traffic.

Amanda Eaken - NRDC  
Daniel Firth - TransLink (Vancouver)  
Jeff Marootian - District DOT  
Shoshana Cohen - Portland Bureau of Transportation  
Kristen Simpson - Seattle DOT

A New Mindset Around Accessibility in Transportation  
// Silver Lake

Moving toward a truly accessible city requires more than the consideration of accessibility on single projects or adherence to a checklist that ensures ADA compliance. Instead, it requires a complete mental and cultural shift within an agency to fold accessibility into all decisions, all project work, and all policies that deal with the transportation network.

The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) is making good on its promise to improve disability access on its rail network, with its plan on track to 100% accessibility. The Department of Public Works in San Francisco has long been a leader, going far beyond the letter-of-the-law ADA requirements to standards that meet the needs of all San Franciscans. And New York’s Department of Transportation is creating a dedicated team for ensuring accessible sidewalks across the city. In this session, hear from each agency, and learn how to create a new mindset around accessibility in your city.

Chris Pangilinan - TransitCenter  
Nichole Altmix - NYC DOT  
Kevin Jensen - San Francisco DPW  
Leah Dawson Mooney - CTA

The First-Choice, First-Mile Connection: Walking to Transit  
// K-Town

Walking: it’s the first-choice connection to transit. While this sounds simple, reversing decades of disinvestment in walkable streets is no easy task. In this session, hear from agencies that are adeptly combining their options to increase access to transit across their service area. From a comprehensive ‘first-last-mile’ strategic plan in Los Angeles that spans dozens of cities, to low-cost sidewalk improvements in Seattle, learn how agencies are prioritizing pedestrian access to transit in a wide range of built environments.

Drusilla van Hengel - Nelson\Nygaard  
Brandie Lockett - Houston METRO  
Jacob Lieb - LA Metro  
Brian Dougherty - Seattle DOT
The Best Person for the Job: Recruiting a Diverse Talent Pool

// Hancock Park East

When the workforce at city agencies reflects the demographics of city residents, priorities are often more aligned with the needs of residents, resulting in better projects and outcomes.

In this session, hear from cities and experts about inclusive recruiting practices, as well as mentoring and career development strategies that support a diverse talent pool at all levels in city agencies.

Waffiyah Murray - Philadelphia oTIS

Tiffany-Ann Taylor - New York City Economic Development Corporation; APA NY Metro Chapter Diversity Committee

Carniesha Kwashie - United Way of Greater Philadelphia & Southern New Jersey

Joseph Jarrin - NYC DOT

Tia Plunkett-McQueen - District DOT

“Like so many cities, Austin, Texas has a bright future, but to meet the challenges of growth we have to move together. That means investing in high capacity transit, technology, and sustainable mobility options. We are collaborating with peer cities across our region and with NACTO to create and share ideas and creative solutions.”

Robert Spillar
Director of Transportation, Austin
NACTO Treasurer
WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 3

8am - 9am  Breakfast Plenary
9am - 12pm  WalkShops
12:15pm - 1:15pm  Lunch (on your own)
1:30 - 2:30pm  Afternoon Plenary
2:45pm - 4:15pm  Breakout Sessions
4:30pm - 5:30pm  Closing Plenary
6:30pm  Neighborhood Dinners
6:00am // Palm Tree Courtyard

F U N  R U N

Get your energy up by starting the third day of #NACTO18 with an enjoyable jog through Downtown Los Angeles!

Led by BlacklistLA

8am - 9am // Wilshire Ballroom

B R E A K F A S T  P L E N A R Y

Councilmember Nury Martinez
District 6, City of Los Angeles

Councilmember Mike Bonin
District 11, City of Los Angeles

Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson
District 8, City of Los Angeles

Councilmember Jose Huizar
District 14, City of Los Angeles

As leaders in a geographically and demographically diverse region, balancing the needs of local constituents and the region as a whole can be a challenge. Los Angeles’ elected leadership must address the combination of chronic congestion, beach-going tourists, new mobility providers, all while battling the effects of neglected urban neighborhoods. In this plenary, hear from the elected leaders who must advance transportation solutions for the region, while attending to urgent local needs.

9:15am - 12pm // locations vary

W A L K S H O P S

See projects with your own eyes, and get an understanding of how concepts translate to cities’ streets with this year’s Walkshops.

Los Angeles city staff and local partners will host 50+ on-the-ground tours of projects.

See Walkshops section starting on page 57 for further details.

12:15pm - 1:15pm

L U N C H

(on your own)
Safe Speeds, Safer Streets  
// K-Town

Reducing speed is the most important strategy for reducing traffic deaths, and it requires doing more than posting a speed limit sign.

In this session, hear from cities from around the world that are reducing speeds through safe street designs, while keeping people and goods flowing. We'll think beyond speed bumps to effective, human-scale designs, and innovative street treatments and policy-setting. Join us as experts from Toronto, Odense, and Fortaleza showcase their tools for safer streets.

Fabrizio Prati - NACTO Global Designing Cities Initiative
Megan Gee - Arup
Roger Browne - Toronto Transportation Services
Hannah Ially Mendes Silva - City of Fortaleza
Troels Andersen - City of Odense

Meaningfully Defining, Measuring, and Addressing Equity  
// Echo Park

At its core, inequity exists when there are fundamental differences in access to opportunity. Taking the first steps to address it can be difficult and fraught, with a need to recognize power and fully acknowledge its reality and consequences.

At the most basic level: How do we define inequity? How do we measure it? And then, most importantly, how do we do something about it?

In this session, learn about LA Metro’s recently-adopted equity platform, see how it is being put into practice, and hear from local community and advocacy groups that provided input to the framework, and are pushing for more equitable outcomes as Metro constructs billions of dollars of transportation projects across a vast region.

From this frank and honest discussion, we hope to convey a blueprint for incorporating equity into your own agency’s work as we all work as transportation professionals to undo decades of barriers to mobility. Let’s not just talk about equity—let’s define and address it. See where to begin.

Therese McMillan - LA Metro
Río Contreras - People for Mobility Justice
Lyndsey Nolan - Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition
Effie Turnbull Sanders - SLATE-Z
Prioritizing Projects with the Most Impact for Your City

// Ladera Heights

Here’s a familiar scenario: your agency’s number of potential projects outnumber your funding 50:1—or more. How do you decide which projects to elevate? Can you set your by-the-numbers project backlog aside? How do you identify which strategic projects will jumpstart change?

Many cities have processes in place to help them answer these questions and prioritize a shortlist of projects for funding every year. And while some make this system look easy, putting one in place is a huge task and political football, and can take years to iron out. In this session, we will hear from Minneapolis, Oakland, and Pittsburgh: three cities that are taking a unique approach to prioritizing projects. Each city is at a different stage in the process of creating a system that works, and results in faster, more impactful changes on their streets.

Jenny O’Connell - NACTO
Kathleen Mayell - Minneapolis DPW
Alex Paruchanics - Pittsburgh DOMI
Ariel Espiritu Santo - Oakland DOT

From Highways to Boulevards: Street Transformations for Public Life

// Boyle Heights

In Detroit, the longest protected bike lane ever built at once. In Montreal, a cultural gateway to the city with towering sculptures spanning acres of newfound public space. And in Vancouver, an iconic kilometer-long bridge re-imagined as a cyclist and pedestrian haven, welcoming people to downtown.

Across North America, cities are re-imagining their widest, most dangerous streets as places for people to walk, bike, stroll, and be connected to their neighborhoods. From highways to boulevards, see how major streets are being transformed for public life.

Anthony Bruzzone - Arup
Simon Poulion - City of Montreal
Janet Attarian - City of Detroit
Paul Storer - City of Vancouver

Who are we Designing our Transportation For?

// Silver Lake

Our transportation systems should exist to serve the entire population of a city. When we place the most historically underserved residents at the center of system design, everyone benefits.

Today we are in a critical moment to redefine who our systems exist to serve, and in the process, rigorously eradicate mobility deserts: both in terms of service provided, and in the hours of that service. Mothers, families, people from disadvantaged communities, and late-shift commuters need safer and more reliable mobility options—now is the time to shift research and planning efforts to focus on them.

In this session, hear from folks who are thinking holistically about which communities their transportation networks serve: from a comprehensive study of the minority female experience in LA’s transportation network to a bus network redesign in Houston that increased service for previously overlooked non-commuter travels.

Lilly O’Brien-Kovari - LADOT
Evelyn Blumenberg - UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs
Christof Spieler - Huitt-Zollars, Inc

Code is the New Concrete

// Hancock Park East

The future of managing movement in cities depends on how city agencies staff and develop their data bench. In the era of big data, how are cities across the country working to manage what we can now measure, create partnerships, procure needed technology, and staff up for innovation? What needs to be fixed in the way that we manage transportation data, and how are cities working now to change it?

Learn from leading cities that are harnessing data to clearly see and utilize the information needed to manage and maintain public infrastructure for public benefit.

Benjamin de la Peña - Seattle DOT
Kris Carter - City of Boston
Mark de la Vergne - City of Detroit
Marcel Porras - LADOT
**WEDNESDAY**

**Strategies for Maintaining & Renewing Innovative Street Projects**

// Westwood

Many cities are delivering innovative and exciting projects that go beyond the traditional focus of transportation agencies: from plazas, to benches, to innovative protected bike intersections. Yet, maintenance concerns prevent some of the most transformative from being realized, and degrade others over time without careful asset management strategies in place to replace bollards, maintain bioswales, or rebuild projects after months or years on the ground.

In this session, hear from cities that are operationalizing asset management to ensure that when projects get built, they are not just maintained to a high standard, but are continuously checked and improved on.

Billy Hwang - WSP
Ashley Curtis - Toronto Transportation Services
Darby Watson - Seattle DOT
Luann Hamilton - Chicago DOT

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**The Structure of Success (or DOTs are from Venus, Transit Agencies are from Mars)**

// Hancock Park West

The greatest design challenge for improving transit speed and reliability in many cities is not (just) about redesigning streets, or scheduling and running bus service. When cities control the streets and transit operators control the bus service, the greatest challenge is often creating the structures that enable agencies to speak the same language.

In this session, hear from cities and transit agencies where revamped staffing and organizational structures enable regions to deliver transit-first streets. From creating mirroring positions in partner agencies to facilitate technical exchange, to building and sustaining strong inter-agency working groups, agencies are partnering to change core departmental practices and set a clearer mandate for transit improvement.

Leah Dawson Moomey - CTA
Dale Bracwell - City of Vancouver
Daniel Freeman - TransLink (Vancouver)
James Perttula - Toronto City Planning
Kirsten Watson - Toronto Transit Commission

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**Crowning of the Next NACTO Host City**

Leaders of #NACTO18 will pass the crown to the 2019 host city!

Laura Ballesteros
Former Undersecretary of Mobility, Mexico City

As Undersecretary of Planning in the Ministry of Mobility of Mexico City (2015-2017), Ballesteros undertook the city’s first regulation of ride-hailing companies, reformed parking policy across the city, and oversaw a remarkable 18% reduction of fatalities on the capital’s streets.

Laura continues to advocate for the urban, mobility, and road safety agenda, and is an inspiration to build better mobility networks for all.
6:30pm // locations vary

NEIGHBORHOOD DINNERS
Join local hosts for an informal dinner out in Los Angeles. Sign up at the WalkShop table!

Arts District
with Geoff Thompson
(CD 11)

Boyle Heights
with David Somers and
Karina Macias
(LADOT)

Chinatown
with Kevin Ocubillo
(LADOT)

Chinatown
with Nat Gale
(Toole Design Group)

Echo Park
with Jessica Meaney and
Rudy Espinoza
(Investing in Place)

Highland Park
with Jen Cohen and
Valerie Watson
(LADOT)

Koreatown
with Robin Aksu and
Marcel Porras
(LADOT)

Koreatown
with Rubina Ghazarian
(DCP: Mobility Planning)

Little Tokyo
with Tanner Blackman
(Kindel Gagan)

Mar Vista
with Nora Chin
(LADOT)

Mid-City
with Destiny Thomas
(LADOT)

Silver Lake
with Eric Spiegelman
(LA Transportation
Commission)

South LA
with Monique Earl and
Kristen Gordon
(LADOT)

South LA
with Tafarai Bayne
(LACBC)

South Park
with Stacy Weisfeld
(Mayor's Office)
WALKSHOPS

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Chinatown: Walkability, Porosity, and Icons
// meeting room: Silver Lake

Rife with cultural and historic motifs and iconic architecture, Chinatown is also distinct because of the neighborhood’s walkability and porosity. Explore how Chinatown’s development and site planning has resulted over time in a series of buildings that seamlessly connect through a network of mid-block crosswalks, courtyard plazas, pedestrian paths, and alleys. We’ll discuss how these conditions within Chinatown can be replicated and leveraged to improve connectivity to its neighboring districts, and also learn about how the update to the Downtown Community Plan and Connect US Action Plan will seek to leverage public improvements such as esplanades and bicycle infrastructure to strengthen pedestrian and bicycle connectivity between communities, destinations, and public transit.

Brittany Arceneaux - Los Angeles Department of City Planning
Veena Snehansh - Los Angeles Department of City Planning
Eugene W. Moy - Chinese Historical Society of Southern California
Sissy Trinh - Southeast Asian Community Alliance

Big Dreams, Small Streets: Downtown’s Historic Districts
// meeting room: Silver Lake

Explore the history of Little Tokyo and the Civic Center, and the interface between these major historic, cultural, and civic districts. Learn about how Japanese Internment during World War II and later shifting community boundaries and identities are reflected in the existing streets and public realm. Looking forward, we’ll discuss efforts to re-imagine the Civic Center, and opportunities to rebuild connections to neighboring districts such as Little Tokyo. We’ll discuss strategies to reinforce Little Tokyo’s unique historic and cultural character through building and pedestrian circulation, and how transit investment can be leveraged to support these efforts.

Tal Harari - Los Angeles Department of City Planning
Jennifer Cohen - LADOT
Kristin Fukushima - Little Tokyo Community Council
Scott Oshima - Japanese American Cultural & Community Center
Grant Sunoo - Little Tokyo Service Center
Martin Leitner - Perkins+Will
Weaving it All Together – Access and Connectivity in the Fashion District

// meeting room: Silver Lake

This tour will immerse participants in one of the world’s most active garment and wholesale districts—Downtown Los Angeles’ Fashion District. Learn about the public realm challenges and opportunities in this unique neighborhood where alleys often serve as open air markets and sidewalks accommodate outdoor displays and busy foot traffic. We’ll discuss strategies for improving infrastructure and connections to transit, and explore how evolving land use patterns in the Fashion District will impact street life and offer opportunities for enhancing the public

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Leimert Park/Park Mesa: Activism, Art, Culture, History and Transportation

// meeting point: Left side of registration desk

Developed in the 1920s, Leimert Park is the center of historical and contemporary African American art, music and culture. One of the first planned communities in Southern California, Leimert Park was considered a model of urban planning. Known for its African American artists, galleries, creativity and cuisine, participants will visit this culturally rich neighborhood as it begins its next chapter as part of Los Angeles’ transportation revolution. In addition to visiting neighborhood landmarks including the Vision Theater, Leimert Park Plaza and Leimert Park Village, participants will visit the Leimert Park underground station on LA Metro’s new Crenshaw/LAX light rail line.

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Afterward, participants will visit the Park Mesa neighborhood and the new Hyde Park Station. Park Mesa is the planned location of Destination Crenshaw, a proposed “linear museum” celebrating LA’s black culture and history. In all, participants will see how transportation policy, culture, history and activism come together to shape communities.

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Clare Kelley - Los Angeles Department of City Planning
Jacqui Swartz - LADOT
Kevin Ocubillo - LADOT

Jawon Walker - JKH Consulting
Anthony Crump - LA County Metro Transit
Karen Mack - LA Commons
Kristen Gordon - Los Angeles City Council District 8
Larry Earl, Jr. - Destination Crenshaw
Iconic Wilshire Boulevard: Its Past, Present, and Transit Future

// meeting room: Wilshire Ballroom - left side near windows

Join Metro as we take you along a key section of the world-famous Wilshire corridor, one of the most densely populated urban thoroughfares in the United States. The WalkShop will include visits to a major active subway station construction site at Wilshire / La Brea for the Purple Line Extension Project. Tour guides will point out historical points of interest from local buildings and communities and show other improvement projects for the “Miracle Mile,” including rehabilitation projects at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and Peterson Automotive Museum, among many others.

J. Marlon Walker - LA Metro

Ned Racine - LA County Metro

Tuesday, 9:00am-12:00pm | Wednesday, 9:00am-12:00pm

Historic Union Station: Art, Architecture and Metro Rail Construction

// meeting point: Palm Tree Courtyard at corner of Figueroa and 7th

LA’s Union Station, built in 1939 is an art and architecture marvel that is still used by more than 100,000 passengers every day. Come on this walkshop to see what historic Union Station has to offer today: an old ticket concourse room, restaurants, waiting rooms, state-of-the-art Patsaours Bus Plaza, and a 14-track access tunnel walkway to Metrolink commuter rail, Amtrak, the Red/Purple line, and the Metro Gold Line light rail. On this tour, we will also view the artwork at Metro Red Line subway stations, and will conclude the tour by hopping on the Metro Gold Line to make our way to the Little Tokyo/Arts District to see the Regional Connector Transit Project, which is currently under construction. As a bonus, we’ll also visit the project’s underground station at 1st and Central in downtown L.A.

Letitia Ivins - LA Metro

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Bike Share and Transit Integration: An Urban Transit Adventure with Bicycle Transit and BCycle
// meeting room: Silver Lake

Join Bicycle Transit and BCycle on a bike and train excursion through downtown Los Angeles. The WalkShop will highlight the work done to fully integrate Metro Bike Share with Metro’s transit Pass TAP—the first bike share program to fully integrate with transit. The ride will also feature the MyFig project. Figueroa’s new protected bicycle lanes connect the Heart of DTLA to University of Southern California, Expo Park, and the new LA Football Club stadium to the south crossing 27 intersections.

The WalkShop will set off on Metro Bikes using Metro TAP cards to unlock bikes. The group will cruise south down Figueroa taking in the MyFig Project down USC to University of Southern California, Expo Park, and the new LA Football Club stadium to the south crossing 27 intersections. The group will pick up Metro’s Expo Line. The route will head north to Pico Station where the group will disembark and pick up Metro Bikes at the Pico & Flower Metro Bike station. Depending on available time, the group will ride to either Union Station or back to the hotel. During the tour, we’ll stop at a couple unique Bike Share stations to discuss placement and challenges. Total biking distance will be about 6 miles.

Claire Hurley - Bicycle Transit Systems
Alison Cohen - Bicycle Transit Systems
Lee Jones - BCycle
Lia Yim - LA Metro
Peter Hoban - Bicycle Transit Systems

This WalkShop is co-sponsored by Bicycle Transit Systems and BCycle.

Tuesday, 9:00am-12:00pm | Wednesday, 9:00am-12:00pm

Curb Appeal: Parking Strategies in Old Pasadena
// meeting room: Westwood

Get a firsthand overview of parking strategies implemented between the 1980s and present that revitalized the Old Pasadena area as an economic engine, and great place to be. On this WalkShop, we’ll also have the chance to walk along a portion of the Rose Parade corridor and see the harmonious design of a walkable community with options for the use of many modes of transportation. See how it all fits together in Old Pasadena—with a rich, incredibly varied history.

Talin Shahbazian - Pasadena DOT
Jon Hamblen - Pasadena DOT
Designing Ahead of the Curb: Advocacy-Led Street Designs in Eco-Village

// meeting room: Echo Park

The Los Angeles Eco-Village is a central hub of grassroots sustainable planning in Los Angeles that has defined community resilience in the face of drastic changes in housing costs and neighborhood transformation. Established in the wake of civil unrest in the early 90s, a small intentional community initially sought to transform the underlying conditions contributing to the disturbances and has since advanced programs like cohousing with a permanently affordable limited equity housing cooperative and a community land trust, permaculture practices, greywater technology, car-free living, and the city’s first self-help bicycle repair cooperative. This WalkShop will focus on a grassroots approach to street design, with a neighborhood shared street that features an intersection mural along with improvised streetscape furniture. Come to discuss how neighborhood street design can be led from the ground up.

Lois Arkin - LA Eco-Village
Severin Martinez - LADOT
Jimmy Lizama - The Bicycle Kitchen, Relampago Wheelery
Questa Gleason - LA Eco-Village

DASH Fleet: See the Magic in Action

// meeting room: Wilshire Ballroom - window side

Want to see how LA charges its electric buses? This brand new state of the art LEED Platinum facility includes solar panels, a roof garden, CNG fueling, electric charging, and a moving art component—all in service of LADOT’s DASH buses. On this WalkShop, take a tour of this visually striking building and see how electric buses are charged, fueled, maintained, and dispatched. Bonus: We’ll even learn about the artifacts found in the construction dirt, which were from the Zanja Madre—the original aqueduct that brought water to Los Angeles, built in the 1850s! 

Kari Derderian - LADOT
Brian Lee - LADOT
Evelinda Peña - LADOT
Streets for People in Downtown Los Angeles
// meeting room: Echo Park

Discover the diverse and dynamic neighborhoods, rich architectural history and people places of DTLA while exploring the wide range of public open space experience along our streets, and in our parks, plazas, parklets and secret passageways. This WalkShop will take you through the Financial District, Maguire Gardens at the Central Library, Biltmore Hotel, Pershing Square, the Historic Core, the Broadway-Spring Arcade, the Spring Street Parklets, Spring Street Park, Biddy Mason Park, Bradbury Building (of Blade Runner fame), the Broadway Dress Rehearsal, Grand Central Market, LAPD Headquarters, Vibiana, the Caltrans Building (home of LADOT), Little Tokyo, City Hall, 1st & Broadway Park, Grand Park, the Music Center, Disney Hall, Grand Avenue on Bunker Hill, Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA), California Plaza and returning to the conference hotel via the 1970s era pedways connecting Bank of America Plaza with the World Trade Center, the Bonaventure Hotel, and the Union Bank Plaza.

Deborah Murphy - Principal, Deborah Murphy Urban Design + Planning; Founder, Los Angeles Walks
Joella Hopkins - Office of Councilmember Jose Huizar
Bridget Smith - LADOT

Behind the Scenes: Los Angeles Clean Tech Incubator Tour
// meeting room: Wilshire Ballroom - near stage

Go behind the scenes of the 60,000 square foot state-of-the-art Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator (LACI), a private, non-profit organization helping to accelerate the commercialization of clean technologies and unlock an inclusive green economy through innovation and transformed markets – with a community backing. This Walkshop will both be an interactive tour and an interactive discussion with a number of LACI transportation portfolio companies that will engage in a rich dialogue around leveraging data for cities, addressing falling transit ridership and getting beyond pilots to scaling solutions. LACI will also have their President & CEO, Matt Petersen and Alex Mitchell, Senior Vice President of Market Transformation present about the organization and programs such as the Transportation Electrification Partnership.

Aayushi Jain - LACI
Alex Mitchell - LACI
Matt Peterson - LACI
Alex Mitchell - LACI
Hilary Norton - FAST
Michelle Kinman - LACI
**Follow the River: Elysian Valley to Downtown**

// meeting room: Wilshire Ballroom - window side

Everyone knows the LA River. You may remember the large, trapezoid-shaped concrete river bed, topped with rows of high voltage power lines from such films as Grease and Terminator II. Channelized mostly in the 1930s, the once meandering LA River is experiencing a rebirth. Agencies up and down the river are working to bring nature and people back to the river. One project, funded by Measure M and breaking ground in 2023, will enable recreational and transportation use of the river by closing an 8-mile gap to create a 32-mile-long continuous bike path, completely separated from automobile traffic. The project will not just knit together the path—it will connect all of the communities in between, including Union Station—Los Angeles’ regional transit hub.

*This WalkShop is co-sponsored by Alta Planning + Design and Jacobs.*

Julia Salinas - LA Metro
Chris Serroels - Jacobs
Emily Duchon - Alta Planning + Design
Deven Young - Alta Planning + Design
Follow the River: Taylor Yard and Los Angeles River Revitalization

Tuesday, 9:00am-12:00pm | Wednesday, 9:00am-12:00pm

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This WalkShop is sponsored by WSP.

Michael Affeldt - Director, LA River Works, Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti
Michael Drennan - WSP
Arturo Chavez - Office of Councilmember Gil Cedillo, 1st District, Los Angeles City Council
Katie Doherty - Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering
Nur Malhis - Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering
Darrell Buxton - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, LA District
Jon Christensen - UCLA Institute of the Environment and Sustainability
Sean Woods - California State Parks, LA Sector
Julia Melzter - Clockshop
Carolina T Hernandez - Los Angeles County Public Works
Christine Peters - Office of Councilmember Mitch O’Farrell, 13th District, Los Angeles City Council
Brian Baldauf - Hollywood Entertainment District
Dan Halden - Office of Councilmember Mitch O’Farrell, 13th District, Los Angeles City Council

Complete Streets go to Hollywood: Scrambles, Hubs, and a Boulevard

Tuesday, 9:00am-12:00pm | Wednesday, 9:00am-12:00pm

For over 30 years, a new consortium of civic leaders has steadily worked to re-transform Hollywood into one of the city’s most transit accessible neighborhoods, beginning with the completion of the Metro Red Line. This WalkShop will show us not just the red line, but also how Metro expands transit access via the city’s first Bike Hub near the Hollywood and Vine station. The tour will include a ride along the city’s first completed bicycle boulevard, the Yucca Bicycle Friendly Street, with a final destination at the Hollywood and Highland Station, where LADOT has installed a new scramble crosswalk. See first-hand how Hollywood adapts complete streets, even where contested visions of past and future continue to collide.

David Somers - LADOT
Bhuvan Bajaj - LADOT
Tony Jusay - Metro Countywide Planning/Active Transportation Planning
Andrew Kao - Metro Countywide Planning/Active Transportation Planning
Devin Strecker - Hollywood Entertainment District
Dan Halden - Office of Councilmember Mitch O’Farrell, 13th District, Los Angeles City Council
Seeing Stars on Street Design in Downtown LA
// meeting room: Wilshire Ballroom - window side

Grab a bikeshare bike at Union Station and join a ride through the historic core of Downtown Los Angeles. In one go, you’ll be able to watch the city’s perspective on street design evolve right before your eyes. You’ll hear about the plans for a pedestrian esplanade in the Union Station forecourt, ride through LA’s first dedicated bicycle signals, and observe the transformation—in real time—of Los Angeles’ first buffered bike lanes along Spring & Main Streets. Are you seeing stars? Nope—that’s just Broadway, LA’s very first Theater District (pre-dating Hollywood), also the location of the first street “dress rehearsal,” a street transformation project to reclaim street space for people to lounge, linger, and (on this tour), learn! You’ll end back at the conference hotel, where we’ll hear about the development funded plans for 7th Street, and see how a once closed-off mall opened itself up to the air and to the ground by (literally) blowing the roof off and connecting to a Metro portal underground.

Carlos Hernandez - LADOT
Jonathan Rodriguez - LA Metro
Greg Spotts - LA Bureau of Street Services
Craig Shaw - Public Works
Valerie Watson - LADOT
Kevin Ocubillo - LADOT
Marcus Luciani - Studio One-Eleven
Shannon Heffernan - Studio One-Eleven
Nat Gale - Toole Design

MyFig: LA’s Most Ambitious Complete Street
// meeting room: Wilshire Ballroom - window side

Earlier this year, Los Angeles completed its most ambitious complete streets project: MyFigueroa. This project transformed four miles of streets from car-dominant roadways to balanced, multi-modal facilities, suitable for all users on foot, bike, transit, or car. The project transcends transportation and makes the streets it features places for people to spend time and enjoy, not just pass through. The spine of the project is Figueroa Street, one of the City’s flagship streets that connects some of its most important landmarks. Join us on a tour of the project by bike and experience LA’s most ambitious protected bike lane facility to date, and learn about the features and highlights of the project and the surrounding neighborhoods.

Tim Frémaux - LADOT
Tina Oh - Central City Association of Los Angeles
Vision Zero Improvements: Temple Street Slow Jams

// meeting room: Wilshire Ballroom - near stage

On June 20-24, 2017, neighbors and artists transformed Temple Street from a high-speed roadway into a spectacular stretch of bold, beautiful art and public spectacle. This project with Public Matters, Los Angeles Walks, the Filipino Workers Center, and Gabba Gallery, was part of Vision Zero’s community-based education program, to help raise awareness on the issue of traffic deaths and change transportation behavior and culture in Los Angeles. Hear directly from the Temple Street Slow Jams Team and community members about how they used conversations, color, art, design, and choreographed movement to turn Temple Street into a safer, more welcoming place for people. Temple Street is now scheduled to be redesigned and reconstructed as part of an integrated Vision Zero & Street Reconstruction Capital Improvement Plan; hear directly from project engineers on the design and construction process. Bonus point: there’s a Spotify “Temple Street Slow Jams” Playlist designed specifically for this project!

Dr. Destiny Thomas, PhD - LADOT
Reanne Estrada - Public Matters
Emilia Crosty - Los Angeles Walks
Luis Campillo - AARP California
Stephanie Ramirez - AARP California
Mike Blockstein - Public Matters

This WalkShop is sponsored by AARP.

Three Scrambles on the Pastrami Express

// meeting point: Palm Tree Courtyard at corner of Figueroa and 7th

Ride the Metro Red Line to its original final stop in MacArthur Park, and learn about the history of the original “Westlake,” once considered the western edge of Los Angeles. Here you’ll learn about some of Metro’s first Joint Development Projects, learn about implementation of the City of Los Angeles’ Bicycle Master Plan, and watch not one…but three scramble crosswalks in action in one of the densest pedestrian neighborhoods west of the Mississippi. On hand will be members from Central City Neighborhood Partners, a local non-profit that brought Peatonito to MacArthur Park as part of a Vision Zero education program to advocate for pedestrian safety. Bonus point: you’ll learn why the Red Line was originally called “The Pastrami Express.” Choo choo!
Building LA’s Future in South Park
// meeting room: Echo Park

The WalkShop will take attendees through one of LA’s fastest growing neighborhoods to see examples of how neighborhood stakeholders are working to plan for a much denser and multi-modal future. WalkShop attendees will discover how the neighborhood has approached its mobility challenges, developed consensus, and secured funding for important priorities – ranging from small scale streetscape improvements to transformative capital improvements. Attendees will also hear from business owners and residents who have embraced the multi-modal changes in the neighborhood. Specific stops will include Figueroa St., Pico Light Rail Station, 11th St., Hope St., Grand Ave, and Pico Blvd.

Josh Kreger - South Park Business Improvement District
Ellen Riotto - South Park Business Improvement District
Shelby Russell - L.A. LIVE Marketing and L.A. LIVE Cinemas
Ignacio Guerra - Staples Center & L.A. LIVE
Doane Liu - Los Angeles Department of Convention and Tourism Development
Kevin Lindquist - Mack Real Estate Development
Andrew Dutton - Mack Real Estate Development
Greg Schumann - Prank Bar LLC

See LA’s Electric Buses of the Future (at the Factory!)
// meeting room: Wilshire Ballroom - right of stage

There aren’t many electric bus manufacturers in the United States, but we have one right here in LA County! Proterra is an electric bus manufacturer and LADOT is building 25 of them. LADOT won a low emissions grant to build 25 electric DASH buses. The site visit will include a ride in an electric bus to the showing of each station that will have the shell of a bus, seats, paint, wheels, and where they put the batteries to run the bus. If we are lucky, we just might see the LADOT buses being built on the production line!

Shuttle bus provided by Proterra.

Martha D’Andrea - LADOT
Tommy Melendez - LADOT
Natalie Marie Ramirez - Proterra Inc.
Brian Miller - Proterra Inc.
If These Streets Could Talk – Industrial Streets in the Arts District

// meeting point: 1st Floor Entrance of InterContinental building by Café WG

Abandoned rail remnants in streets as historic preservation? Flush-curb, shared collector streets? Industrial alley greening? On this WalkShop, we’ll tour historic industrial streets in the evolving and dynamic Arts District neighborhood and the transformational changes happening with new development projects and adaptive reuse of historic warehouse buildings. We’ll explore ways the City of Los Angeles is retrofitting this longstanding industrial district to provide complete streets without compromising those unique characteristics, and learn about efforts to reimagine collectors into a shared street typology in a manner that incorporates remnants of the past including granite gutters, abandoned rail, and flush curbs. All this while creating place, providing new mobility options, and adding greenery.

Bryan Eck - Los Angeles Department of City Planning

Street Smarts: Safe Routes to School Show & Tell

// meeting room: Wilshire Ballroom - near stage

On this WalkShop, take a journey from City Hall to the heartland of the Hollywood neighborhood and see the results of LADOT’s ongoing Safe Routes to School program. A core strategy of the City’s Vision Zero initiative, Safe Routes to School brings engineering improvements and safety education to school neighborhoods that have the highest rates of collisions and fatalities. On this WalkShop, we’ll experience a multimedia showcase of outreach, design and implementation activities that informed the Hollywood High School and Selma Avenue Elementary School Safe Routes to School Project. We’ll engage with District and school staff, engineers, and enforcement to learn about the robust, collaborative and empowering planning process behind the initiative. And of course, we’ll walk the route ourselves, and see first-hand the improvements that enhance the safety and comfort of students who walk and bike to school.

Margot Ocañas - LADOT
Lupe Sandoval - LADOT
Carlos Velasquez - KOA Corporation
Brianne Masukawa - KOA Corporation

This WalkShop is sponsored by KOA Corporation.
Electric Equity: BlueLA EV Car Share
// meeting room: Ladera Heights

Los Angeles is the first major city to have an electric car sharing pilot servicing disadvantaged communities. This program—BlueLA—utilizes Cap & Trade grant funds from the Air Resources Board to double the presence of car sharing within Los Angeles and to improve the availability of the service to low-income Angelenos by adding 100 electric vehicles in diverse communities. The EV pilot is expected to recruit at least 7,250 new users and help to advance the goals of LA's Sustainable City Plan.

DTLA Forward – Planning for the Future
// meeting point: Palm Tree Courtyard at corner of Figueroa and 7th

Experience Downtown Los Angeles on bike share – the best way to see DTLA! The tour will explore neighborhoods including the Historic Core, Arts District, Little Tokyo, South Park and more. Recently completed projects and those underway will be showcased, including protected bike lanes, new rail transit hubs, electric buses, car share, bike share, mobility hubs, and open streets. Downtown's rich history will be highlighted at every stop along with plans for growth and the 2028 Olympics.

This WalkShop is sponsored by Lyft.
**Controlling Traffic in the City of Angels: ATSAC Infrastructure and Operations**

// meeting room (Tues/Wed): Wilshire Ballroom - near stage

// meeting point (Thurs): 1st Floor Entrance of InterContinental building by Café WG

Ever wonder how Los Angeles keeps traffic moving? Take a stroll with LADOT to the world famous center that houses the Automated Traffic Surveillance and Control (ATSAC) system. Learn about how the idea for ATSAC emanated out of the 1984 Olympics. The current generation of signal synchronization technology optimizes the 4,689 traffic signals that control over 7,500 miles of city streets! Witness the field installation of advance traffic signal cabinets, changeable message signs, surveillance cameras, and communications equipment; and hear from LADOT engineers discussing daily operation of the ATSAC Center and its transportation management system.

*George Chen - LADOT*

*Jonathan Hui - LADOT*

*Erik Zambon - LADOT*

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**Let’s Play LA – Creating Kid-Friendly Streetscapes**

// meeting room (Tues/Wed): Wilshire Ballroom - right of stage

// meeting point (Thurs): 1st Floor Entrance of InterContinental building by Café WG

Join KaBOOM! and Mayor Eric Garcetti’s Great Streets Initiative on a walk along Pico Boulevard, a classic Los Angeles corridor. Meet with local advocates who are helping to revitalize neighborhoods along the corridor through playful public improvement projects and community-driven planning. During this WalkShop we’ll discover how park-poor neighborhoods have transformed underused hardscapes into vibrant places for kids and families to gather and play. Along the way, we’ll stop to re-envision what cities could look like if they were built with kids and families in mind and share what we’ve learned happens when streets and sidewalks are reclaimed as places that remind us that cities should be places for kids, too.

*Jennifer De Melo - KaBOOM!*

*Wajenda Chambeshi - Great Streets Initiative, Los Angeles Mayor’s Office*

*Oren Hadar - Pico Great Streets Collaborative*
Making the Most of 5 Square Miles: Culver City Bicycling Tour
// meeting room: Hancock Park West

At just 5 square miles, Culver City has a distinct identity in the midst of the Los Angeles Megapolis. Historically rooted in the film studios that first spurred growth in the City, Culver City is quickly reinventing itself into a transit-oriented community with varying densities and architecture styles from Renaissance Revival–style historic buildings to Owen Mills’ Post Modern Architecture in Hayden Tract to low-density single-family housing. This variation in density and land use creates unique mobility challenges for a city aiming to expand mobility options.

Explore Downtown Culver City, Hayden tract, SR2S affiliated schools and neighborhood pedestrian safety infrastructure by bicycle with city officials, residents, and advocates to discuss planning and designing infrastructure for small cities in larger urban landscapes.

Sanjana Mada - City of Culver City
Jim Shanman - City of Culver City

A Thriving Community Alongside the Nation’s Busiest Seaport
// meeting point: Palm Tree Courtyard at corner of Figueroa and 7th

On this WalkShop, see San Pedro—home of the nation’s busiest seaport as well as a dramatically transforming waterfront and downtown. Beginning on Metro Bike Share at the Port’s Fanfare Foundations, we’ll ride along a scenic promenade, and tour the downtown district where road diets and angled parking have transformed downtown streets. We’ll then continue to bike along recently-constructed roadway realignment and see exciting new development, finally reaching the downtown harbor, where we’ll board a boat for a tour of the Port of Los Angeles. Experience the nation’s busiest port, and a thriving community—side by side.

Sue Lai - Port of Los Angeles
Augie Bezmabovitch - Port of Los Angeles
Crystal Killian - LADOT
Elise Swanson - San Pedro Chamber of Commerce
Long Beach Livability: By Bike Share and on the Water
// meeting point: Palm Tree Courtyard at corner of Figueroa and 7th

Experience the City of Long Beach’s Livability Initiative by land and by sea. Ride to the water on a bike-share-and-kayak tour that will feature an eco-totem bicycle and pedestrian counter, fitness loops, bicycle fix-it stations, a measured buoy line, water quality signage, and swim ladders. The Livability Initiative strives to improve walkability, bikeability and swimability throughout the city. Led by an interdepartmental group of staff from planning, transportation, health, parks, economic development and public works, the guides will showcase the marquee components of the initiative.

Michael Johnston - City of Long Beach
Rachel Junken - City of Long Beach

This WalkShop is sponsored by JUMP.

Soul of Pacoima: Designing Active Streets with Cultural Relevance and Respect
// meeting point: 1st Floor Entrance of InterContinental building by Café WG

Explore Van Nuys Boulevard in Pacoima, one of the most highly transited corridors in the City of Los Angeles. For years the design of the street was not compatible with its usage: Van Nuys Boulevard was a haven for high speed motor vehicle traffic, as well as countless pedestrian and cyclist collisions and many traffic fatalities. Through thoughtful and intentional community planning efforts, Pacoima Beautiful and LADOT transformed the streets into the pride of the local community that supports many modes of transportation and highlights the rich tradition of mural art in the community. Traffic calming measures, including parking protected bike lanes and continental crosswalks, have had a dramatic effect on the safety of Van Nuys Blvd and the conversion of a dead end on Bradley Boulevard into a public plaza created safe recreational space—all out of previously fume-choked asphalt.

Brian Gallagher - LADOT
Andres Ramirez - Pacoima Beautiful
Olga Ayala - LADOT
Vanessa Thompson - Arup
Downtown Santa Monica’s Parking Past, Present and Future

// meeting point: Palm Tree Courtyard at corner of Figueroa and 7th

Santa Monica’s vibrant downtown is one of the most successful pedestrian-oriented public spaces in the nation, despite being located in a region where ‘nobody walks.’ Downtown’s success was catalyzed by a ‘park once’ policy initiative that created a sizable reservoir of public parking over the past 60 years, including 15 publicly-operated lots and structures and thousands of on-street meters. This 1.5 mile walking tour highlights existing facilities, management and pricing strategies, while evaluating the legacy of downtown’s parking success and its relevance to today’s mobility market, circulation trends, and recent City policy to eliminate parking requirements for all downtown development. Original facilities from the 1960s, garages recently retrofitted to enhance the pedestrian and cyclist experience, and new construction will be highlighted, along with some great views of the shimmering Pacific Ocean.

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Jason Kligier - City of Santa Monica
Peter James - City of Santa Monica
Sal Valles - City of Santa Monica
Juan Carrero - City of Santa Monica

Life Behind Handlebars: Changing Lifestyles with Better Bike Infrastructure

// meeting point: Palm Tree Courtyard at corner of Figueroa and 7th

Since adopting its Bike Action Plan in 2011, Santa Monica has been building out a citywide network of facilities connecting schools, parks and commercial areas. At a modest 8 square miles and 93,000 residents, Santa Monica enjoys a surprising density and variety of bike facilities. Although surrounded by a region known for its auto-philia, Santa Monica has achieved a resident cycling mode share of almost 6% for all trips. This bike tour will talk about the physical and cultural bike investments including buffered green bike lanes, neighborhood greenways, gap closures, first/last mile connections to transit, outreach and tactical urbanism, and supporting services that have put more people in the saddle, and established the new normal for biking in Southern California. Come experience SoCal’s dense coastal city on bike!

Group 1:
Kyle Kozar - City of Santa Monica
Carlos Morales - City of Santa Monica

Group 2:
A Multimodal Tour of Long Beach’s Innovative Bike Treatments

// meeting point: Palm Tree Courtyard at corner of Figueroa and 7th

On this WalkShop, see first-hand Long Beach’s most innovative bike projects from multiple perspectives by bike, boat, and foot on this very multimodal tour. We’ll ride bike share along reconfigured cycletracks downtown, through a newly separated beach bicycle path and resin-based pedestrian path, as well as on recently completed protected bike lanes and bike boulevard projects. Along the way, city transportation staff will discuss funding, project hurdles, best practices and design choices. This WalkShop will also feature a quick jaunt on AquaLink, Long Beach Transit’s water taxi.

Murals of Long Beach

// meeting point: Palm Tree Courtyard at corner of Figueroa and 7th

For the past three years, celebrated muralists have flocked to Long Beach to leave their mark on bridges, walls, and buildings during the annual “Pow! Wow!” event. For one week every summer, Long Beach residents and visitors engage with the “Pow! Wow!” artists and watch the installations take shape. WalkShop participants will ride Long Beach Bike Share through Downtown, by historic neighborhoods like East Village and Wilmore, and along the waterfront to explore Long Beach’s street art and innovative bike infrastructure. Along the way, City staff will discuss how the annual “Pow! Wow!” event contributes to cultural and economic vitality in Long Beach.
Transforming South Los Angeles

Communities in South Los Angeles, some of the most disadvantaged neighborhoods in the region, are transforming with inventive sustainable community strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and encourage more walking, biking, and use of the region’s extensive public transit system. See these neighborhoods, including Watts, Inglewood, South Central Avenue and Hawthorne, experience the Metro Blue, Green and Crenshaw/LAX Light Rail lines, and the iconic Watts Towers. We’ll pass by SpaceX, the construction site of a new stadium in Inglewood, and kick some dirt on the future active transportation route along a former freight rail corridor that will link Inglewood with the Los Angeles River. And then we’ll even smell the native wildflowers at a former industrial wasteland, which is now Augustus Hawkins Natural Park!

Mexican Fan Palms, A Large Bike Scene, and the Nation’s Busiest Seaport: Welcome to Wilmington

The Los Angeles neighborhood of Wilmington, proudly known as the “Heart of the Harbor,” is home to a section of the Port of Los Angeles, the nation’s busiest seaport, an eclectic downtown district, and an iconic lineup of Mexican Fan Palms. On this WalkShop, stroll beneath the palms, visit local businesses, and see the met and unmet transportation needs of this community in Los Angeles – which has the city’s highest per-capita bike usage. We’ll then continue on bike share to the future site of the Wilmington Waterfront redevelopment, and then finally onto a boat to tour the Port of Los Angeles – the nation’s busiest seaport. See how all these diverse land (and water) uses connect now, and will in the future in this unique neighborhood.
Old vs. New: Pasadena Playhouse District Infill Projects
// meeting point: Palm Tree Courtyard at corner of Figueroa and 7th

Pasadena’s Playhouse District is notable not just for its theaters – it’s also the financial heart of the city. On this WalkShop, see plans in motion to further revitalize the district with infill and mixed-use developments, to attract employers and employees alike to both live and work in the neighborhood. We’ll also learn about plans and the funding structures for recreational, green spaces, to add further vitality to the district.

Mike Bagheri - City of Pasadena
Talin Shahbazian - Pasadena DOT

Venice Beach Front and Canals
// meeting point: Palm Tree Courtyard at corner of Figueroa and 7th

What’s LA without the beach and bikes? On this WalkShop, take the train from downtown to the sea, and then hop on a bike or an electric scooter to coast along LA’s famous bike path on the water – The Strand. Along the way we’ll see the Venice Pride Flag Lifeguard Tower, Muscle Beach, and the famous Venice Boardwalk. From there we’ll loop to some of the quirkiest public space in the country, the Venice Canals and head to the street named after their creator, Abbot Kinney. We’ll then loop back up and wrap up our tour at the Santa Monica Expo Line station. A cornucopia of sights, and a biker, scooter, and pedestrian paradise by the sea.

Geoff Kees Thompson - Office of Councilmember Mike Bonin, City of Los Angeles
Taylor Bazley - Office of Councilmember Mike Bonin, City of Los Angeles
Equity and Access Along Santa Monica’s Beach Bike Path
// meeting point: Palm Tree Courtyard at corner of Figueroa and 7th

Santa Monica’s oceanfront is a prized asset and one of the most publicly-accessible beaches in the country. The City of Santa Monica has invested heavily in equitable beach access for non-motorized users, encouraging a paradigm shift away from automobile reliance. This WalkShop will highlight the new California Incline bridge and Pedestrian Overcrossing and the City’s proposed Local Coastal Program aiming to diversify access options. We’ll also see number of projects and activities that improve access to the beach, including the Bike Center, Pier Bridge Reconstruction, and Beach Bike Path expansion. Sun, beach, and bikes—welcome to Santa Monica.

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Urban by the Ocean: Downtown Santa Monica
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Downtown Santa Monica is many things: gateway to the oceanfront, vibrant commercial center, and residential neighborhood. How do you create and maintain access for all in a space serving so many functions? To accomplish this, one of the City of Santa Monica’s strategic goals is to create a new model of mobility that makes walking, biking and transit the most convenient and comfortable option for most trips. This WalkShop will tell the story of Downtown Santa Monica’s mobility past, present, and future with stops at the world-famous Third Street Promenade and Santa Monica Pier, recently completed Expo Line rail station, California Incline, Colorado Esplanade, and the envisioned Ocean Avenue two-way protected bike lane. Participants on this casual walk will also experience Tongva Park, public art, and beautiful ocean views.

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The Famous Sunset Strip – Past Present and Future

Thursday, 9:00am-1:00pm

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Sunset Boulevard in West Hollywood is one of the most famous streets in the world: a combination of glamour, along with rock and roll history, high-end dining and numerous hotels attract thousands of visitors every year. Adorned with billboards and tall-walls, the Strip also has a long tradition of innovative and memorable signage. On this WalkShop, learn about West Hollywood’s preliminary ideas for shifting the focus of the Strip from the automobile to pedestrian-focused design, including streetscape strategies that will enable pedestrians to view and enjoy new billboard art, and accommodate uses between ‘old’ and ‘new’ Sunset Boulevard. Hop on the Sunset Trip Trolley, meet various community stakeholders, and experience the past, present, and future of the Strip.

Garen G. Srapiyan - City of West Hollywood
Bianca Siegl - City of West Hollywood
Jennifer Davis - Planning Consultant
Chase - Artist of the Art of Chase
Rebecca Ehemann - City of West Hollywood
Francisco Gomez - Transportation Program Administrator

A Streetscape Legacy — Exploring Historic Route 66 in West Hollywood

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West Hollywood, a 1.0 square mile city of approximately 35,000, is located in the heart of the Los Angeles region – completely surrounded by the cities of Los Angeles and Beverly Hills. On this WalkShop, walk and ride down iconic Santa Monica Boulevard (part of legendary Route 66). Formerly non-landscaped with a tangle of utility wires overhead, the boulevard now boasts 12,000 trees along the street and in the formerly barren medians. Walk along and experience the dynamic West Hollywood community: everything from rainbow flags and Jewish grocery stores, to Russian delis and gay and lesbian nightlife hotspots. We’ll also explore current and future streetscape improvements, including plans for light rail, and bike and pedestrian enhancements.

Tara Worden - City of West Hollywood
Walter Davis - Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Specialist
Rebecca Ehemann - Public Art Coordinator
Coby Wagman - Parking Operations Supervisor
Christina Sarkees - Senior Project Management Supervisor
Rachel Dimond - Senior Planner
Great Projects, Great Streets and Continuous Improvement in Mar Vista

How do you take a state highway and give it a local feel? The Great Streets Initiative is changing streets across the Los Angeles landscape. The Venice Boulevard Great Street is a pilot project in Los Angeles’ famed Westside that includes roadway reconfigurations, parking-protected bike lanes, new traffic signals, new crossings, and innovative signal operation to both move emergency vehicles faster and improve safety. This project shows the value of effective community engagement, evaluation, and continuous improvement in complete street projects. Project challenges will also be explored. Change can be difficult, especially in the car culture of Los Angeles.

Thursday, 10:00am-2:00pm

Thursday, 8:30am-1:30pm

From the Water: Close-Up Views of a Groundbreaking new Bridge Bikeway

In 2019, Long Beach will be home to a new $1.5 billion cable-stayed bridge with a separated bicycle and pedestrian path. This groundbreaking structure, the Mark Bixby Memorial Bicycle and Pedestrian path, named in honor of one of the projects’ most dedicated advocates, will connect bicyclists and pedestrians from the city to the port of Long Beach and provide three scenic overlooks 205 feet above the harbor. On this WalkShop, we’ll enjoy a cruise through the harbor to get up close view of the existing Gerald Desmond Bridge and the construction site of its much larger replacement. Hear from Port of Long Beach staff as they discuss how the new bridge fits into the Port’s overall plan to accommodate megaships and achieve energy independence.

Thursday, 8:30am-1:30pm
Making the Most of 5 Square Miles: Culver City Walking Tour

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