



Conclusions

In a recent talk hosted by Livable Places and the Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency, former Vancouver city councilor Gordon Price recommends that “no single mode of transportation can serve everyone all the time. That would be true of bikes if everyone used them for everything. We know it’s true for cars – so choice is the solution. Give people five practical choices – foot, bike, taxi or car-share, transit, and car – and they’ll solve the congestion problem all on their own.”

With the rapid change seen in the neighborhoods studied in Making the Connections, the Cornfields Arroyo Seco Specific Plan underway, and great interest in creating a more sustainable more livable community, the time is now to implement policies and projects that set the tone for future transportation options. For much of its history, Los Angeles has pursued automobile-centric policies that widened roads in an attempt to reach congestion relief. Current problems with gridlock, global warming, air quality, and obesity point the City in a new direction.

Making the Connections is a blueprint for creating streets for a variety of transportation choices. The next generation of children living in the neighborhoods of Chinatown, William Mead Homes, Lincoln Heights, and Cypress Park are counting on this generation to do the right thing and make these connections.