

Connect Beverly Hills: Meet me on Wilshire & La Cienega

Existing Conditions

May 2020



The arrival of Metro rail stations is a chance to put people first on Wilshire and La Cienega Boulevards.



Existing conditions



Stakeholder input



Policy analysis



This analysis looks at:



What's working well



What needs some improvement.

This Existing Conditions analysis examines four aspects of what makes a great street.



Placemaking

Places to visit and vibrant public spaces



Buildings

Inviting architecture and discreet parking



Street design

Walkable and environmentally sustainable streets



Movement

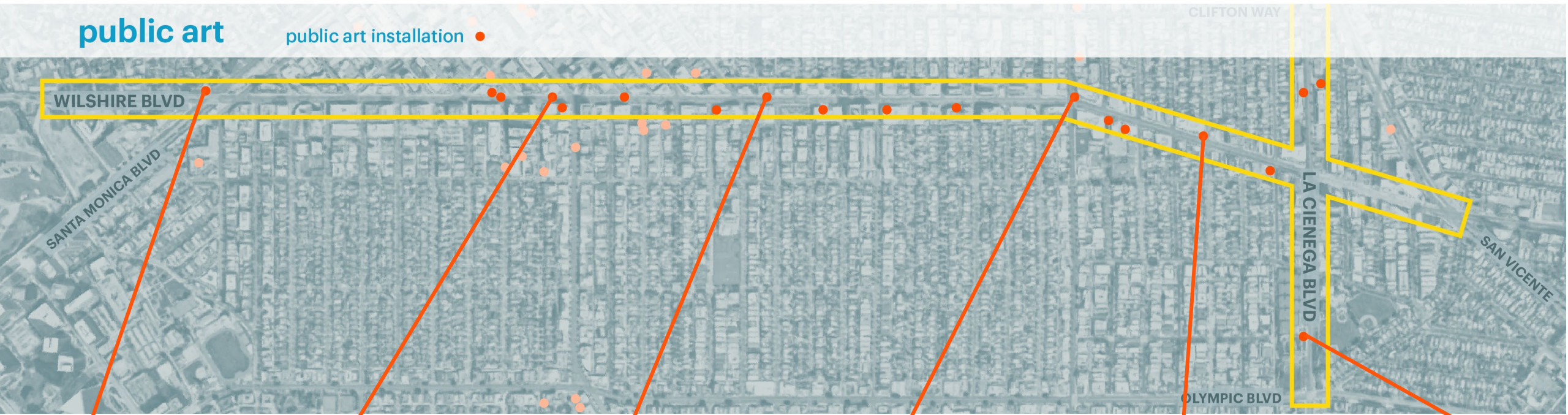
The ability for anyone to safely and comfortably arrive at and move through the corridors

Here's a sample of what we've found so far.



Placemaking

Wilshire and La Cienega have abundant, high-quality public art installations that can make it feel like a special destination.



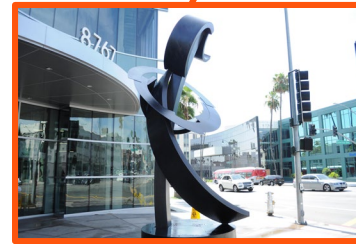
"Electric Fountain" (M. Gage)



"Unconscious" (F. West)



"Cantamar" (W. Davy)



"Pablo at the Beach" (G. Dill)



"First Experience" (E. Binder)



"Spiritual Flight" (E. Herschler)



Placemaking

Public spaces are available, but some are more comfortable and inviting than others.

Greenery and low walls make an inviting space for rest



Steps are a focal point and a perch for watching people



This interesting plaza would benefit from seating and greenery.

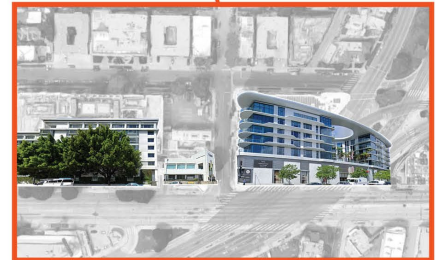
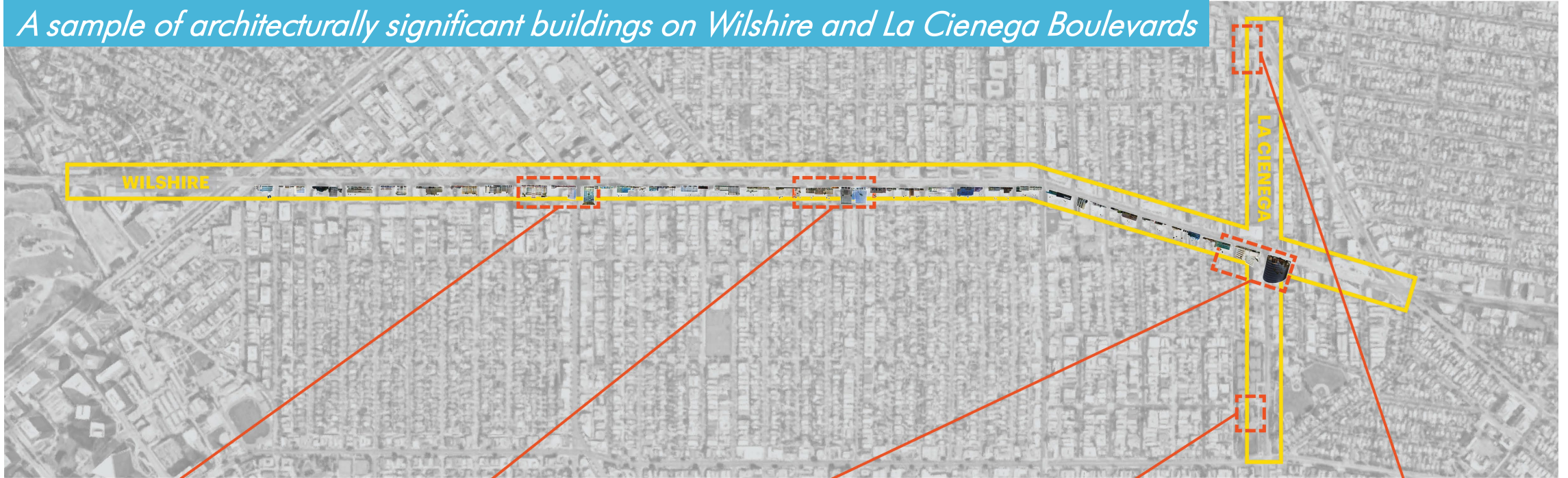


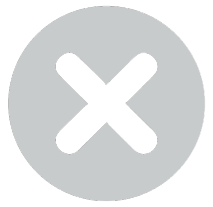


Historic buildings and distinctive architecture give these streets variety and visual interest.

Buildings

A sample of architecturally significant buildings on Wilshire and La Cienega Boulevards

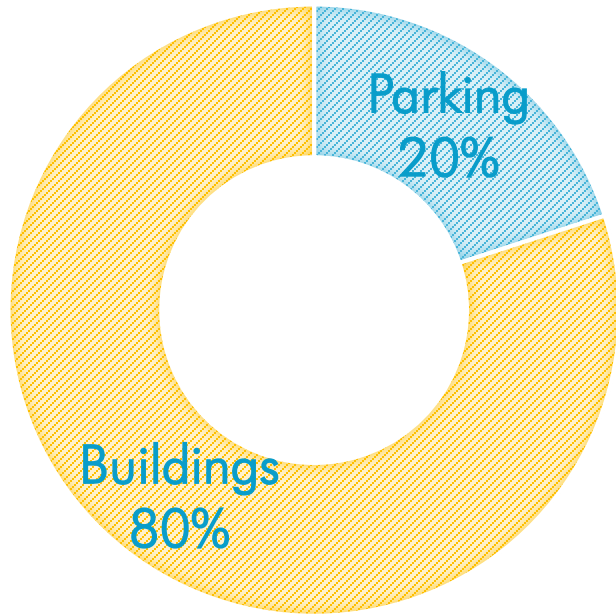




Buildings

The driveways to some off-street parking can interrupt street life and reduce walkability.

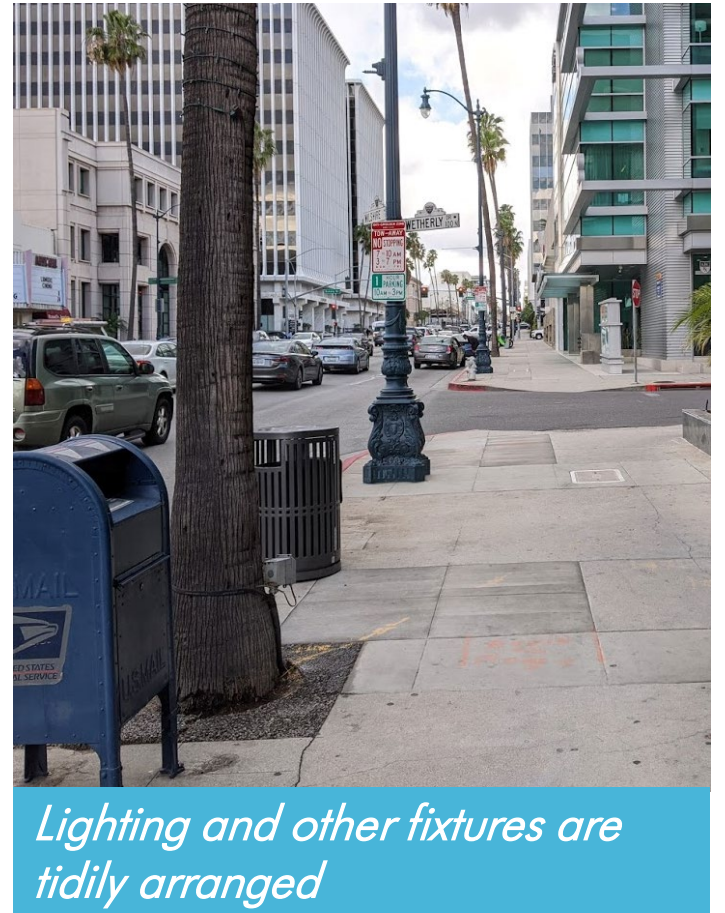
What's on Wilshire
and La Cienega?

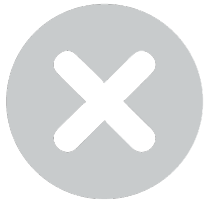




Street furnishings and fixtures are well-organized, consistent, and often attractive.

Streets





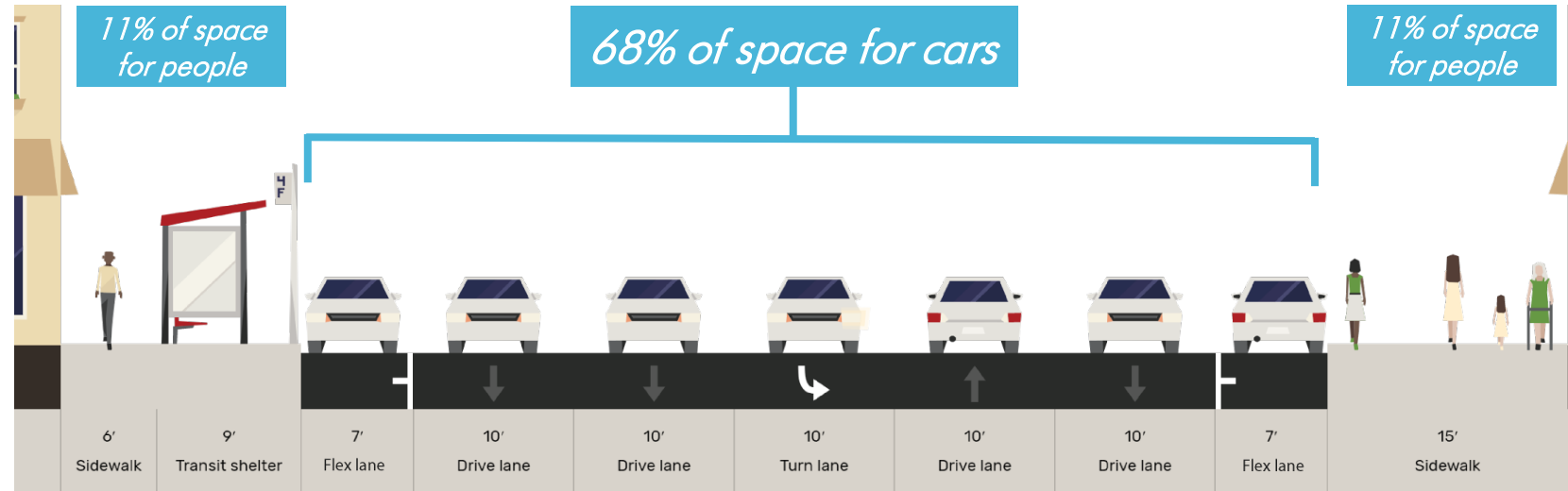
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These streets are high-value public spaces but are dominated by the physical presence and noise of cars.

Along most of Wilshire

68%

of the street space prioritizes cars.



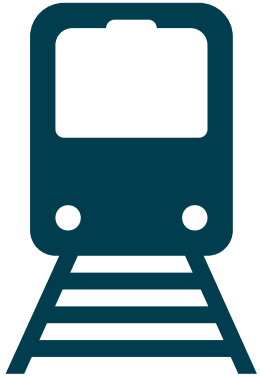
Streets designed for cars end up dominated by cars.





Movement

Transit ridership is already high and will likely increase with new rail stations at Wilshire/Rodeo and Wilshire/La Cienega.

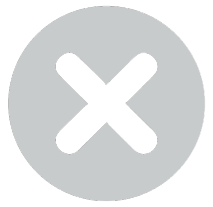


62,000
daily riders on the
Purple Line by 2028*

*Source: [Metro](#)



Wilshire Blvd is a transit street



Movement

Many transit stops lack the shelters, shade, and supportive amenities that make transit comfortable and easy to use.

Bus stop lacks shelter



Bus stop lacks seating



It's not always clear how to connect between buses and bike share.



What's next?

Help us identify streetscape design strategies that build on what's working and address what needs enhancement.

Join a virtual walking tour or the discovery charrette by visiting connect.beverlyhills.org

Take a digital walking tour of Wilshire and La Cienega Boulevards.

Help us answer important questions about conditions on Wilshire & La Cienega Boulevards and tell us about the places important to you.

Fill out your info and hit "Let's go!" to start the tour or leave comments on the map.

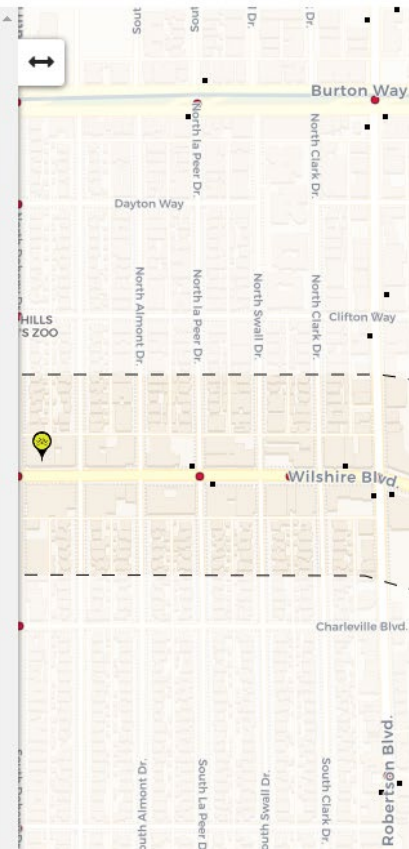
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[Let's go!](#)



Participate now!

Join us for an online discovery charrette the week of June 22nd.



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