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.

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Streetscape design

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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

**Street design**
- Walkable and environmentally sustainable streets

**Buildings**
- Inviting architecture and discreet parking

**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.
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)
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.

A sample of architecturally significant buildings on Wilshire and La Cienega Boulevards
The driveways to some off-street parking can interrupt street life and reduce walkability.

What’s on Wilshire and La Cienega?

![Pie chart showing Buildings 80%, Parking 20%]

- Buildings 80%
- Parking 20%

A parking gap can create dead space.

Curbside parking leaves space for sidewalk and street life.
Street furnishings and fixtures are well-organized, consistent, and often attractive.
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.
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
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.

Name (optional)

ZIP Code (optional)

Email Address (optional)

Phone Number (optional)

Let’s go!

Participate now!

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