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The New Context of Los Angeles, Motivations and Projects in a Public Transport City

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• Abstract (300 words):
Los Angeles has long been the example of an automobile determined city (Ewing, 1997; Hall, 1966). However, a new Los Angeles is emerging due to public transport agendas. This paper maps these agendas and determines which goals are the most dominant in Los Angeles city planning. Public transport has been connected to lower auto emissions, environmental savings and increased public health (Badland et al., 2016; Boarnet et al., 2016; Cass & Faulconbridge, 2016; Dulal et al., 2011; Giles-Corti et al., 2013; Pasha et al., 2016). An increase in qualitative methods has been asked for to understand the experiential aspects of public transport success (Camacho et al., 2016; Clifton & Handy, 2001; Lindholm & Behrends, 2012; Mars et al., 2016). From 13 interviews with planning professionals working in Los Angeles public transport, analysis of 19 recent Los Angeles planning documents, and 2 hosted research stays, the redevelopment motivations in Los Angeles were identified. Extensive user experiences of the entire Los Angeles passenger rail system complements interviews with the built realities of policy. The agendas in Los Angeles describe worldwide movements, while at the same time
the Los Angeles experience offers insights to many places that are hoping to reconfigure from auto-dominated dispersed urban forms to include more sustainable transport systems. Land use development was the most dominant agenda found from the interviews and document analysis. Topics of the environment and bicycle planning were also stressed often. After identification of aims, the next steps are to measure the aims versus the built outcomes.

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