



## People's Planning for Improvements without Displacement: Transportation, Housing and Environmental Justice

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# Living Streets



- Living Streets are for people...  
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- Living Streets are alive – encourage physical activity and invite people to play.
- Living Streets are community-driven - are fair, inclusive, equitable and do not displace residents.
- Living Streets sustainable – are green, manage water and are an important part of our urban ecosystem.





# Living Streets Tenets



- Integrate income, racial, and social equity into their design and function
- Be designed for people of all ages and physical abilities whether they walk, bicycle, ride transit, or drive
- Integrate connectivity and traffic calming with pedestrian-oriented site and building design to create safe and inviting places
- Connect people through everyday interaction and shared responsibility to street design and planning
- Strengthen and enhance neighborhoods as envisioned by community members without displacing current residents
- Encourage active and healthy lifestyles
- Integrate green management and conservation of water, energy, waste and plant life
- Be inviting places—with engaging architecture, street furniture, landscaping, and public art that reflect the diversity and cultures of the neighborhood
- Foster healthy and just commerce
- Vary in character by neighborhood, density and function



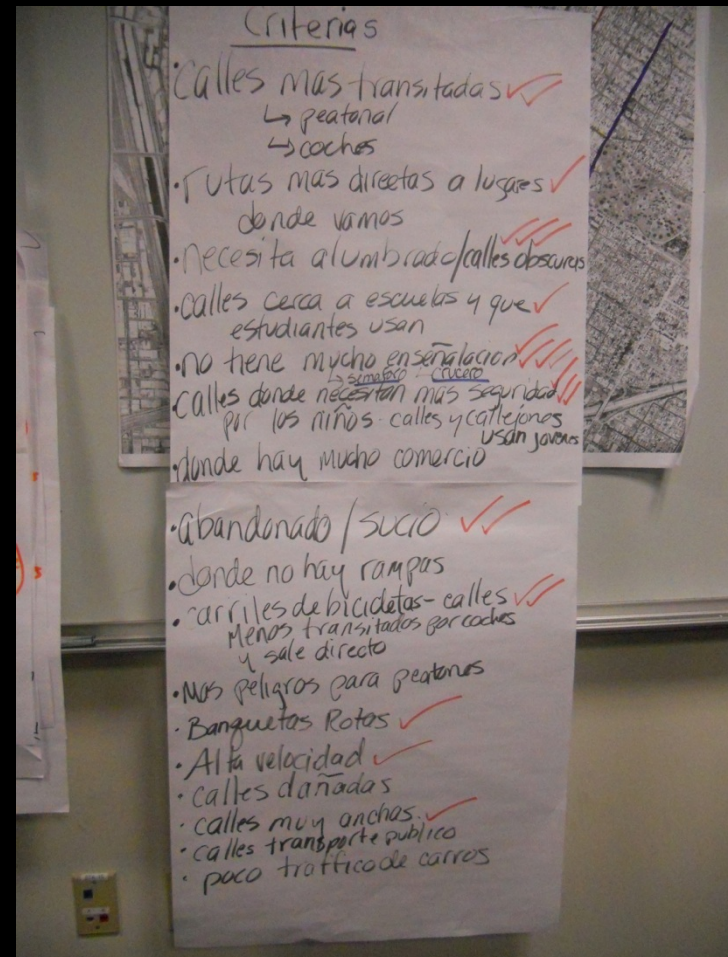
# First Boyle Heights Community Task Force workshop, to brainstorm street problems/solutions



# Street-selection criteria developed by participants in second Community Task Force workshop

## Criteria:

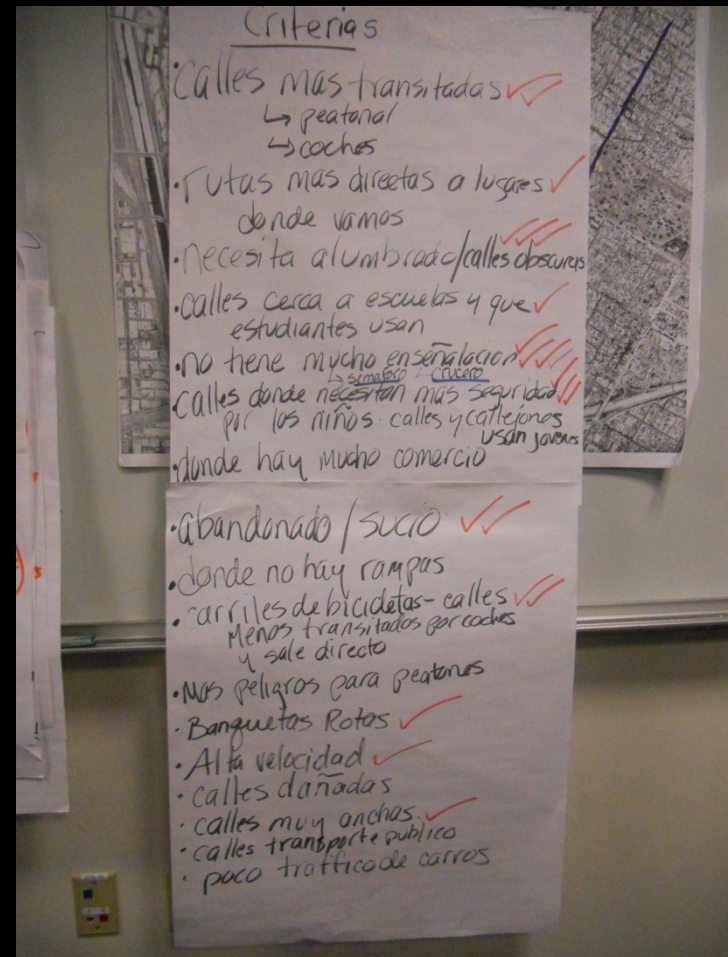
- streets with lots of traffic, both pedestrian and motorized ✓✓
- most direct routes to the places we go ✓
- need lighting, dark streets ✓✓✓
- streets close to schools + that students use ✓
- don't have many signals or crossing lights ✓✓✓✓
- streets that need more security ✓✓✓
- where there is a lot of commercial activity



# Street-selection criteria developed by participants in second Community Task Force workshop

## Criteria:

- abandoned/dirty ✓✓
- where there aren't curb ramps
- bike lanes, on streets with less car traffic that go direct ✓✓
- more dangerous for pedestrians
- broken sidewalks ✓
- high speed ✓
- damaged streets
- very wide streets ✓
- streets with public transit
- little car traffic





Here local people walk a candidate street using the checklist of selection criteria developed by the Task Force

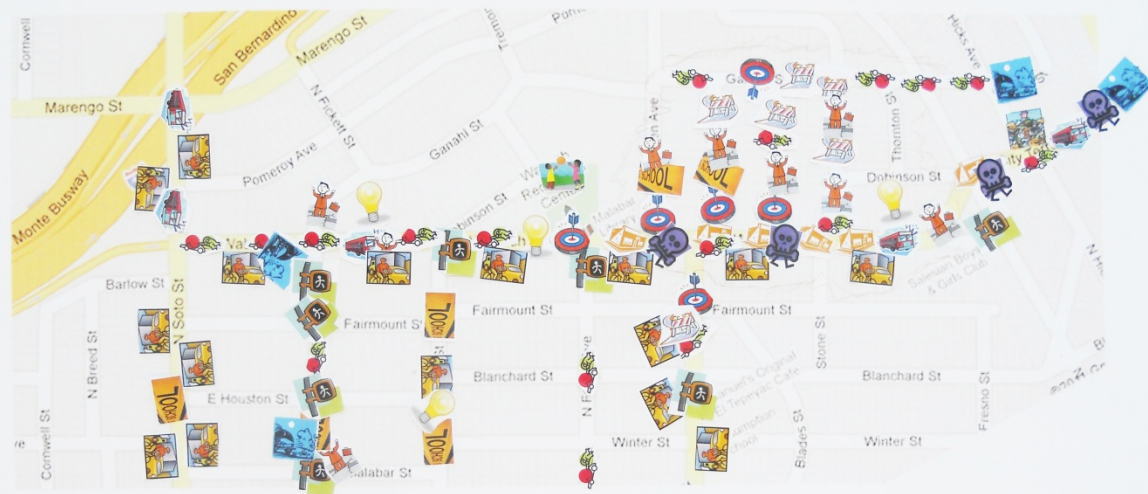




# Results from walking survey, used to choose key streets in need of health and safety improvements

## Wabash Avenue: Soto Street to Alma Avenue

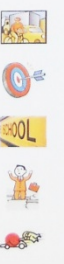
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1. Calles en malas condiciones (concurridos, falta mantenimiento e inspección). Streets without a lot of upkeep (including lighting and maintenance).
2. Calles que necesitan iluminación (calles que necesitan iluminación). Streets that need lighting (streets that are dark).
3. Calles que necesitan donde se puedan caminar cómodamente (calles que necesitan donde se puedan caminar cómodamente). Streets that need to be comfortable to walk on.
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# Segment of Wabash chosen for further study in fifth Task Force workshop, including zone to north





# Map created at seventh Community Task Force workshop, of program and elements for Wabash



Zona Wabash: Calles Evergreen a Stone

# Ninth Task Force workshop to select blocks for prototype and site/elements for initial project





# Tenth Task Force workshop: designing community living rooms using full-size cut-outs of benches, planters and bulletin board to be built by residents



# One of the prototype *Living Street* plans currently in development for a local residential street, Fickett

