



2026 CONFERENCE

CRAFTING OUR NARRATIVE: **PLANNING AS STORYTELLING**

OCTOBER 3-6, 2026

LOS ANGELES, CA AT
THE JW MARRIOTT LA LIVE

MOBILE WORKSHOPS



Walking Tour



Bus Tour



Metro E Line



Metro D Line

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

Mobile Workshop 1 | 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Living on the Line! TOD Developments

\$40



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Take a ride along LA's Metro Exposition Line and explore three transformative transit-oriented developments that are reshaping place-making across Los Angeles. Participants will visit Cumulus and Habitat at La Cienega/Jefferson Station, Ivy Station in Culver City, and WestEdge at Expo/Bundy Station to learn how these projects are integrating housing, mobility, public space, and mixed-use development around major transit hubs. Along the way, gain insight into the planning strategies, urban design approaches, and community impacts driving TOD in Los Angeles. Lunch Included.

Mobile Workshop 2 | 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM

A Walking Tour of Little Tokyo's Planning and Preservation Stories

\$25



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Explore the past, present, and future of Little Tokyo during this guided walking tour through one of Los Angeles' most historic and culturally significant neighborhoods. Participants will learn how community-led planning, preservation, and equitable development efforts are helping protect Little Tokyo's identity amid ongoing urban change. Hear the story behind the Little Tokyo Community Impact Fund (LTCIF) and the Little Tokyo Community Council (LTCC), both founded by Bill Watanabe, and discover how these organizations are advancing community ownership, cultural preservation, and long-term neighborhood resilience.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

Mobile Workshop 3 | 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

MOVE Culver City!

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Explore how Culver City is reimagining mobility, connectivity, and urban life in one of Los Angeles' most dynamic job centers. Home to major employers including Amazon Studios, Sony Studios, Apple, Warner Music, and a growing biotech and design sector, Culver City continues to balance the transportation demands of a rapidly evolving, jobs-rich community. This walking tour will examine the city's efforts to create safer, more pedestrian-friendly streets through initiatives such as the Move Culver City project, including protected bicycle and bus lanes and broader transportation system changes. Participants will explore Downtown Culver City, the studio district, iconic City Hall, and the Hayden Tract (an area transitioning from industrial uses into a walkable mixed-use neighborhood). Along the way, learn about the public response, redesign efforts, and ongoing discussions shaping the city's transportation future. This workshop is primarily on foot, with a walking distance of less than two miles.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

Mobile Workshop 4 | 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

From Concrete Channel to Community Connector: Active Transportation on the LA River

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Join the LA River Path team for a guided walk along the Los Angeles River through Downtown Los Angeles exploring one of the region's most transformative active transportation projects. Participants will examine how a traditionally infrastructure-focused corridor is being reimagined as a multimodal community connector that improves mobility, access, and public space along the river. The tour will highlight the project's evolution, its path to the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR), and the planning, design, and coordination challenges involved in advancing active transportation improvements through a complex urban environment. Along the way, attendees will gain insight into the future vision for the LA River as both a transportation corridor and a civic asset connecting communities across Los Angeles.

Mobile Workshop 5 | 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

The Race to LA28: Preparing Los Angeles & Exposition Park for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games

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Join Los Angeles City Planning for an immersive tour of Exposition Park exploring how the City of Los Angeles is preparing to host the LA28 Games. Traveling via the Metro E Line, participants will experience firsthand the planning initiatives, preservation efforts, infrastructure investments, and facility upgrades reshaping the area ahead of the 2028 Olympics and Paralympics. Through guided discussions and site visits, attendees will examine how the Games are driving sustainable urban transformation, including adaptive reuse of iconic venues, modernization strategies, and broader community development initiatives. The tour will also highlight the City's "Games for All" philosophy, emphasizing accessibility, equity, public engagement, and long-term community benefits beyond the Games themselves. Stops will include the LA Memorial Coliseum, BMO Stadium, the LA84/John C. Argue Swim Stadium, and local museums, where participants will learn about Olympic preparations, fan engagement, and the lasting legacy envisioned for Exposition Park and surrounding communities.

Mobile Workshop 6 | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

From Concept through Construction: A Ride & Walk Tour of Metro's New D Line and Subway Stations

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Hop aboard Metro's new D Line Extension, a 9-mile subway line to visit two newly opened stations in iconic neighborhoods in Los Angeles and Beverly Hills. This mobile workshop traces the decades-long fight to build a subway beneath Wilshire Blvd—one of Los Angeles' most contested and consequential transit corridors. The session will examine how station design evolved from early concepts to construction. Lead project staff will host the tour, sharing behind-the-scenes lessons on station planning, environmental review, stakeholder engagement, and the integration of art into station architecture. The tour begins in Downtown LA at the 7th/Metro Center Station and will take attendees by subway to Beverly Hills to the new Wilshire/La Cienega Station, followed by a visit to the Wilshire/Fairfax Station, home to an array of museums and cultural institutions (LACMA, the Academy Museum, the La Brea Tar Pits, and Petersen Automotive Museum).

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

Mobile Workshop 7 | 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

City of Champions Rewritten: Inglewood's Story of Disinvestment to Economic Prosperity

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Examine how Inglewood is forging its destiny - from championship glory to fiscal crisis and resurgence - using planning and place-based revitalization, including the revival of historic Market Street as a destination. Participants will begin with an engaging panel discussion featuring City officials inside the Miracle Theater, one of Inglewood's most iconic historic venues. From there, attendees will board a guided bus tour along the future Inglewood Transit Connector route before arriving at Hollywood Park for a walking tour of the transformative Sports and Entertainment District, home to the world-class SoFi Stadium.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

Mobile Workshop 8 | 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

From Fire to Recovery: Rebuilding Malibu After the Palisades Fire

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Explore wildfire recovery firsthand while examining the impacts of the Palisades Fire on transportation access, housing recovery, coastal development, and long-term resilience planning. Participants will travel through the Pacific Palisades burn scar area, visit hillside and beachside rebuild sites in Malibu, and tour the Malibu Fire Rebuild Center at City Hall. Along the way, the tour will highlight recovery strategies, policy and permitting challenges, Coastal Act considerations, and the interagency coordination efforts shaping rebuilding and long-term resilience in fire-impacted coastal communities.

Mobile Workshop 9 | 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Northeast Los Angeles: Where Hipster Vibes Meet Community Resilience

\$40



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Explore the rich culture, history, and resilience of Northeast LA on this immersive mobile workshop through Highland Park and along historic Figueroa Street. Visit the Highland Park TOD, Milagro Allegro Community Garden, and learn about the inspiring journey of Villa's Tacos. Participants will also engage with leaders from the Gabrielino Shoshone Nation and Anawakalmekak, gaining insight into Indigenous history, cultural stewardship, and community advocacy. Along the way, hear about the unique challenges and opportunities of complex urban hillside development in Northeast LA. Attendees are encouraged to wear comfortable closed-toe walking shoes.



Mobile Workshop 10 | 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

LGBTQ+ in LA: Then and Now

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Explore the rich history, culture, and ongoing evolution of West Hollywood ("WeHo") and its LGBTQ+ community in one of the most walkable cities in the region. Spanning just 1.9 square miles with a walk score of 91, WeHo's vibrant identity has long been shaped by LGBTQ+ activism, culture, nightlife, and community-building. This walking tour will guide participants through culturally significant landmarks while examining the community's lasting influence on the city's character and development. Along the way, attendees will learn about the successes and ongoing challenges involved in preserving LGBTQ+ historic places, supporting queer spaces and businesses, and maintaining an inclusive community amid changing urban pressures. The approximately three-hour tour will conclude at the historic queer landmark, The Abbey.

Mobile Workshop 11 | 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Story Trails, Tunnels, and Bridges

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Join this immersive one-mile walk from North Atwater Park to Griffith Park exploring the hidden connections that weave together communities, landscapes, and ecosystems across Los Angeles. Travel over the river, under the freeway, and through a layered network of trails, tunnels, and bridges linking two beloved community parks. Along the way, architects, artists, cultural bearers, planners, and equestrians will share insights into placemaking, storytelling, ecological stewardship, and the role of community-centered design in building resilience and connection.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

Mobile Workshop 12 | 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Resilience in the Planning Process: Never Losing Sight of a Community's Story

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Join Los Angeles City Planning for an immersive mobile workshop exploring the Boyle Heights Community Plan Update (BHCPU) and the community-driven planning efforts shaping the neighborhood's future. Traveling on foot and via the Metro E Line, participants will visit key sites throughout Boyle Heights to examine the multicultural history, Latino urbanism, and resilient planning strategies that have guided this long-range planning process for more than a decade.

Stops include El Mercadito, Mariachi Plaza, Self Help Graphics, and neighborhoods surrounding Soto Street Station, highlighting issues such as transit-oriented development, housing affordability, environmental justice, preservation of legacy small businesses, and community engagement. Along the way, hear from local leaders about the ongoing role of public participation in shaping the future of Boyle Heights.

Mobile Workshop 13 | 1:00 PM - 5:30 PM

True Hollywood Stories: Beyond the Glam - Creative Public Spaces, Sustainability, and Revitalization

\$70



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Step into the evolving urban landscape of Hollywood and explore how Los Angeles is balancing preservation and transformation along the iconic Hollywood Boulevard corridor. This mobile workshop will examine how cultural placemaking, adaptive reuse, mobility planning, and urban design are helping honor Hollywood's storied past while reimagining the area as a vibrant, people-first urban neighborhood. Participants will begin with ride to Los Angeles' first transit-oriented development at Hollywood & Highland Metro Station, followed by a walking and bus tour highlighting transformational projects that expand public spaces and leverage historic assets. Along the way, attendees will explore notable destinations including the Hollywood Walk of Fame, Egyptian Theatre, Hollywood Forever Cemetery, and a tour/tasting experience at the Hollywood Distillery, while learning how planning and investment are shaping Hollywood's next chapter. Attendees are encouraged to dress comfortably for outdoor activities.

Must be 21 to attend this tour.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

Mobile Workshop 14 | 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Behind The Scenes at NBCUniversal: How Long-Range Planning Shapes An Entertainment Destination

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Join us for an exclusive behind-the-scenes exploration of the iconic NBCUniversal campus and discover how one of the world's most recognizable entertainment destinations plans for the future. Participants will get an inside look at NBCUniversal's long-range master plan, including project implementation, community outreach, and mitigation monitoring strategies. Hear directly from planning professionals with the County of Los Angeles and NBCUniversal executives as they share insights into the challenges and opportunities of planning at this dynamic, ever-evolving campus. The experience includes a campus tram tour and light outdoor walking (approximately one mile total), offering a unique opportunity to see planning in action. Participants will also enjoy a light snack generously provided by NBCUniversal during the workshop. Attendees are encouraged to dress comfortably for outdoor activities. Accessibility accommodations are available.

