

Changing Lanes

Edward Ogosta Architecture

THE BIG IDEA:

Rows of single-family homes or duplexes would be erected in the middle of residential streets. The new homes would be elevated so traffic could flow underneath them.

HOW IT WOULD WORK:

Two-way streets would be narrowed to a single lane of

one-way traffic, freeing up space to build new homes arranged end to end. Underpasses at street level would preserve driveway access for residents of existing single-family homes. To ease parking problems, the entire street could be excavated to create subterranean parking.

KEY FEATURES:

Each unit would be built with a private outdoor deck, and its scale and design would reflect the same character and geometry as the houses in the neighborhood. A lush public greenspace in the middle of every block would be open to all residents.

THE UPSIDE:

"Until the day comes that Angelenos see the rights of those who want to live here but can't afford it as equal to their own rights as property owners, the status quo will be maintained," says architect Edward Ogosta. "Our design is intended to shine a light on solutions technically within reach that are challenged only by fear of change."

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