

A SELECTED ROUTE MAP OF INITIATIVES TO SOLVE THE “CONGESTION PROBLEM” IN LOS ANGELES

*A Timeline Prepared to Accompany
“A Century of Fighting Traffic Congestion in Los Angeles”*

Arthur Pigou proposes tolling as a means of diverting traffic from a theoretical high-quality road onto a lower-quality but underutilized alternative route.

1920



City officials enact a ban on parking in the congested downtown core, which is over-turned when irate drivers stage a protest. A partial parking ban is introduced for the holiday season the following year.

The first City Charter requires the Council to study the "problems of street traffic." Consequently, studies including *A Major Traffic Street Plan* and *Traffic Ordinance* are published.

1924



1925

Report and Recommendations on a Comprehensive Rapid Transit Plan for the City of Los Angeles, calling for the construction of 26.1 miles of subway and 85.3 miles of elevated railways, is released.

The Wall Street Crash of 1929 signals the beginning of the Great Depression.

1929



1931

Figueroa Tunnels completed

BD Greenshields publishes *A Study of Traffic Capacity* showing the relationship between speed, density, and flow in the traffic stream.

1933



A system of year-round afternoon parking bans is instituted in Downtown LA.

1937

Arroyo Seco Parkway completed

1940



Freeways for the Region, which one article called "A Master Freeway Plan for Los Angeles", is published, promising to "unkink intolerable traffic snarls."

1943

President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs into law the Federal-Aid Highways Act, which initiated postwar spending on roads.

1944



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