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More people are dying on L.A.’s streets despite a push to eliminate traffic fatalities

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In L.A.’s future, you may not need a car, insurance or a parking space

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San Francisco bans most cars from Market Street. Will other California cities follow?

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New initiative will calm traffic on residential streets to create space for safer outdoor recreation

With restaurants hurting, cities look to turn streets into dining rooms

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