Latino Urbanism: Housing and Community in Los Angeles

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Latinos are transforming car-oriented land uses
Transportation Impacts
Waiting for work
Street Vendors transform public space
murals
Front Lawns
Diagram of Circulation Patterns of Homes

Traditional Mexican Plan
- Outdoor Space
- Indoor Space

American Plan
- Public Space/Living Room
- Common Space/Kitchen
- Private Space/Bedroom
The evolving Latino “Housescape”
1. Typical courtyard-style building, Mexico; public and private intermingle

2. Typical suburban-style house, USA; public and private do not intermingle

3. Typical latino-owned house, L.A.; public and private intermingle; street used as plaza

Courtyard House  Typical Suburban Home  Latino Vernacular
open space
Street as a plaza