

"Los Angeles Elevated"

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In a city where any form of mass transit is nearly infeasible, why not shoot for the sky? LEAN Arch's elevated rail system is meant to achieve minimal intrusion upon traffic and existing conditions, while maximizing the potential of transit. Their basic proposal imagines five "Primary Lines" with suspended trains running east and west. Connecting "Secondary Lines" consist of a monorail shuttle that travels north and south.

Uniquely, there are no direct transfers between Primary and Secondary lines. Commuters must leave one station and walk at street level to the next. This disjunction not only simplifies the construction and expansion of the system, but, LEAN suggests, will help to enliven the street life and local economy at each of the nodes.

In their scheme, stations would be pre-fabricated off-site to minimize construction time and impact on vehicular traffic during installation.

