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Week 3 Reading Assignment

I found Geoff's article about street grids and designs particularly interesting, especially when comparing orthogonal grids from the early 20th century to more recent street designs. I enjoyed reading the analysis of the relationship between griddedness and the rise of automobile ownership throughout the 20th century. Geoff used multiple methods such as data collection, grid index calculations, track vintage estimation, and regression modeling to complete his analysis, which also makes me think of various approaches to my own research. Additionally, after reading this particular article, I have begun to think about how street design has influenced current trends of housing insecurity alongside the rise of COVID-19 and the unstable crime rates in LA.

Questions:

How do you think street design will be affected in the future with the rise of population and housing instability? What can be done to prevent or mitigate this?

When comparing various grids from the 20th century, what do you predict the future street grids would look like? What factors would contribute to that change?