people not cars.
Efforts to stem the spread of COVID-19 have offered us a rare experiment: We can see our cities for the first time without the choking traffic, dirty air and honking horns that have so often made them intolerable.
We are seeing what can happen when we design for people not cars
Streets are being transformed. Public spaces are being modified. Businesses are trying to adapt.
What was once seemingly impossible is now possible.
Cities are closing roads to cars.
    People are walking and biking.
    Pedestrian fatalities are plummeting.
    Air quality is improving.
    Speed limits are being reduced.
    Bike lanes are being built.
    Doing quick build infrastructure projects.
Golf courses are being opened for visitors to use as parks.
We’ve seen this before....
A belief in “bad air” in the 1800s led to generous public spaces.
The Great Recession led to a rethinking of vacant and underutilized spaces.
But the current moment is also laying bare the stark reality of income inequality; higher-income people are in a position to stay home while so many others are not. This is just one of the infinite truths that make Covid-19 so tragic.
1 in 3 Americans—more than 100 million people—do not have a park within a 10-minute walk of their home. Even if they can go outside, there is nowhere for them to go.
This isn’t a new problem; this crisis is exposing how poorly our systems are for so many.

How can we think about equity, about access to opportunity moving forward?
We now need to figure out how to bring people together while also keeping them apart...
Thank you.