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B+U DOWNEY OFFICE BUILDING, 2009. (COURTESY B+U ARCHITECTS)



Tower of Civilization.



Pereira and Luckman, LAX original plan, 1952. (Courtesy LAWA Flight Path Learning Center)



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Lloyd Wright Civic Center Plan, 1925. (Courtesy Eric Lloyd)

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It is difficult to envision the city of Los Angeles any differently than it exists today, but AN West editor Sam Lubell and co-curator Greg Goldin, in collaboration with Clive Wilkinson Architects, have organized an exhibition at the Architecture and Design Museum that grants visitors the rare opportunity to get a glimpse of the city as it could have been. The team gathered a diverse assortment of renderings, models, and various media depicting parks, buildings, master plans, and transportation schemes that were designed with the intention of being built, but were deemed too novel to actually be brought to life. The collection features unrealized projects, such as Frank Lloyd Wright's 1925 Civic Center Plan, William H. Evans's 1939 design for the Tower of Civilization, and B+U Architect's 2009 design for an office building on Firestone Boulevard, as well as many other projects that, had they been carried out, would have completely changed the physical reality of the city of Los Angeles.