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Received books

The architecture of the street of Lyon

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The book *References and spaces of roadway system* presented, aims at a culture shared between elected people and technicians in order to develop future projects. It relates to the roadway systems of the Urban community of Lyon. Taking over from the State on more modest roadway systems, the French cities begin a work of practical experience which takes into account the needs and the local requirements. In a traditional way the roadway, print of the course of the vehicles, traces the way. The pattern is simple and reproducible. Twenty years later the number of the stakeholders increases. We have recourse to an increasingly strong specialization of the thought and the action. The city of Lyon, far from the State, works now on the process of the plan, the quality of space, the project control, the first vocabulary of the roadway system, then will come the guides. The pattern 'whole for the car' changes gradually by adjustment and variation. At the beginning of the Eighties ten, begins an empirical and iterative step on the projects of roadway system. The fast installation of pilot boards of materials and furniture allows to build the new vocabulary of Greater Lyon. The new roadway system defines the limits, the fasteners, the connections. The color is marked by the aggregates, the levelling is essential. We always try to reduce visually the roadway, the parking is embedded in the pavement, and no project without trees. Towards the end of the previous decade, the attention goes then towards a better definition of the programs. It's called upon the urban studies for the roadway system, the writers to decipher the invisible of

the streets, the artists, the sociologists to épier displacements of the inhabitants of the city of Lyon. But also charters are published: ecology, trees, pedestrian, two-wheelers, handicapped. The project is surrounded, controlled more and more by the head of project. The founders of the roadway system in Lyon, are known but they have trouble in standardize their work. The increasing complexity of the projects: administrative, legal and political, obliges us to have a new kind of exchanges. In the year 2005 we live, at the same time, an overflow of experiments and a deficit of exchanges between elected people and technicians, inhabitants and researchers. We must go about one period of training of the recent references, one period of post guides sets of themes. The publication exposes the structure of the work *References and spaces of roadway system* which concern 24 projects including: a card of reference, a program and general principles, principles of installation and uses, finally looks more interested on the project. It is thanks to the force of the example which research must advance. The development of the values mobility must allow the town-dweller to have access on the installations of quality, to have the choice to move in new places which he will appropriate. We often spoke about this mobility on great scales of territory, it is also necessary to think of the balance between installations and proximity mobility. In this way the town-dweller will find the dense city, by choice more than by constraint. To be, sometimes, better outside than at home, will then become a legitimate claim for the greatest number: the local communities will find their prestige of yesteryear!