

Memorandum

**TO: Envision San José 2040
Task Force**

FROM: Andrew Crabtree

**SUBJECT: December 14, 2009
TASK FORCE MEETING**

DATE: December 7, 2009

This memo provides information to assist you in preparing for the December 14, 2009 Envision San José 2040 Task Force Meeting. Links to the referenced documents and other resource materials (e.g. reading materials and correspondence) are posted on the Envision website.

Agenda Item 3 – Transportation:

Staff will briefly present four topics related to Transportation policies for the General Plan for Task Force discussion.

Circulation Network and Transportation Diagram Classifications

Staff will present a proposed circulation network for the City that includes identified routes for vehicle, pedestrian, bicycle, transit and freight movement, including designated truck routes, throughout the City. The Meeting Materials available on-line include an overview of the proposed network and proposed classifications for the City's roadways.

Preview Land Use Study Scenario Traffic Analysis

The Task Force is scheduled to begin the selection of a preferred Land Use Scenario at the Task Force meeting following the next one (January 24, 2010). For that discussion, Task Force members will be provided with fiscal and environmental analyses of each Land Use Study Scenario prior to the meeting, including an analysis of the projected demand for each type of transportation in each scenario. At the December 14th Task Force meeting, staff will provide an introductory overview of the results of this transportation analysis and use that as a basis for the discussion of the next two topics.

Transportation Mode Split Targets

A key topic to address in the General Plan will be targets for the distribution of commute trips amongst different transportation modes, including single-occupant cars, carpools, transit, bicycles, pedestrians and other modes such as telecommuting. The traffic analyses for each Land Use Study Scenario predicts a percentage distribution of commute trips amongst each of these modes based on the proposed land uses, but other policy decisions could also influence the actual distribution. The Task Force will be asked to provide input on how aggressive the targets should be for the "alternative modes" (e.g., transit, bicycle, pedestrian and telecommuting) and how emphasis should be placed amongst these options (for example, should the City's strategy be to give particular emphasis to promoting regional or local transit use, or bicycle use as a preferred commute option?).

Proposed Goals, Policies, and Implementation Actions

The Task Force will discuss the proposed draft Goals, Policies and Implementation Actions for Transportation to be included within the General Plan.

Agenda Item 4 – Goals, Policies and Implementation Actions – Consent Items

As follow up to the October 19 and November 23 Task Force meetings, the Task Force has been provided with revised draft Goals, Policies and Implementation Actions for Water Supply.

Please note that additional comments on the Water Supply policies submitted by Task Force member Dave Fadness have been posted on the Envision website as part of the materials for this meeting. The Meeting Materials in the Task Force packet includes a revised draft of the Water Supply Goals, Policies and Implementation Actions, which incorporates the suggested edits. An earlier set of comments from Dave Fadness and a staff response to those comments is posted on the Envision website as part of the materials for the November meeting.

Agenda Item 6 - Task Force Recommendations (vote on motions as needed)

Following an opportunity for comment by members of the public (Agenda Item 5), the Task Force will then have an opportunity to further discuss and vote on recommendations related to the topics discussed for Agenda Item 3 as well as to endorse the consent items (Agenda Item 4).

Announcements

Please note that after the December Task Force meeting, the Task Force is scheduled to meet twice a month for January, February, March (as needed) and April. An updated Task Force Work Program is posted on the Envision website as part of the Task Force materials. Staff anticipates that two meetings will be necessary each month in order for the Task Force and community member participants to have adequate time to discuss selection of a Preferred Land Use Scenario, Land Use / Transportation Diagram designations and policies related to Economic, Fiscal, Housing, and Services (e.g., Schools, Health Care, Public Safety).

Reading Materials

To prepare for the discussion on Transportation, the Task Force is provided with the following reading materials in addition to the proposed Transportation section text included as one of the Meeting Materials:

- Brochure: “Amsterdam Paves the Way”
- Design Observer Article: “Infrastructural Optimism”

Task Force members may also want to review the transportation related materials posted as part of the November Task Force meeting packet.

Resource Materials

To provide additional background materials for Monday’s meeting, a number of resource materials are included in the meeting packet related to Transportation and also to Smart Growth. These materials are not required reading but are provided for those interested in exploring or understanding a specific topic further.

Task Force Correspondence

Shiloh Ballard submitted an article for the Task Force entitled “Winds of Change: Adapting our Communities to the Changing Realities of the 21st Century”.

Dave Fadness submitted proposed edits to the Water Supply Goals Policies and Implementation Actions.

Public Correspondence

Lowell Gratton submitted an article for the Task Force entitled “The Myth of the Compact City”.

Next Meetings

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 11, 2010. The focus of this meeting will be a discussion of the City’s Economic Development Strategy and of the proposed Innovative Economy Goals, Policies and Implementation Actions.

The January 25, 2010 Task Force meeting will focus on the proposed Fiscal Sustainability Goals, Policies and Implementation Actions. The Task Force is also scheduled to begin discussion of the Land Use Study Scenarios leading up to selection of a single preferred Land Use Scenario at the second January meeting.

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