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REGIONAL PLANNING
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP

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Thursday, October 23, 2003
12 noon – 2:30 p.m.; Lunch Included

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**ITEM #**

| 1. WELCOME (Chair Gail Goldberg, City of San Diego) |

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Members of the public will have the opportunity to address the Regional Planning Technical Working Group on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Technical Working Group. Speakers are limited to three minutes each.

**CONSENT ITEM (Item 2)**

The Regional Planning Technical Working Group will take action on all items on the consent agenda without further discussion and with one vote unless an item is pulled by a Working Group member or by a member of the public for comment.

**SUMMARY OF OCTOBER 9, 2003 TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING**

**APPROVE**

**REPORTS**

**ADDITIONAL INITIAL WORKING DRAFT CHAPTERS OF THE REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (RCP) (Carolina Gregor and Bob Leiter)**

At its last meeting, the TWG reviewed the first six initial working draft chapters of the RCP. Five additional chapters are available for review and discussion, including:

- Transportation
- Urban Form
- Healthy Environment (updated Water Quality and Habitat Sections)
- Economic Prosperity
- Public Facilities

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**ADJOURNMENT AND UPCOMING MEETING**

The next regularly-scheduled TWG meeting will be held on Thursday, November 13, 2003 from 1:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. at SANDAG, but an additional meeting could take place on Thursday, November 6, 2003 to finish reviewing draft RCP chapters, if necessary.

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October 16, 2003

TO: Regional Planning Technical Working Group (TWG)
FROM: Carolina Gregor, SANDAG Staff
SUBJECT: Summary of the October 9, 2003 TWG Meeting
ACTION: APPROVE

AGENDA ITEM #1: WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Gail Goldberg, City of San Diego, chaired the meeting. Self-introductions were conducted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were no public comments or communications.

CONSENT ITEMS (2-8)

AGENDA ITEM #2: SUMMARY OF AUGUST 14, 2003 JOINT MEETING OF THE TWG AND THE STAKEHOLDERS WORKING GROUP (SWG)

AGENDA ITEM #3: MINUTES FROM AUGUST 1, 2003 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING (RPC)

AGENDA ITEM #4: RCP PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: RESULTS OF THE SECOND ROUND OF RCP WORKSHOPS AND PROGRESS REPORT ON COMMUNITY OUTREACH GRANTS

AGENDA ITEM #5: HOUSING UPDATE: REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND SELF-CERTIFICATION

AGENDA ITEM #6: CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CMP) STRATEGIES RESEARCH

This item was withdrawn from the agenda by staff, and postponed until a future meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #7: AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT IRIS TECHNICAL APPENDICES

AGENDA ITEM #8: STATUS OF SANDAG CONSOLIDATION
AGENDA ITEM #10: OVERALL REGIONAL POLICY AND PLANNING FRAMEWORK

Over the past two months, a series of 3 meetings have been held with an Ad Hoc Working Group (AHWG) consisting of several members from the TWG and from the Cities / County Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) to discuss and develop an overall policy framework for the Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) that would drive the general policy approach of the RCP.

The AHWG's discussions have focused mainly on strengthening the relationships between land use and transportation and local and regional planning, through a series of suggested goals, policy objectives, and actions related to transportation, urban form, and housing. An updated Exhibit containing the suggested goals, policy objectives, and actions developed by the AHWG was distributed and will be discussed in more detail at the upcoming joint meeting between the TWG, the CTAC, and the Stakeholders Working Group on October 16, 2003.

A question was asked with regard to the growing emphasis on land use and transportation, and the relationship to the other issue areas to be addressed in the RCP. Staff responded that better coordination of land use and transportation would provide a better framework for the implementation of the infrastructure components of the plan, and that the initial RCP will lay out the process to address all related topic areas.

Staff proposed the development of a smart growth concept map as part of the overall framework. It was recommended that the adopted Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) serve as the base, or starting point, for the concept map. The adopted RTP shows highway and transit networks. The transit networks include preliminary locations of transit stations. Staff asked for feedback from local jurisdictions on this approach for identifying potential smart growth opportunity areas.

Comments included that this process is not static, that those jurisdictions that want to move forward with additional smart growth could do so, and that the next growth forecast could reflect additional changes and provide opportunities to refine the policies in the RCP. Additional comments included that policymakers need to be involved in the process, and that a potential strategy might be to start with a map that shows existing population concentrations, and then overlay that map with maps of existing plans and proposed transit lines, which may help identify locations where we should put additional transit stations.

AGENDA ITEM #12: FIRST SIX INITIAL WORKING DRAFT CHAPTERS OF THE RCP

The first six initial working draft chapters of the RCP were made available for the TWG's comments. The following overall comments were made:

- The Intro and Vision chapters are too negative - need to emphasize the terrific things about San Diego and the opportunities for smart growth and improvements.
- Generally, the early chapters contain too many opinions and judgments sprinkled throughout.
- We need to appeal to a more diverse audience - need more graphics, phrases that will make the reader want to continue to read the chapters.
- Need to relate back to local jurisdictions – what can local jurisdictions do to address the issues (ex. Sustainability).
- Need to define sustainability up front, given that the term is used in the vision and core values. The Sustainability Chapter should either be merged into the Introduction or should be strengthened.
- Crux of the problem is that sprawl makes financial sense – if we are to reverse it, we have to look at the economics of the real-estate industry.
- Our system is currently set up to reward the cheaper development up front – not the longer-lasting life-cycle developments – fiscal reform is a big piece of making the RCP work.
- As part of sustainability, we need to define Social Equity – we don’t have a clear enough sense of what it means.
- Remind throughout the document that this is the regional perspective, versus local or others – i.e., what’s good for the region 30 years down the road.
- The meat is in the Existing Conditions – the Intro is not compelling enough to keep reading.
- In the housing chapter, the terms affordable and attainable should be explained more clearly, the goals need to be more focused, and it should be acknowledged that government regulations and developer fees are a matter of debate.

AGENDA ITEM #13: REQUEST FOR MEMBERS OF THE TWG TO BRIEF LOCAL CITY COUNCILS / BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND PLANNING COMMISSIONS ON THE RCP

In an effort to broaden awareness of the RCP, TWG members were requested to agendize presentations to their elected bodies and/or planning commissions on the RCP. Staff is available to assist, where needed.

AGENDA ITEM #14: ADJOURNMENT AND UPCOMING MEETINGS

The TWG agreed to meet again, as a group, on October 23, 2003 to continue to review and comment on additional draft RCP chapters.