REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Friday, April 2, 2010
12 noon to 2 p.m.
SANDAG Board Room
401 B Street, 7th Floor
San Diego

AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

• URBAN AREA TRANSIT STRATEGY – INITIAL TRANSIT CONCEPTS

• REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT (RHNA) AND THE UPCOMING HOUSING ELEMENT CYCLE

• CITY OF ENCINITAS GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

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**CONSENT ITEM (3)**

+3. 2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) PUBLIC WORKSHOPS (Anne Steinberger)

As part of the 2050 RTP Public Involvement Plan, SANDAG will be conducting public workshops starting the week of April 26, 2010, to solicit input on the initial transportation concepts and provide an update on the greenhouse gas target setting process.

**REPORT ITEMS (4 through 6)**

+4. URBAN AREA TRANSIT STRATEGY - INITIAL TRANSIT CONCEPTS (Carolina Gregor)

As part of the development of the 2050 RTP, staff and the consultant team have developed initial transit concepts and associated draft transit networks for the Urban Area Transit Strategy. Staff will introduce the initial transit concepts currently under development. In addition, the report includes a summary of the transit-related brainstorming sessions held when this project was kicked off.

+5. REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT (RHNA) AND THE UPCOMING HOUSING ELEMENT CYCLE (Susan Baldwin)

The schedule for the RHNA for the next housing element cycle and an overview of the RHNA methodology will be presented to the RPC. A discussion regarding the RHNA process is also being scheduled for an upcoming SANDAG Board Policy meeting.
6. CITY OF ENCINITAS GENERAL PLAN UPDATE (Patrick Murphy, Director of Planning and Building, City of Encinitas)  

The RPC periodically hears about general plan and smart growth efforts happening around the region. The City of Encinitas has embarked upon a General Plan Update. City staff will highlight work to date, tools for public outreach, and challenges and opportunities associated with the process.

7. UPCOMING MEETINGS  

The next meeting of the RPC is scheduled for Friday, May 7, 2010, at 12 noon.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS
MEETING OF MARCH 5, 2010

The meeting of the Regional Planning Committee (RPC) was called to order by Chair Jim Janney (South County) at 12:01 p.m. See the attached attendance sheet for Regional Committee member attendance.

Chair Janney introduced and welcomed Charles “Muggs” Stoll, the new Director of the Land Use and Transportation Planning Department.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (APPROVE)

   Action: Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Lesa Heebner (North County Coastal) and a second by Chairwoman Pam Slater-Price (County of San Diego), the RPC unanimously approved the minutes from the February 5, 2010, meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

   Action: There were no public comments/communications/member comments.

REPORT ITEMS (3 through 6)

3. FINAL CLIMATE ACTION STRATEGY (RECOMMEND)

   On February 5, 2010, the RPC accepted the preliminary draft Climate Action Strategy (Strategy) for public distribution and comment. At that meeting, the RPC also discussed and provided comments on the draft Strategy. The draft Strategy also has been reviewed by the Transportation Committee, Regional Energy Working Group, Regional Planning Technical Working Group, and other interested stakeholders. The Strategy will serve as a guide to assist the region in addressing climate change, with a focus on helping SANDAG identify policy measures that will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions from passenger cars and light-duty trucks and comply with Senate Bill 375.

   Andrew Martin, Associate Planner, presented the report.
Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Sherri Lightner (City of San Diego) and a second by Chairwoman Slater-Price, the RPC unanimously recommended that the Board of Directors approve, in substantially the same form as attached, the Final Climate Action Strategy.

4. DRAFT 2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN (DISCUSSION)

Anne Steinberger, Communications Manager, presented an overview of the draft 2050 RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Public Involvement Plan. The draft Plan includes goals and objectives as well as strategies and tactics for conducting outreach throughout the RTP and SCS development process. The draft Plan was presented to the Regional Planning Stakeholders Working Group on February 16, 2010. The draft Plan also is being presented to the Transportation Committee for review and comment. The RPC reviewed and commented on the draft Plan.

Action: This item was for discussion only.

5. SMART GROWTH TRIP GENERATION STUDY (RECOMMEND)

The Regional Comprehensive Plan calls for preparation of a smart growth trip generation study (Study) to provide guidance regarding trip generation in smart growth settings. SANDAG has been working with a consultant team to prepare this Study, with ongoing input from members of the San Diego Regional Traffic Engineers Council, the Cities/County Transportation Advisory Committee (local public works directors), and the Regional Planning Technical Working Group (local planning directors).

Christine Eary, Associate Planner, presented the report.

Action: Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Heebner and a second by Chairwoman Slater-Price, the RPC unanimously recommended referring the study back to staff to incorporate the RPC’s comments; and, return the study to the RPC for consideration at a future meeting.

6. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next meeting of the RPC is scheduled for Friday, April 2, 2010, at Noon.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Janney adjourned the meeting at 1:09 p.m.

Attachment: Attendance Sheet
### CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE
#### SANDAG REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
#### MARCH 5, 2010
#### 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

April 2, 2010

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 3

Action Requested: INFORMATION

2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) PUBLIC WORKSHOPS  File Number 3100500

Introduction

Public outreach and involvement is underway to support the development of the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and its Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). The 2050 RTP Public Involvement Plan (PIP) (www.sandag.org/2050rtp) establishes a process and outlines specific activities for communicating with and obtaining input from the public throughout the RTP development process.

The PIP is based on the SANDAG Public Participation Plan (PPP) that was adopted December 18, 2009. The agencywide PPP provides the foundation for the development of specific public outreach plans prepared for the RTP, as well as for transit construction projects, environmental documents, the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), the transit fare ordinance, and other projects.

Discussion

The next step in the public involvement process is to hold five subregional public meetings/workshops the last week of April and first week of May 2010 to secure input and provide information on the development of the 2050 RTP. This effort will include information on the Urban Area Transit Strategy and transportation networks, the Notice of Preparation for the 2050 RTP Environmental Impact Report, and the greenhouse gas (GHG) target setting process that is a requirement for the SCS which is part of the 2050 RTP. The five subregions are: North County Coastal, North County Inland, Central San Diego County, East County, and South County. Staff also will launch a survey effort at the workshops to secure additional specific feedback for use in developing the 2050 RTP and SCS. The survey also will be posted online.

Members of the Regional Planning Committee Stakeholders Working Group (SWG) provided input into the workshop format and are assisting with outreach by serving as “co-hosts” for the workshops.

Workshop Format

- Brief overview presentation so participants understand the timeline for developing the 2050 RTP, opportunities for input at key milestones, and how to navigate the stations to get specific information and provide input on elements of the 2050 RTP.
• Stations set up on the following topics with staff available to answer questions:
  - 2030 RTP Highway and Transit Networks (baseline for 2050 RTP)
  - Transportation networks: three transit network alternatives from the Urban Area Transit Strategy in combination with various highway network scenarios
  - SCS and GHG reduction target setting
  - Environmental Impact Report
  - Survey and Comment station with court reporter

• SANDAG will ensure materials and/or presentations are translated into Spanish (or other languages) as appropriate for the community where the workshop is held.

• A court reporter will be available to take input from workshop participants. All input will be documented.

Public Involvement Plan (PIP)

The PIP for the 2050 RTP has been developed to guide the outreach and input process for the RTP. The latest PIP includes input received from the SWG, Regional Planning Committee, and Transportation Committee. The PIP will be presented to the SANDAG Board at its April 23 meeting and any final input will be included. The latest PIP is posted at www.sandag.org/2050rtp.

Next Steps

Staff will finalize the workshop dates and locations and post to the SANDAG Web site. The information also will be distributed via advertising and media outreach, through mailing lists, and with SANDAG Board and Policy Advisory Committee members so it can be forwarded to their constituents and communities.

COLLEEN WINDSOR
Director of Communications

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URBAN AREA TRANSIT STRATEGY – INITIAL TRANSIT CONCEPTS

Introduction

As part of the development of the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), SANDAG is preparing an innovative and visionary “Urban Area Transit Strategy” to significantly increase the attractiveness of transit, walking, and biking in the more urbanized areas of the region. Through this project, three transit network alternatives are being developed and tested. Ultimately, one of the networks (or a combination or variation) will be incorporated into the 2050 RTP and its Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS).

The overarching goal of the project is to create a world-class transit system for the San Diego region in 2050. Other key goals include significantly increasing the use of transit, walking, and biking in the trolley ring and other urban areas; making transit more time-competitive with the car; maximizing the role of transit within the broader transportation system; and reducing vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions in the region.

Discussion

Initial Transit Concepts

SANDAG has contracted with PB Americas to conduct work on this project, including assembling an international consulting team of PB professional consultants to help develop concepts and cost estimates for the alternative transit networks. The PB consultant team convened in San Diego in January over four days, with their visit culminating in the development of three initial transit concepts. The three concepts have intentionally been designed to vary significantly from one another in order to test how transit strategies that are fundamentally different from one another might function in the long term when compared across a number of performance measure categories, such as mode share, transit ridership, cost effectiveness, and sustainability.

The three initial transit concepts (described, sketched, and geographically illustrated in Attachments 1-4) are organized into the following themes:

1. Transit Propensity: Expands Transit in the Most Urbanized Areas
2. Commuter Point-to-Point: Emphasizes Quick Access to Work
3. Many Centers: Connects Local Smart Growth Areas and Activity Centers
While the concepts are different from one another, they share the following common assumptions:

- Build upon the transit projects included in the 2030 Reasonably Expected RTP;
- Assume the land use inputs from the 2050 Regional Growth Forecast;
- Connect to the region’s major employment centers (downtown San Diego, University City/Sorrento Valley, Kearny Mesa, and Mission Valley);
- Assume a constant set of high-speed rail station locations and commuter service overlay stations based on the SANDAG Board of Directors most recent direction;
- Assume full implementation of the Destination Lindbergh Intermodal Transit Center;
- Assume integration with the Regional Bike Plan, once it becomes finalized as part of the broader RTP; and
- Incorporate special transit applications for downtown San Diego, as the region’s metropolitan area.

Staff will provide an overview of each alternative transit concept at the meeting.

Technical Work

SANDAG has been working with staff from both the Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) and the North County Transit District (NCTD) to refine the concepts and begin detailing more specific transit network characteristics that embody the initial concepts, including routes, station locations, frequencies, modes (such as light rail, commuter rail, bus rapid transit, rapid bus, local bus, streetcar, etc.), and related infrastructure investments (such as managed lanes, double-tracking, grade separation, etc.). The networks are currently being coded and modeled, and an initial analysis of the performance and costs of each network will be available in mid-April.

Brainstorming Sessions

In order to kick off the project, staff facilitated initial brainstorming sessions with local elected officials, stakeholders, and member agency staffs on potential transit concepts that could be considered in the development of the alternative networks. Input collected to date is summarized in Attachment 5, and was provided to the PB consultant team in the development of the initial transit concepts.

Next Steps

Now that initial progress has been made and there is a set of meaningful ideas to share with interested stakeholders, staff is proactively seeking opportunities for community outreach. Staff has begun to make presentations to a variety of interested groups to generate discussion of the concepts, and broader RTP workshops are being scheduled in the late April/early May time period, as reflected in Agenda Item No. 3.
An initial analysis of the performance of the networks will be available in mid-April. SANDAG is also assembling a Peer Review Panel to critically assess the alternative concepts in late-April. The Panel’s comments will become available in May.

SANDAG’s Transportation Committee will be responsible for making recommendations to the SANDAG Board of Directors on the preferred regional transit network resulting from this project. The Board will ultimately select the transit network that will be incorporated into the 2050 RTP. The draft 2050 RTP is scheduled to be released for public review in early 2011.

CHARLES “MUGGS” STOLL
Director of Land Use and Transportation Planning

Attachments: 1. Initial Transit Concepts
2. Transit Propensity Illustration
3. Commuter Point-to-Point Illustration
4. Many Centers Illustration
5. Key Points from Brainstorming Sessions on Urban Area Transit Strategy

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Draft Initial Transit Concepts

Transit Propensity:
*Expands Transit in the Most Urbanized Areas*

Builds on San Diego’s innovative trolley system -- expands transit in the trolley ring and in the region’s most urbanized areas, many of which are characterized by Pre-WWII street grid patterns. Provides very frequent transit services, alleviating riders from schedules and allowing easy transfers. Major investments may include streetcars, grade separations, priority treatments, transit nodes, expanded light rail, enhanced bike and walk access, and improvements to the public realm.

Commuter Point-to-Point:
*Emphasizes Quick Access to Work*

Transit to work is an easy option -- leverages new dedicated transit facilities and flexible use of managed lanes to serve work trips. A system of few transfers provides high speed, reliable commute options during peak periods with a variety of “last-mile” treatments. Major investments may include managed lanes with in-line stations, park and ride lots, new fixed guideways, and some rail expansion.

Many Centers:
*Connects Local Smart Growth Areas and Activity Centers*

Supports San Diego’s local commitments to smart growth-- consists of a multi-radial transit system serving the region’s larger-scale smart growth areas and major activity centers. Transit services are oriented toward the centers, and supported with frequent connections between the centers. Major investments may include a variety of transit priority treatments between centers, expanded light rail, enhanced transit centers, shuttles and streetcars connecting to the transit centers, enhanced bike and walk access, and improvements to the urban realm.
Key Points from Brainstorming Sessions on the Urban Area Transit Strategy

In preparation for the development of the Urban Area Transit Strategy, staff facilitated brainstorming sessions on ideas and concepts that could be considered in the alternative transit networks. Brainstorming sessions were held from October to December 2009 with the SANDAG Transportation Committee and Regional Planning Committee; the North County Transit Development (NCTD) Board of Directors; and the SANDAG Regional Planning Stakeholders Working Group (SWG), Regional Planning Technical Working Group (TWG), Cities/County Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC), and Regional Housing Working Group (RHWG). Comments were solicited from the Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) Board of Directors in February 2010. The following are “key points” from those brainstorming sessions. A more detailed spreadsheet is available upon request.

SANDAG Transportation Committee

- Liked the world-class transit systems of London, Paris, Brisbane, Shanghai, and Portland; also cited lessons that could be learned from transit systems in Phoenix and Pittsburgh.
- Emphasized the importance of keeping the focus on maintaining and upgrading the region’s existing transit infrastructure (such as double-tracking of COASTER and SPRINTER lines)
- Encouraged higher frequencies (for example, five-minute frequencies in key corridors)
- Encouraged more directional signage, benches, and shelters at transit stations
- Urged better use of technology (such as cell phone applications) to assist transit customers with real-time transit information
- Advocated for significant improvements between transit networks and bike infrastructure (for example, bike racks at transit stations, bike rental facilities at transit stations, bike racks on trains and buses, similar to European examples)
- Recognized the cleanliness and safety of the existing transit system in San Diego
- Cited Portland as an example of high bike ridership, a free downtown transit ridership zone, and good ties to the airport

SANDAG Regional Planning Committee

- Liked the world-class transit systems of London, Paris, Manila
- Emphasized the need to test the alternative transit networks against the reduction of vehicle miles traveled (VMT) as a key metric
- Suggested the use of smaller vehicles, such as shuttles or jitneys, to increase frequencies and to provide services in residential neighborhood areas
- Advocated building upon the existing transit network, and focusing the future transit network improvements in the urban core areas
- Suggested creating more “express” transit services to targeted areas to minimize travel times in key corridors
• Advocated the incorporation of the Smart Growth Design Guidelines and the Regional Bike Plan into the Urban Core Transit Strategy planning process
• Cited Portland as an example of an area where expenditure decisions have resulted in a tangible benefit to active transportation (high bike mode share)

NCTD Board of Directors

• Emphasized the need to figure out how to make transit work in communities that don’t want increased density
• Expressed support for focusing on enhancements to the existing network, not just new ideas, and evaluating last-mile solutions
• Encouraged the evaluation of how high-speed rail fits into the study
• Stated that more service is a great idea, but urged that we consider how we pay for it
• Emphasized that transportation should fit into the land use plans of cities, not the other way around
• Expressed the concept that “transit is what the community wants it to be,” and reemphasized that we need better coordination with local plans, especially in the short-term. For example, cities and transit agencies should enter into agreements to better coordinate land use and transportation.

MTS Board of Directors

• Emphasized the need to address long-term, sustainable funding sources for transit
• Encouraged community outreach, particularly to the Mid-City Community
• Recognized that the region has a solid transit network currently in place and that more can be done over time to improve the system

Regional Planning Technical Working Group (TWG) and Cities/County Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC)

• Liked world-class transit systems of San Francisco, Washington, D.C., Paris, Bogota
• Emphasized building upon our existing transit system backbone and continuing multimodal transit technologies with a variety of options
• Suggested more shared use of parking facilities at transit stations as a way to enhance the quality and activity centers of local places
• Recognized that cul-de-sacs are bad for connectivity
• Urged implementation of bike network improvements, and implementation of more (and better-designed) pedestrian paths
• Suggested making collector streets more pedestrian and bike-friendly (reducing lanes, widening sidewalks, adding landscaping)
• Suggested reintroduction of streetcars in areas where there are space constraints
Regional Planning Stakeholders Working Group (SWG) and Regional Housing Working Group (RHWG)

- Emphasized the desire for more frequent transit, higher-speed transit services, lower fares, and fare free zones in some areas, such as Downtown
- Urged the creation of more well-maintained bike and pedestrian paths that connect to transit stations, with a focus on a multi-modal system with good connections and more bike racks
- Encouraged the availability of transit information and “applications” on cell phones
- Commented on the need for more signage, information, and security at stations
- Commented on the opportunity to increase the broad-base appeal for transit by linking “green issues”
- Voiced the need for more accessibility to transit stations and transit vehicles by the disabled, and the opportunity to link for-profit and nonprofit partners
Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) and the Upcoming Housing Element Cycle

Introduction

SANDAG is beginning the RHNA for the next housing element cycle (fifth cycle). Senate Bill (SB) 375 (Steinberg) and SB 575 (Steinberg) affect the RHNA and fifth housing element cycle in several ways. This report focuses on the RHNA process, which is undertaken by SANDAG prior to each housing element cycle. The main differences for this cycle are the timing of the RHNA process, required coordination/consistency with the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) per SB 375, and the length of the housing element cycle. The fifth cycle will cover an eight year time period, from January 1, 2013, to December 31, 2020. Past housing elements have covered a five year cycle.

Attached to this report is a timeline for the RHNA process as it relates to the RTP/SCS development. A discussion regarding the RHNA process is also being scheduled for an upcoming SANDAG Board Policy meeting.

Discussion

State housing element law (Government Code Section 65584 (d)) states that the regional housing needs allocation plan (RHNA) shall be consistent with the four following objectives, which are consistent with SANDAG’s Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) and Smart Growth Concept Map.

These objectives include:

1. Increasing the housing supply and the mix of housing types, tenure, and affordability in all cities and counties within the region in an equitable manner, which shall result in all jurisdictions receiving an allocation of units for low- and very-low income households.
2. Promoting infill development and socioeconomic equity, the protection of environmental and agricultural resources, and the encouragement of efficient development patterns.
3. Promoting an improved intraregional relationship between jobs and housing.
4. Allocating a lower proportion of housing need to an income category when a jurisdiction already has a disproportionately high share of households in that income category, as compared to the countywide distribution of households in that category from the most recent decennial United States census.
SB 375 also requires that the RHNA be consistent with the development pattern of the SCS, that the SCS must show that it accommodates the RHNA, and that the SCS land use pattern and therefore the RHNA assist the region in meeting the greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets that will be set by the California Air Resources Board (CARB). CARB will establish draft GHG targets by June 30, 2010, and final GHG targets by September 30, 2010.

**Next Steps**

A discussion regarding the RHNA process and issues to be addressed is being scheduled for an upcoming SANDAG Board Policy meeting.

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Attachment: 1. Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Key Dates

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Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Key Dates
April 2, 2010

January 1, 2010  Department of Finance (DOF) RHNA Baseline date for SANDAG RHNA

February 2010  2050 Regional Growth Forecast – Accepted for planning purposes
               (for use in RTP, SCS, and RHNA)

May 1, 2010  DOF issues 2010 E-5 estimates; begin consultation with HCD

July 2010  HCD provides SANDAG with regional housing need determination
           for time period: January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2020 (11 years)
           (2050 Regional Growth Forecast projects 127,000 housing units for
           those 11 years)

May – Dec. 2010  Develop RHNA methodology

June 2010  Draft Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Target from California Air Resources
           Board (CARB)

July 9, 2010  Board Policy Meeting on RHNA

July – Dec. 2010  Prepare draft jurisdiction/income RHNA allocations based on RHNA
                  methodology

September 2010  Final GHG Target expected from CARB

February 2011  Draft RTP/SCS/RHNA for public review

July 2011 or
October 2011  Final adoption of RTP/SCS/RHNA

January 2013 or
April 2013  Due date for January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2020 (8 years) housing
           elements (18 months after RTP is adopted)
Urban Area Transit Strategy

A Component of the 2050 RTP
April 2, 2010

2050 RTP Development Process
**Goals and Highlights**

**Overarching Goal:** A world class transit system for the San Diego region

- Lessons learned from peer regions
- PB professional consultant team
- Coding, modeling, and analysis
- Peer review panel

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**Sampling of Brainstorming Results**

- Build on existing transit infrastructure
- Long-term, sustainable funding sources
- Higher frequencies; faster speeds
- Better integration with bike and pedestrian facilities
- More signage, benches, shelters at stations
- Better use of technology for real-time transit
- Link transit to green issues / GHG reductions
- Better beach access
**Initial Transit Concepts**

- **Transit Propensity**
  Expands Transit in the Most Urbanized Areas

- **Commuter Point-to-Point**
  Emphasizes Quick Access to Work

- **Many Centers:**
  Connects Local Smart Growth Areas and Activity Centers
Common Assumptions

- 2030 RTP
- 2050 Regional Growth Forecast
- Major employment centers
- High Speed Rail and Destination Lindbergh
- Regional Bike Plan
- Downtown improvements

Our Current System
2030 Transit Network

Transit Propensity
Commuter Point-to-Point

Many Centers
Next Steps

- Coding, modeling, developing cost estimates
- Public outreach
- Peer Review Panel
- Reconfigurations/combinations
- Preferred transportation network

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Why Update the General Plan Now?

- 1st General Plan adopted 1989
- New trends and policy issues
  - Sustainability, climate change, smart growth, healthy communities, storm water cleansing, etc.
- Strengthen existing policies
  - Circulation and alternative modes, walkability, environment, economic health and sustainability, affordable housing, etc.
General Plan Update Process

Timeline

- January 2010: Project initiation
- Feb.-May 2010: Community Workshops & Visioning Exercises
- Jan.-Sept. 2010: Technical studies
- Oct. 2010-June 2011: General Plan development & public outreach
- Fall 2011: Public review & public hearings on the Draft General Plan
- December 2011: Final General Plan
- 2012: California Coastal Commission review & approval
Public Outreach Strategy

- Public Workshops
- Educational Lecture Series
- Status Presentation Series
- General Plan Advisory Committee
- Community Surveys
- City Council Work Sessions
- Open House Informational Meetings
- Neighborhood-based Tool Kit meeting
- Photo Study
Advisory Committee

Purpose:
- Assist consultant with GP update
- Encourage broader community input
- Council selected organization, not the individual
- Member required to keep their constituents informed

City commissions/committees, Town Councils, Chambers/Main Street organizations, affordable housing advocate, real estate organization, social service provider, agriculture representative, AIA representative.

Example of Feedback

24 members talk to respective boards/groups

Boards distribute information to constituents

Representative provides on-going feedback to consultant

GPAC

Constituency feedback provided to board on an on-going basis

Board members talk to their representative
Outreach Tool Kit

• Advisory Committee trained
• Facilitate small group discussion
Community Specific Workshop Locations

March 9th @ Diegueno Middle School
March 8th @ Olivenhain Town Hall
March 22nd @ Paul Ecke Central Elementary
March 23rd @ Encinitas Library
March 11th @ Cardiff Elementary

Unique opportunities
- Facilitation
- Involvement of 30 staff from most Departments
Educational Lecture Series
March 1, 2010: Our Region, Our Future
April 5, 2010: Climate Change
May 3, 2010: Smart Growth/Sustainability
June 7, 2010: Transportation
July 5, 2010: Alternative Transportation
August 2, 2010: Public Health
Attend an educational lecture series event the first Monday of every month!

March 1, 2010 – Our Region, Our Future
Discussion on growth and demographic forecasts.

April 5, 2010 – Climate Change
Energy efficiency and resource conservation strategies.

May 3, 2010 – Smart Growth and Sustainable Design
Finding ways to ensure community vitality.

June 7, 2010 – Transportation
Planning for the movement of people.

July 5, 2010 – Alternative Transportation
Better bicycling, walking and public transit options.

August 2, 2010 – Public Health
Growing healthy communities.

These sessions will be held at the Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

The informational presentations will provide a broad range of educational material and highlight topics such as healthy communities, transportation, and sustainability. Guest speakers will be utilized to present the subject matter.

The City of Encinitas is updating its general plan, a key document that embodies our city’s future growth and development policy. The City is hosting an educational lecture series to help inform the community about issues and policies that will be discussed throughout the visioning process and/or the overall update process.

More information is available at: www.Encinitas2035.info

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Picture Your Place

- Presentation to City Council and kick-off
- 250+ Participants
- Youth to Seniors
  - Senior Commission
  - Youth Commission
  - Family Enrichment Program
  - Girl Scout Troop
  - 9 Elementary classrooms
Challenges

- Two-year timeline
- Keeping everyone engaged
- Identifying areas of change
  - Affordable housing
- Connecting issue identification to policy
  - Linking comments received through the visioning process to new policies (e.g. sustainability and housing affordability)
- LCP and California Coastal Commission review

Next Steps

- Technical Reports underway
- Citywide workshop on May 1, 2010
  - Confirm the vision
- June/July to City Council
  - Present Phase 1 results
- October – Citywide workshop
  - General Plan policy development