



Shape the Future 2025 - Community Forum Summary Report

Meeting Information:

Meeting Date:	March 15, 2005
Organization Name:	Grow Smart Santa Monica
Name of Contact:	Allen Freeman
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Location:	Public Safety Bldg. Conference Room
Duration of Meeting:	1.5 hours
Number of Participants:	6
STF2025 Staff:	Tony Kim, Associate Planner
Representation:	Liz Bar-El, AICP, Associate Planner
City Council and/or Planning Commission:	None
Members Present:	

General Comments:

The participants had all been previously involved in the STF2025 workshops and other outreach efforts. The following concerns and viewpoints were expressed:

- The goals of the Sustainable City Plan should be merged with and be central to the LUCE vision.
- Parking standards should be carefully considered. The City should consider whether in some cases and locations it might be appropriate to reduce parking requirements to strategically emphasize other transit modes and improve pedestrian-orientation. Mobility vs. access.
- Housing should be allowed in the LMSD zone to address the jobs-housing balance.
- Pedestrian safety: there should be a goal to enhance the walking environment.
- In order to create a critical mass, zoning regulations in the areas around planned light-rail stations should allow multiple uses and should position the City to take advantage of the opportunities light rail will bring. If it is still too early to start this while regional groups determine if and when light rail will happen, we should at least be holding the place to keep options open. We should ensure that local considerations do not impact the system's efficiency as happened in Pasadena where design has slowed down the train speed and resulted in customer dissatisfaction.
- Housing should be concentrated near transit. Density should be strategically allowed to create critical mass that supports areas that people like to be in.
- Multi-modal strategies should be considered. Rapid buses on Lincoln to LAX should be supported. All forms of transit should be made accessible and safe to all.
- Bicycle paths should go into the downtown. Bicycle master plan should be developed to a higher level, and there should be City staff dedicated to its implementation.
- Open space should be activated. Public spaces should have services so that they are not just large unused green space. As the Civic Center begins to develop based on its master plan, opportunities for active public activity are critical.
- Protect Santa Monica's historic resources.
- Generally, we need to think more about how zoning can be used to enhance economic development and be inclusive of all parts of the city.

Follow – Up Issues:

Members of the group indicated that they will continue to be involved in the next phases of the project and are interested in commenting on alternatives as they are developed.