



**DATE:** July 15, 2005

**TO:** City Council  
Planning Commissioners

**SUBJECT:** Project Update: July 1 through July 15, 2005

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Update on Land Use Element and Circulation Element progress through July 15, 2005:

### **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

- In conjunction with Camp Santa Monica's "City Slickers" program, staff participated in the following two activities:
  - On July 1, staff led a group of 10 campers in an afternoon that included Circulation Element 101, discussing how they choose to make trips in the city. The group then took a pedometer walk to the Pier while discussing pedestrian safety. At the Pier, they learned about what it takes to build a new restaurant on the Pier, including a work site tour guided by the construction manager (and an earlier impromptu discussion with the project architect!). Once back at City Hall, they were shown the City's Geographic Information System at the computer lab, using "Explore Santa Monica" to focus on active living and how close they live to parks and schools.
  - On July 12, staff led a Planning Day for 25 campers at McKinley Elementary School. Students recreated the surrounding area to feature activities they would like to see, including arcades, a walk street with ice cream shops, restaurants, candy stores, etc. In discussion, students expressed very sophisticated understanding of the need to build more affordable housing and larger apartments to accommodate families.

### **PROJECT COORDINATION**

- Project team/joint meetings were held: 7/5, 7/12.

### **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

- The *Opportunities and Challenges* report is still scheduled to be released at least one month prior to the Planning Commission's September 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. City Council hearing date pending confirmation. Staff is preparing for an informational meeting in mid-August to allow an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions and obtain more information about the report and the project's current stage prior to the Planning Commission's hearing.

More info online:

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