



DATE: April 22, 2005

TO: City Council
Planning Commissioners

SUBJECT: Project Update: April 11 through April 22, 2005

Update on Land Use Element and Circulation Element progress through April 22, 2005:

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Community Forums

Staff attended the following meetings:

- Pico BID (4/19): Shape the Future 2025
- Crossroads School (4/19): Shape the Future 2025
- Three Lincoln Middle School Bike-to-School Assemblies: Motion by the Ocean
- Two Lincoln Middle School Bike-to-School Days: MBTO

Staff will be attending the following meetings in the upcoming weeks:

- Borderline Group (4/27): STF 2025/MBTO
- Santa Monica Conservancy (5/02): STF 2025/MBTO
- Sustainable City Task Force (5/09): STF 2025/MBTO
- Santa Monica Festival (5/14): STF 2025/MBTO
- SMRR (5/15): STF 2025/MBTO

Youth Planning Program: Approximately 100 members of the community, mostly students involved in the projects and their parents and teachers, participated Thursday night (4/21) at Samohi in the Shape the Future 2025 Youth Planning Forum. Their displays included models, posters, a Powerpoint slide show, photo albums and workbooks, all documenting a range of viewpoints of the City today and visions for the future. Mayor O' Connor started off the presentations in Barnum Hall with inspirational words and kudos to all the students and teachers who put their time and energy into being part of this community-wide project. The kids presented like pros, from grade 3 through high school. The event was covered by CityTV, and a news spot will be forthcoming. Overall, over 500 students participated in the project through a school or organization.

PROJECT COORDINATION

- Project team/joint meetings were held: 4/11, 4/12, 4/14, 4/19, 4/21

COMPLETED WORK PRODUCTS

- The Emerging Themes report has been completed and will be reviewed and discussed at the April 26 joint session of the City Council and Planning Commission.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- Staff has developed a concept for the Santa Monica Festival on May 14 that involves getting public input into the emerging themes and is continuing to prepare for the event. This concept will be presented to the Planning Commission on May 4, 2005.
- A revised outline for the Opportunities and Challenges report will be presented to the Planning Commission at the May 4, 2005 policy meeting.

More info online:

<http://www.shapethefuture2025.net>

<http://motion.santa-monica.org>