



DATE: October 7, 2005

TO: City Council
Planning Commissioners

SUBJECT: Project Update: September 26 through October 7, 2005

Update on Land Use Element and Circulation Element progress through October 7, 2005:

PUBLIC OUTREACH

The City Council held a public hearing to discuss the *Opportunities and Challenges* report on September 27. More than 40 residents spoke, with most concerned about traffic, density, commercial and residential growth, neighborhood scale, child care, building heights, sustainability and historic preservation, and desiring to ensure that resident interests are reflected when the factors in the report begin to be shaped into a plan or plan alternatives for consideration by the Planning Commission, Council and community as the project moves forward. Councilmembers commented on a wide variety of policy areas, including adaptive reuse of property, safe routes to schools as part of the circulation element, light rail line and shuttle service, meeting retail needs of the community, coordinating planning with institutions and large employers particularly in terms of circulation, transit-oriented development and addition/maintenance of rental housing. The Council also expressed interest in a future community process for Airport land use decisions and including policies about use of non-aviation land in the LUCE.

PROJECT COORDINATION

- Project team/joint meetings were held: 9/27, 10/6.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- Preparations are underway for the Alternatives phase of the Land Use and Circulation Elements project.

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