

**TO: Envision San José 2040
Task Force**

FROM: Andrew Crabtree

**SUBJECT: November 15, 2010
TASK FORCE MEETING #46**

DATE: November 9, 2010

This memorandum provides information to assist you in preparing for the November 15, 2010 Envision San José 2040 Task Force Meeting. Links to the referenced documents and other resource materials (e.g., reading materials and correspondence) are posted on the Envision website.

Based upon input received at the September 27, 2010 Task Force meeting, please note the upcoming key steps in the Envision process:

- November 15, 2010 Task Force Meeting – **General Plan Draft #3** (including edits to address Task Force member comments received at the October 25, 2010 and November 1, 2010 meetings, including policies related to Residential Neighborhoods, Village Planning and Promoting Walkability, along with additional environmental mitigation.)
- December 13, 2010 Task Force Meeting – **Environmental Documents** overview to provide Task Force members with familiarity on how to best to utilize the Envision Draft Environmental Impact Report and how the Envision process will address Greenhouse Gas Reduction, SB375, Water Supply Assessment and other environmental documents.
- December 17, 2010 **Envision Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)** circulation begins for public review and comment.

Agenda Item 3 – Report on Pending General Plan Amendments and Proposed Envision Land Use Designation Alternatives

Staff will provide a brief report on the status of pending General Plan Amendment applications to the San Jose 2020 General Plan and notify the Task Force of any requests that have been received by the **November 15, 2010 Deadline** for consideration of alternative Draft Envision Land Use / Transportation Diagram designations as part of the Envision General Plan Update.

Private property owners who would like to propose modifications to the Draft Envision Land Use / Transportation Diagram should submit a request no later than November 15, 2010 in order that their request may be considered concurrently with the conclusion of the General Plan Update process.

Agenda Item 4 – 3rd Draft Envision San Jose 2040 General Plan-Key Chapters

Staff will present for Task Force discussion key sections (Chapters 3, 4, 5, and 6) of the Draft General Plan document that have been revised (3rd Draft) to incorporate comments provided by Task Force

members, comments provided by community members and additional environmental mitigation measures identified during preparation of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Additionally, the Task Force and community members will be provided with an additional opportunity to comment on the Draft Envision Land Use / Transportation Diagram, as well as an Draft Plan exhibit prepared to illustrate sites on which the Draft Diagram supports or could potentially support the development of new hospitals or other healthcare facilities. Edited versions of Chapters 3, 4, 5 and 6 are included in the packet with edits indicated in “track changes” mode for reference by Task Force members. Other sections of the Draft Plan document have not been substantively edited since their last review by the Task Force.

Following the Task Force discussion of these items, the complete Draft Envision General Plan, including the Land Use / Transportation Diagram, appendices and supporting graphics, will be posted in mid-December at commencement of the Draft EIR circulation for public review and comment.

a) Chapter 3 – Environmental Leadership

Minor edits were included to strengthen or clarify policies MS-20.3 (Water Quality), ER-9.4 (Stormwater), and IN-5.11, 5.12 and 5.13 (Solid Waste – Materials Recover / Landfill) to better establish mitigation of potential environmental impacts associated with the Envision General Plan.

The text of Policy ER-3.3 (Riparian Corridor) was also modified to address comments raised by a community member at the October 25, 2010 Task Force meeting. Task Force members should in particular review and comment on this proposed revision.

b) Chapter 4 – Quality of Life

Edits to this Chapter incorporate Task Force and community member comments related to promoting walkability or pedestrian-friendly design (VN-1.1, VN-1.8, VN-1.9, VN-3.1, CD-1.8, CD-1.9, CD-1.10, CD-1.12, CD-1.19, and CD-1.20), and address the topic of Residential Neighborhood infill (CD-8.5, CD-8.6, CD-8.7; see also Chapter 5).

Note that comments provided to the Task Force by Pat Colombe on behalf of the Historic Landmarks Commission address policies included within Chapter 4 and Chapter 5, as well as Chapters 1.

c) Chapter 5 – Land Use and Transportation

Edits to this chapter notably include a revised draft of the Residential Neighborhoods Land Use designation intended to establish clear policy guidance to restrict future infill development to projects that clearly match establish neighborhood patterns. Reference to a maximum number of units allowable for such infill projects has been removed. Task Force members should review the revised text to determine if it adequately provides a “bright line” for future development without unduly limiting potential projects where redevelopment would serve to improve or enhance existing neighborhood conditions.

Policies related the Downtown (LU-3.1, LU-3.2, and LU-3.5), commercial areas (LU-5.6), cul-de-sacs (LU-9.1), walking and bicycling (TR-2.1, TR-2.2, TR-2.7, TR-2.10, TR-2.12, TR-2.14, TR-2.21, TR-8.4, TR-8.5, TR-8.8, TR-8.9, and TR-8.11) and the Trail Network section have been modified to reflect the Task Force discussion of how to promote walkability. To better support transportation in general, additional policies have been added to Balanced Transportation System (TR-1.17), Maximize Use of Public Transit (TR-3.5), and Transportation Demand Management (TR-7.3). Policies related to

Reduction of Vehicle Miles Traveled (TR-9) have been updated to reflect additional work by staff and consultants on this topic leading up to circulation of the Envision Draft EIR and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Strategy.

Based on earlier Task Force discussions, Policy LU-1.7 has been inserted to promote the preservation of existing Public / Quasi-Public lands to support Private Community Gathering Facilities and Policy Actions LU-17.7 and LU-17.8 have been added to establish specific actions to support the preservation of Rural Agriculture activities.

To further complete this chapter of the Draft Plan, text has been added to further address Urban Village Plan Areas, Area Development Policies, and Growth Areas, and various text clean-ups or clarifications have been made throughout the Chapter.

Task Force members may wish to further comment on the Draft Envision Land Use / Transportation Diagram, as well as an Draft Plan exhibit prepared to illustrate sites on which the Draft Diagram supports or could potentially support the development of new hospitals or other healthcare facilities.

d) Chapter 6 – Implementation

Substantive edits made to Chapter 6 included the modification of policies related to Urban Village Planning to address Task Force input at the November 1, 2010 Task Force Meeting. While more fully detailed in the synopsis for that meeting, these edits include: 1) additional guidance for the Village Planning process participation and time duration; 2) additional Village Plan components including distribution of job and housing capacity for Village sub-areas, a transportation element and careful consideration of interface at the Village periphery; and 3) an exemption to the Village Planning process for “Landmark” projects.

Agenda Item 5 – Public Comment

Members of the community will be provided with an opportunity to address the Task Force and provide input on the Agenda discussion items.

Reading / Resource Materials

The packet includes as a Resource Material an article on key pitfalls to avoid as part of the preparation of comprehensive land use plans.

Public Correspondence

Two items of public correspondence distributed at prior Task Force meetings are included in the current packet as it was not previously made available on line:

- Correspondence from Pat Colombe related to Draft Plan goals and policies for historic preservation, submitted to the Task Force at the October 25, 2010 Task Force meeting.
- Correspondence from Davide Vieira related to the Community Five Wounds / Brookwood Terrace area plan submitted at the November 1, 2010 Task Force meeting.

Announcements

The deadline for alternative Land Use / Transportation Diagram designations to those shown on the Envision Draft Land Use / Transportation Diagram to be considered as part of the General Plan Update process is November 15, 2010, to allow for concurrent consideration of those requests with the General Plan Update. Staff will provide the Task Force with a list of applications received prior to the deadline at the November 15, 2010 Task Force meeting.

The Envision website has a new, simplified address: <http://www.EnvisionSJ2040.org>. The previous website address will also remain in use: http://www.sanjoseca.gov/planning/gp_update/default.asp.

Next Meetings

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 13, 2010 and will focus on providing the Task Force with an overview of environmental documents under preparation as part of the General Plan Update.

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