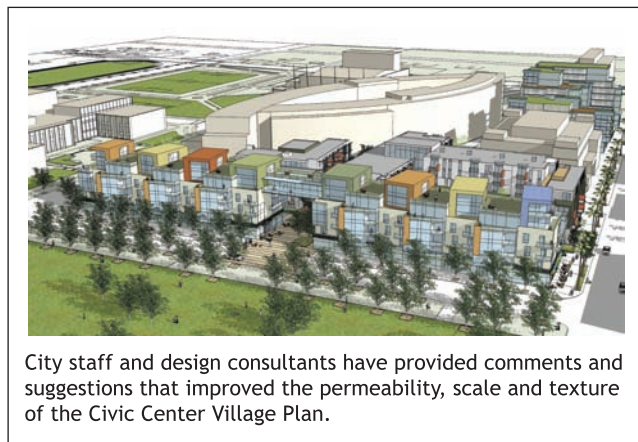


December 2007

Transportation Workshop Ends Busy Year for LUCE — Urban Design Goals Addressed in Civic Center Village Project

A year-ending Transportation Workshop is scheduled for December 6th at the Civic Auditorium. Recent discussions with Village architects have resulted in an improved design that incorporates key placemaking principles endorsed by the community.



City staff and design consultants have provided comments and suggestions that improved the permeability, scale and texture of the Civic Center Village Plan.

“Transportation as a Resource” Focus of 12/6 Workshop

At a December 6 workshop at the Civic Auditorium’s East Wing, Santa Monica’s **Planning & Community Development Department** will further explore transportation strategies to determine better ways for people to move around and park in the city. This event will build on previous transportation workshops by focusing on:

- >> Ways to reduce employee, school & resident trips
- >> Parking strategies for downtown, neighborhood commercial & residential areas
- >> Sustainable resource allocation, and
- >> Approaches to transportation promoting green streets & recreational opportunities.

Previous workshops have involved the input of hundreds of Santa Monica residents interested in improving the pedestrian experience by examining new ways to deal with traffic, parking, and circulation. The entire Santa Monica community is invited to participate in Shaping the Future!

Civic Center Design Integrates LUCE Principles into Plan

Staff hosted a community meeting to discuss the progress of the **Civic Center Village** project on November 29 at the Ken Edwards Center. Approximately 40 people

Join the City of Santa Monica for a Transportation Workshop focusing on a sustainable approach to allocating transportation resources.

TRANSPORTATION

Thursday, December 6, 6:30 - 9:00 PM
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium - 1855 Main Street - East Wing

attended. **Eileen Fogarty**, Director of Planning and Community Development gave a presentation showing how the design had progressed since the August 14 Council hearing, and included a description of new massing concepts for key locations throughout the site that took advantage of several Placemaking principles identified in earlier LUCE outreach. The developer, **The Related Company**, gave a full presentation of the project that included remarks from the

Community Corporation of Santa Monica (CCSM). CCSM briefly described the practice of utilizing the sale of market rate condominiums to subsidize affordable housing and related infrastructure. Following the presentation a wide-ranging discussion touched upon several issues raised by the community.

The design team was complemented for addressing issues related to massing and open space; and staff answered questions regarding affordable housing selection policies; and traffic reduction concepts currently under discussion as part of the LUCE effort.

Placemaking Guide Under Development

In March 2007, City staff and the community collaborated to create **Placemaking**

principles to guide public and private development toward providing services and amenities that serve a public benefit. Work is currently underway to publish these principles for distribution to ensure that future development aligns with the vision and values of the community. The publication will address key placemaking concepts such as the preservation and enhancement of the city’s neighborhoods, the need for gathering places that promote sociability and both passive and active recreation, and quality urban design that improves the quality of our natural and man made environments. The Placemaking Guide will also emphasize walkable neighborhoods that are designed with the pedestrian in mind. It is anticipated that the Guide will be available in early Spring 2008.

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