



DATE: January 13, 2006

TO: City Council
Planning Commissioners

SUBJECT: Project Update: December 19, 2005 through January 13, 2006

Update on Land Use Element and Circulation Element progress through January 13, 2006:

PUBLIC OUTREACH

- Staff is continuing to develop a public outreach program for the Alternatives phase of the project. This topic is addressed in the staff report for the City Council meeting on January 24, 2006. Additional information will be provided to the Planning Commission at their February 1 meeting.

PROJECT COORDINATION

- Project team/joint meetings were held: 12/20/05, 01/03/06, 01/05/06, 01/10/06.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- On January 4, 2006, the Planning Commission recommended three draft alternatives for further study in the Alternatives Workbook; the alternatives selected include the Neighborhood Centers, Uptown/Downtown, and Status Quo. The Commission provided other comments as well related to the 'Common Elements' and 'Options', which are concepts that will be further explored in the upcoming workbook. On January 10, the City Council continued discussion of the alternatives to January 24.
- Work on Phase I of the Zoning Ordinance, (Identifying Strategies, Background Studies and Preliminary Outlines) continues. Interviews are being scheduled with individuals who have a range of experience with the Zoning Code and permit process, which includes key City staff members, to take place on February 9 and 10.

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<http://www.shapethefuture2025.net>

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