



# Shape the Future 2025 - Community Forum Summary Report

## Meeting Information:

Meeting Date:	January 10, 2005
Organization Name:	Sustainable City Task Force
Name of Contact:	Dean Kubani, Senior Environmental Analyst
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Location / Time:	Ken Edwards / 7:00PM
Duration of Meeting:	160 minutes
Number of Participants:	8
STF2025 Staff:	Amanda Schachter, Planning Manager
Representation:	Jonathan Lait, AICP, Acting Principal Planner
City Council and/or Planning Commission	Councilmember Kevin McKeown
Members Present:	

## General Comments:

A quorum was not available to forward any formal recommendation from the meeting but the following ideas were expressed and generally supported by the task force members that were present:

- The Land Use and Circulation Elements should incorporate the eight goals of the Santa Monica Sustainable City Program ([http://santa-monica.org/epd/scp/pdf/SCP\\_1994\\_Progress\\_Report.pdf](http://santa-monica.org/epd/scp/pdf/SCP_1994_Progress_Report.pdf))
- The Land Use and Circulation Elements are opportunities to codify the City's Green Building Guidelines into the Zoning Ordinance.
- Concern was expressed about under-utilized land in the City. A suggestion was offered to replace auto-dealerships along the commercial corridors (i.e., Santa Monica Boulevard) with mixed use residential and housing. The idea of an auto mall near the freeway would consolidate auto sale uses. Broadway and Colorado Avenue were also identified as areas for potential mixed use development.
- Major arterial streets (Wilshire, Santa Monica Boulevard, etc.) were thought to be barriers to sustainable practices and limited non-motorized linkages, or transportation between different parts of the city.
- To encourage more sustainable development, members present suggested using developer incentives to allow, for example, greater building height or increased density.
- The concept of Urban Villages was promoted. Members promoted the idea of locating developments close to transportation nodes and encouraging sustainable designs that serve to reduce the amount of resources being used and to reduce pollution. A significant reduction in the amount of energy (particularly as used in transportation) could be achieved through application of sustainable principles.
- The Land Use and Circulation Elements should plan for Light Rail opportunities to connect by rail Santa Monica to the larger regional area.
- It was suggested that watershed planning be linked with land use, open space and parks to better control run off and increase permeable alternatives to storm water discharge.
- Increased density because of its environmentally sustainable benefits was encouraged with opportunities to increase green spaces with rooftop parks and landscaping.
- Members suggested employing the use of a sustainable city consultant during the plan formation stage of the project.

### Note:

Established in 2003 by the Santa Monica City Council, the Sustainable City Task Force was created to advise City Council and staff during development and adoption of an implementation strategy to meet the goals of the Santa Monica Sustainable City Plan (SCP), and to help raise awareness in the community about sustainability and the SCP. The Task Force is an expert panel of 11 members



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appointed by City Council with specific expertise in one or more of the following areas: Planning, Housing, Recreation and Parks, Social Services, Environmental Policy, Education and Health care. In addition, City Council has required that composition of the group ensure fair representation of the following community stakeholder groups: Business, Labor, and Neighborhoods. More information on the Sustainable City Task Force is available online: [http://santa-monica.org/epd/SC\\_Task\\_Force/index.htm](http://santa-monica.org/epd/SC_Task_Force/index.htm)

### **Follow – Up Issues:**

The members of the Task Force present at the meeting request that staff return as the project advanced to the next phase, the Opportunities and Challenges portion of the project.

The group also requested a copy of the Working Principles Report when it becomes available.