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ABOUT COMPASS BLUEPRINT

Compass Blueprint was initiated through a comprehensive Growth Visioning process in 2000, founded on extensive community participation, technical modeling analysis and expert peer review. The region's Growth Vision was driven by four key principles:

- *Mobility - Getting where we want to go*
- *Livability - Creating positive communities*
- *Prosperity - Long-term health for the region*
- *Sustainability - Promoting efficient use of natural resources*

Compass Blueprint represents a plan that, with only modest changes to development patterns, can point the region toward maintained and improved quality of life. Today, Compass Blueprint's focus is on providing local jurisdictions with the planning services, tools and training that they need to fulfill their local goals, while improving the mobility, livability, prosperity and sustainability of the region as a whole.

For more information, please visit
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THE FOURTH ANNUAL COMPASS BLUEPRINT RECOGNITION AWARDS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2010

6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

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California Environmental Protection Agency

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The 2010 Compass Blueprint Awards recognize the great planning and development work occurring throughout the region. These plans and projects coordinate land use and transportation actions, demonstrate excellence in planning and design, and most importantly, work towards improving the mobility, livability, prosperity and sustainability of our region.

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President's Award for Excellence

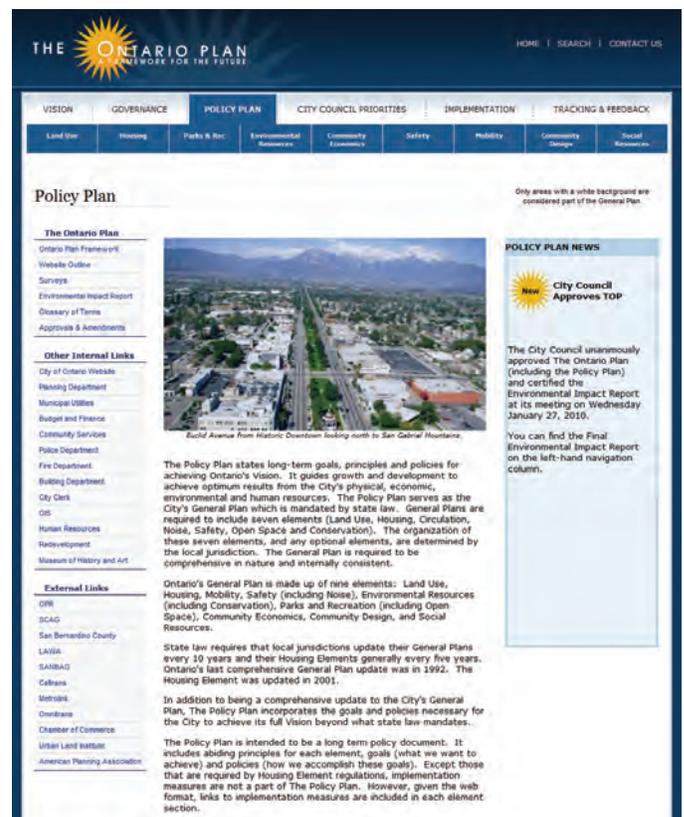
VISIONARY PLANNING FOR MOBILITY, LIVABILITY, PROSPERITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

City of Ontario

The Ontario Plan

The Ontario Plan is a dynamic framework for sustained, comprehensive leadership in building a community that embodies the Compass Blueprint Principles. It integrates components of city governance documents that are typically disconnected.

The Plan states community direction at a point in time (2008) and integrates it into a single guidance system that will shape the Ontario community 20 years or more into the future. The Ontario Plan provides for lasting policies to accommodate change. It consists of a Vision, Governance Manual, Policy Plan, City Council Priorities, Implementation Plans and Tracking and Feedback. It is an incredibly transparent guidance system for the benefit of everyone.



The Ontario Plan (TOP) website (www.ontarioplan.org) allows navigation to TOP Components and 9 Elements.



VISIONARY PLANNING FOR MOBILITY

City of Monrovia

Station Square Transit Village Specific Plan



The Station Square Transit Village Specific Plan is a mixed-use, transit-oriented development located in Monrovia, California.

The Station Square Transit Village Specific Plan is a model for other cities along transit corridors for how to implement the Compass Blueprint Mobility Principle. The future Gold Line transit station presents a unique opportunity for the City to transform an underutilized industrial park into a mixed-use transit village. The City worked closely with the community to create a design that not only achieved its economic and transportation goals, but provided a transit-oriented development that is compatible with the character of the surrounding neighborhoods.



Excellence Awards

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VISIONARY PLANNING FOR LIVABILITY

Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles

Jordan Downs Public Housing Redevelopment

The Jordan Downs Public Housing Redevelopment Project is an excellent illustration of the Compass Blueprint Livability Principle. Through a grassroots outreach approach, and a one-for-one replacement strategy to avoid displacement, the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles has committed to transforming a once isolated, barrack-style community into a vibrant, sustainable urban village.

With Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) neighborhood principles in mind, the Jordan Downs Master Plan and ongoing planning efforts are founded on the creation of a community complete with mixed-use housing and commercial facilities, sustainable infrastructure and landscaping, new job centers, additional transit routes, the extension of a major boulevard, parks and community facilities and amenities for all to enjoy.



*Jordan Downs Preferred Master Plan:
1,600-1,800 New Homes—Jobs, Parks & Family Resources.*

VISIONARY PLANNING FOR PROSPERITY

Imperial Valley College

Expansion, Mobility and Sustainability Program

The Imperial Valley College (IVC) Expansion, Mobility and Sustainability Program is an excellent example of the Compass Blueprint Prosperity Principle. As the first LEED-certified public building in Imperial County, the 70,000 square foot science building holds 700 classroom seats in 12 laboratories, 9 classrooms and a 124-seat lecture hall. Alternative energy education is central to this effort and will be further supported through the construction of a 12-acre solar energy field.

Providing access to affordable transportation is key, given that one-third of Imperial County's transit ridership travels to and from the college. The expansion plan encourages transit investments and promotes a "walkable" campus community through excellently planned pedestrian areas.



Student Walkways from Science Building



LEED Certified Science Building

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The new restored site provides extensive roughness elements, large woody debris and boulder clusters.

VISIONARY PLANNING FOR SUSTAINABILITY

City of Calabasas

Las Virgenes Creek Restoration

The Las Virgenes Creek Restoration project is an outstanding example of the Compass Blueprint Environmental Sustainability Principle. For over three decades, this artery within the Malibu Watershed has endured a concrete shell installed as a flood control measure. The restoration project re-established the existing flood control facility in an environmentally harmonious and sensitive fashion, based on a naturally functioning, sustainable stream that supports a healthy habitat for wildlife and humans. Today, the creek has been restored to a habitat-friendly haven for wildlife in the middle of a bustling urban area.



BEFORE: Approximately 440 linear feet of Las Virgenes Creek between Highway 101 and the Agoura Road Bridge was lined with concrete, severely disrupting the wildlife corridor and removing all viable riparian habitats from this once thriving natural creek segment.



AFTER: The Design Concept was to create a naturally stable, self-sustaining, low maintenance creek reach within existing right-of-ways while providing 100-year flood protection.

City of Anaheim

Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center (ARTIC)

It has taken Sustained Leadership by the City of Anaheim and the Orange County Transportation Authority to move The Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center (ARTIC) forward from the vision for a 21st Century transportation hub to a reality that will transform the future of Anaheim and Orange County. This state-of-the-art facility will offer convenient travel via trains, high speed rail, and other local transit, connecting Orange County cities with other cities in California and the United States. The District Guidelines can serve as a model for how to implement the Compass Blueprint Principles by improving mobility between cities within the region and Southern California. The guidelines foster livability to revitalize the surrounding urban neighborhoods, bring prosperity to area residents, and sustainability for future generations.



Bird's-eye view showing the overall concept, character and identity of the ARTIC Mixed-Use District.

Sustained Leadership Awards

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“It takes Sustained Leadership to create a solid foundation of urban planning and sustainability principles to ensure a city’s long-term success and vitality.” — Hasan Ikhata, SCAG Executive Director

**THE LUCE DIRECTS
POTENTIAL CHANGE TO
AREAS SERVED BY TRANSIT**

BERGAMONT STATION 1

MEMORIAL PARK 2

DOWNTOWN SANTA MONICA 3

WISWIRE AT 14TH 4

WISWIRE AT LEUTHEA 5

LINDOLY/DOCEMI PARK BOULEVARDS 7

BROADWAY AND COLORADO 6

The LUCE requires new development to be connected to transit, creates a multi-modal transportation system, incentivizes walking, biking and transit, and encourages local-serving uses within walking distance of established and new neighborhoods.

City of Santa Monica

Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE)

The City of Santa Monica has created state-of-the-art, cutting-edge policies that incorporate land use, transportation, economic and environmental issues into a flexible, long-term plan. The Draft Land Use and Circulation Element is an example of how the city is focusing development near transit, guiding the location of local-serving land uses to create complete neighborhoods and encouraging alternatives to the automobile. Because of its Sustained Leadership, the City has a policy platform in place for the community’s most fundamental values to interact with the City’s official land use and transportation policies in a sustainable and innovative manner. Most importantly, the City has clearly identified the tools that are needed to meet state greenhouse gas (GHG) emission goals and the community’s desire to preserve and enhance the City.

City of Rialto

Crossroads Mixed-Use Project

The City of Rialto has demonstrated Sustained Leadership in its commitment and engagement of the community to develop the City's first mixed-use, transit-oriented project. The Crossroads Mixed-Use project is the result of a partnership between the City of Rialto's Redevelopment Agency, Housing Authority and KDF Communities to develop 117 affordable housing units for seniors. Through this project, the City has demonstrated a focus on linking high density housing with transit on Riverside Avenue and the Metrolink station, creating affordable housing, promoting livability by mixing housing with commercial development, and using architectural design techniques that create a vibrant environment at a human scale. Physically the project's design, height and density will transform the area into a focal point for the City's urban center, while economically it will bring much needed energy and revenue to the Downtown.



Project Site: Riverside Avenue

Sustained Leadership Award

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Regional Collaboration Award

San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

Cities of Azusa, Baldwin Park, Covina, Glendora, Irwindale, and Los Angeles County

Arrow Highway Corridor Demonstration Project

Multi-jurisdictional planning efforts are critical as the region works to implement Compass Blueprint Principles and accommodate future transportation, jobs and housing needs for our residents. The Arrow Highway Demonstration Project engaged six unique jurisdictions within the San Gabriel Valley to create a unified vision and plan for the 8.5-mile corridor. The project provided land use, economic, design and implementation strategies to improve the overall corridor, while creating greater connections between land use and transportation. Regional collaboration of this nature ultimately encourages participating jurisdictions to leverage their respective political, regulatory, financial and physical resources to comprehensively and sustainably improve their own communities and their subregion as a whole. This effort has served as a model in the San Gabriel Valley for other similar planning efforts along major corridors.



The intersection of Arrow Highway and Grand Avenue has a substantial amount of auto uses; these uses could be consolidated to support sales and improve the area's aesthetics.



Conceptual illustration of how auto uses could be consolidated at Arrow Highway and Grand Avenue.

ACHIEVEMENT IN LIVABILITY

City of Rancho Mirage

Section 19 Specific Plan

Section 19 represents an opportunity to bring a different style of living, working and shopping to the desert. Departing from the low-scale resort-oriented development found throughout the Coachella Valley, the Specific Plan seeks to introduce a high density mix of commercial, office, entertainment, hotel and residential uses within the context of a master-planned town center. The Specific Plan is the result of a cooperative venture between the governing bodies of the City of Rancho Mirage and the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians to create a specific plan that is mutually beneficial and based on a shared vision.



Achievement Awards

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ACHIEVEMENT IN PROSPERITY

Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning

Florence Firestone Visioning Project



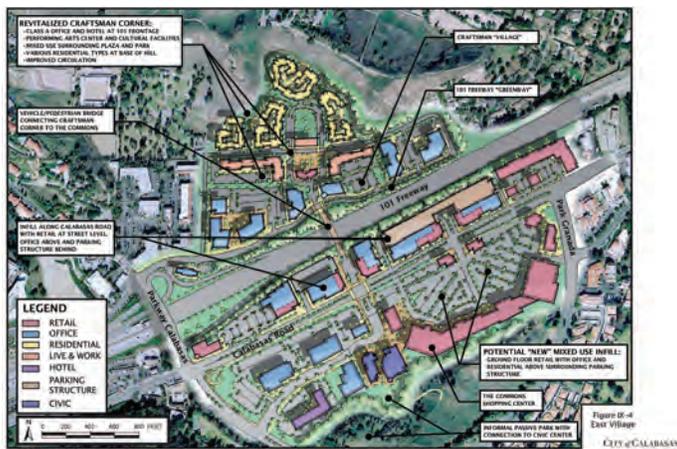
The vision plan considers the Florence-Firestone community in a regional context and the community's role to help balance growth in Southern California. By planning for and directing growth to appropriate locations within the community and improving transportation within the community, the vision plan suggests a Florence-Firestone that can successfully and efficiently grow, provide much needed housing and jobs while avoiding significant negative impacts to the community. The vision plan seeks to improve overall quality of life in this traditionally underserved community and has begun to do so through outreach, education and continued partnership between the Florence-Firestone Community and Los Angeles County.

ACHIEVEMENT IN SUSTAINABILITY

City of Calabasas

Calabasas General Plan

Mixed-use designations in three areas of the city will promote redevelopment and walkable village-like nodes to and from which mass transit can more effectively transport residents, workers and visitors. By compressing future housing and job centers into these areas, and restricting traditional "greenfield" development in outlying areas, the Plan also promotes significant open space preservation. An additional 1,000 acres of open space are targeted for preservation, which will be added to the more than 3,000 acres already protected under existing planning and zoning. When achieved, this will result in having one-half of the city preserved as permanent open space.



Honorable Mentions

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FURTHERING THE REGIONAL VISION

Beverly Hills

Gardens Specific Plan

The Gardens Specific Plan represents a highly successful public private partnership to design and create a vibrant community around a future transit site in Beverly Hills. Through the development of a Gold LEED certified hotel, the plan also provides for new jobs, housing and a public park to ensure the overall vitality of the area.

Calimesa

Downtown Business Corridor Plan

Calimesa's Downtown Business Corridor Plan, Code and Design Guidelines provide the foundation needed for residents, business owners and potential investors to pursue development opportunities that will transform downtown Calimesa into a vibrant pedestrian-friendly district with attractive storefronts, gathering areas and increased connectivity.

Cathedral City

North City Specific Plan

The North City Specific Plan (NCSP) presents the first adopted comprehensive planning document to incorporate the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan. The plan is also innovative in its embrace of future transportation technologies and its flex-boundary between two adjacent mixed-use districts in anticipation of changing market demands.

Chino Hills

The Shoppes Specific Plan

The Shoppes at Chino Hills Specific Plan created an integrated live, work and shop center for the residents of Chino Hills and surrounding communities. Exciting features of the plan include bicycle facilities provided throughout the project area and a "Park Once System" with shared and reduced parking that provides for combined and reduced vehicle trips.

Indio

Highway 99/Indio Boulevard Study

The City of Indio's comprehensive study of its Highway 99 corridor uncovered synergies and opportunities between land use, transportation and economic development. The resulting vision is designed around complementary nodes and based on long-term economic development and multi-modal mobility strategies.

Santa Ana

City Place Mixed Use Development

As Santa Ana's first true urban center, City Place transformed a once vacant lot into a self sustaining hub of activity, as well as a destination for the local community to gather. City Place is an eclectic development consisting of live/work lofts, townhomes, and 60,000 square feet of retail, restaurants and an outdoor theatre.

Orange County

Great Park Comprehensive Master Plan

The Orange County Great Park will feature a constructed two-and-a-half mile canyon, a daylighted stream, a large lake, a cultural terrace, a great lawn, an aviation museum, a botanical garden and a sports park. The Master Plan is founded on sustainable practices through innovative ideas, structures, systems and technologies.