

SEVENTH ANNUAL COMPASS BLUEPRINT RECOGNITION AWARDS

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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.

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The 2013 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.

COMPASS BLUEPRINT RECOGNITION AWARDS ADVISORY PANELISTS

We recognize and thank the panelists for their time and continued support of the Compass Blueprint Program.

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2013 COMPASS BLUEPRINT RECOGNITION AWARDS WINNERS

Congratulations to all.

President's Award for Excellence

- Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro)

Excellence Awards

- Visionary Planning for Livability: City of Los Angeles
- Visionary Planning for Mobility: Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG)
- Visionary Planning for Sustainability: County of Los Angeles
- Visionary Planning for Prosperity: Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)

Achievement Awards

- Livability: City of Fontana
- Mobility: South Bay Bicycle Coalition/LA County Bicycle Coalition
- Sustainability: City of Long Beach
- Prosperity: Riverside Transit Agency (RTA)

Honorable Mention

- City of Anaheim
- City of El Monte
- City of Highland
- City of Irvine
- City of Laguna Niguel
- City of Lancaster
- City of Lynwood
- City of Palm Desert
- City of San Bernardino
- City of Temecula
- City of Whittier
- City of Yucaipa

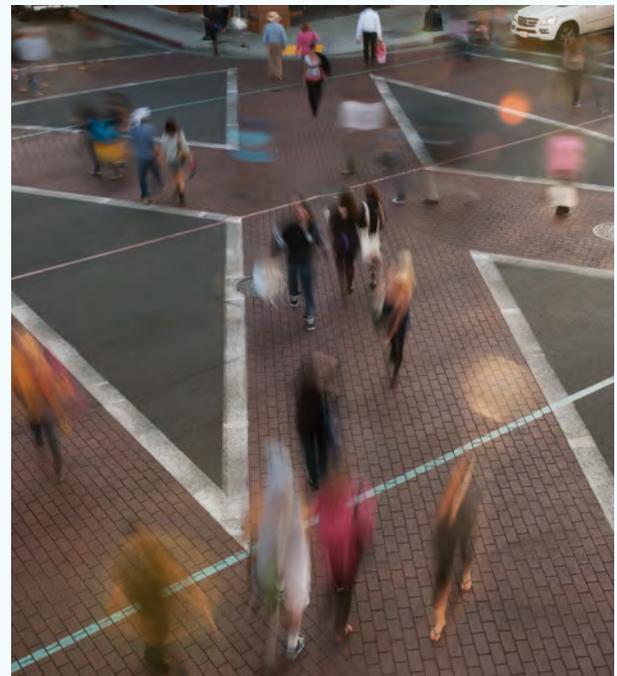
It builds upon the 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) and provides a foundation for achieving further greenhouse gas reductions in the 2016 RTP/SCS.

President's Award for Excellence

LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (METRO)

Countywide Sustainability Planning Policy

The Metro Countywide Sustainability Planning Policy is a complement to efforts that have been underway for more than two decades to improve air quality and increase transportation choices in Los Angeles County. It builds upon the 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) and provides a foundation for achieving further greenhouse gas reductions in the 2016 RTP/SCS. The Policy broadens Metro's approach to sustainability from focusing on a particular project or transportation mode to developing a more holistic and system-based framework for sustainability analysis and planning. It defines the agency's long-term, desired sustainability outcomes in order to facilitate greater coordination and collaboration across transportation modes, planning disciplines (land-use, housing, environment, economic development, health, utilities) and government agencies.



VISIONARY PLANNING FOR LIVABILITY

City of Los Angeles

The **Cornfield Arroyo Seco Specific Plan (CASP)** revises traditional grid zoning and introduces new building form, urban design, open space, parking, conservation, performance and street standards. The Plan includes revisions to the Citywide General Plan Framework Element, Transportation Element and General Plan Land Use designations; Zone changes; and Street Reclassifications.

The CASP incorporates approximately 660 acres today that are largely characterized by low-density, light industrial buildings and publicly-owned maintenance, utility and railway yards. The arrangement and mix of land uses within the proposed Plan are intended to reduce both mobile and stationary source GHG emissions through increased transit ridership, facilitating the development of new businesses and requiring that the operation of residential, commercial and industrial buildings is conducted in an energy and water-efficient manner.

SCAG also commends the **City's Bicycle Plan 2010** for its contributions in implementing the Compass Blueprint Principles.



Excellence Awards



VISIONARY PLANNING FOR MOBILITY

Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG)

The **Coachella Valley Parkway 1e11** project is an innovative multi-modal path that will accommodate bicycles, pedestrians and Neighborhood Electric Vehicle (NEVs). The project will follow the Whitewater River in the heart of the Coachella Valley and roughly parallel Hwy. 111 and I-10. The path will also connect all nine cities in the Valley as well as the intervening County land and three Indian Tribes. The improvement on the path will be wide enough to accommodate all users. Paving materials will be eco-friendly while allowing for ease of maintenance and patrol. The project provides an alternative form of transportation and will reduce vehicle miles travelled (VMT) by over 12 million vehicle miles by 2035. The economic benefit expects 743 jobs during the construction phase and an overall economic impact of almost \$1 billion through jobs, added events, health benefits, safety, tourism, increased property values, increased business opportunities and consumer savings associated with improved air quality. Over \$40 million has already been committed to the construction of the path through various funding sources.

SCAG also commends CVAG's **Green-for-Life Program** for its contributions in implementing the Compass Blueprint Principles.

VISIONARY PLANNING FOR SUSTAINABILITY

County of Los Angeles

The **One Valley One Vision, Santa Clarita (OVOV)** plan was a joint effort by the City of Santa Clarita and the County of Los Angeles to develop consistent long-range planning documents for the entire Santa Clarita Valley. This innovative collaboration resulted in the adoption of an updated City General Plan, which replaced an outdated document adopted in 1991, as well as the adoption of an updated County Area Plan, which replaced an outdated document adopted in 1984. Together, these plans allow for a 93% increase in housing units and a 130% increase in jobs, substantially improving the area's jobs/housing balance. This effort ensures ongoing coordination between the two jurisdictions as they implement their respective long-range planning documents over the coming years. OVOV acknowledged the challenge of planning for this area through a "Valley of Villages" strategy that allows for additional growth while preserving the Santa Clarita Valley's rich mosaic of urban, suburban and rural environments. The "Valley of Villages" strategy focuses growth in areas near existing job centers, transit, and infrastructure.

SCAG also commends the County of Los Angeles projects for its contributions in implementing the Compass Blueprint Principles with the following plans/projects:

The Willowbrook MLK Wellness Community Vision and MLK Medical Center Campus Plan, Rural Outdoor Lighting District Ordinance, and Sustainable Pavement Treatment Program for County Roads.



VISIONARY PLANNING FOR PROSPERITY

Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)

The **Highway 395 Corridor Study for Southwest Riverside County** studies the Historic Highway 395 Corridor that travels through the Cities of Temecula, Murrieta, Wildomar and Lake Elsinore. As the I-15 has become the predominant travel route for traversing the region, the old Highway 395 route has become less prominent and underutilized in the expanse from Temecula to Lake Elsinore. The Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) Highway 395 Corridor Study is a collaborative effort between the cities of Lake Elsinore, Murrieta, Temecula and Wildomar and stakeholders within the participating communities and has received funding support through Caltrans and the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). The purpose of the Study is to develop a comprehensive transportation and land use plan for the shared 16-mile, north-south arterial. The Study enables these four cities to accommodate future growth by utilizing a range of transportation options and reducing transportation demand through better community design. Additionally, the Study establishes a vision that will guide land use decisions, infrastructure improvements, design and economic development activities along the Corridor.

SCAG also commends WRCOG's **Sustainability Framework** plan for its contributions in implementing the Compass Blueprint Principles.



ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - LIVABILITY

City of Fontana

Senior Apartments

The Fontana Senior Apartments are four-phased, aesthetically pleasing, residential developments: “Fountains at Sierra,” “Gardens at Sierra,” “Village at Sierra” and the “Plaza at Sierra.” The City of Fontana renewed and revitalized its once dilapidated, crime-ridden downtown area, transforming it with the addition of affordable senior housing complexes. The City chose to place the vitally-needed affordable senior housing developments in the downtown area due to the close proximity to existing medical facilities and transportation services (Metrolink Rail Facility and OmniTrans Bus Lines), as well as for the opportunity for downtown revitalization. A total of 384 units were constructed for low-income senior citizens (defined as people age 55 or older with income levels at or below 50% of median income). An area once in decline is now thriving.



Achievement Awards



ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - MOBILITY

South Bay Bicycle Coalition/LA County Bicycle Coalition

South Bay Bicycle Master Plan

The South Bay Bicycle Master Plan is the result of a partnership between bike advocacy non-profit Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition (LACBC) and local grass-roots bike advocates the South Bay Bicycle Coalition (SBBC). The plan recommends Class I bike paths, Class II bike lanes, Class III bike routes and bike-friendly streets. Proposed bikeways connect with existing and planned facilities in neighboring jurisdictions, as well as transit facilities, schools, and commercial and office centers. In addition to a recommended bikeway network and locations for bicycle parking and support facilities, the plan includes goals, objectives and policies. These are focused upon the “six E’s” of a successful bike plan: evaluation and planning, engineering, education, enforcement, encouragement and equity.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - SUSTAINABILITY

City of Long Beach

The **Collage Apartments** are located in the Wrigley neighborhood of Central Long Beach, on a one-half acre site assembled from the consolidation of three contiguous, blighted properties. At the time of its acquisition, the site included six derelict structures with non-permitted residential units built from garage conversions and paved yards with overgrown weeds, rickety fences and illegal parking throughout. The property was well known to law enforcement as a source of crime and illegal activity. Major renovations transformed the site into 14 large, family-oriented residential units with secure parking, private yards, shared open space and substantial community amenities. Additionally, residents are also provided with support services from Jamboree Housing Corporation's resident services group, Housing with HEART (HwH). Free programs tailored to meet the unique needs of Collage residents focus on academic achievement for young people, community-building activities and family health and fitness.

SCAG also commends the City's innovative projects and plans for its contributions in implementing the Compass Blueprint Principles with the following plans/projects: **Downtown Plan and The Parklet at Berlin Bistro/The Parklet at Lola's.**



ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - PROSPERITY

Riverside Transit Agency (RTA)

Travel Training Program

Launched in November 2011, the Riverside Transit Agency's travel training program – the first of its type in Riverside County – is a free, self-paced process where an individual, regardless of ability or age, can learn to ride RTA's fixed-route system. The program, fueled by a spectrum of marketing materials that include a bilingual brochure, posters, advertisements in RTA's Ride Guide and an online promotional video – is steering a growing number of customers away from costly Dial-A-Ride service and saving the agency operational costs. Trainees say the program provides the true freedom and independence that does not exist with an advanced-registration system. Instead of being segregated to paratransit and dependent on its limitations, trainees develop the freedom to choose when fixed-route service will work for them and when they need that extra bit of assistance. This unique program promotes a variety of travel choices, nurtures community partnerships, embraces sustainable communities and helps minimize pollution and waste.

HONORABLE MENTION

City of Anaheim
 City of El Monte
 City of Highland
 City of Irvine
 City of Laguna Niguel

City of Lancaster
 City of Lynwood
 Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)
 City of Palm Desert

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