



## Florence-Firestone Community Leaders Presentation Summary

### Florence-Firestone Community Plan

On Wednesday, January 13, 2010 the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning and representatives from URS, Inc. attended a meeting of the Florence-Firestone Community Leaders to present on the Florence-Firestone Community Plan.

The meeting opened with a brief introduction of the project status to date. Following successful completion of the Florence-Firestone Vision Plan in 2009 LA County Departments have begun to take action on the recommendations identified in the Vision Plan. The Department of Parks and Recreation is conducting a Park Plan and the Department of Regional Planning applied for and received grant support to complete the Florence-Firestone Community Plan. The purpose of the Community Plan is to guide land use to achieve the community's shared vision of the future through goals and policies, land use regulations, and the Zoning Ordinance. Land Use and Sustainability, Transportation, and Retail and Industrial Market analyses are being conducted by the project consultant, URS, Inc. This component of the project is supported by the Southern California Association of Governments Compass Blueprint program, which also funded the Vision Plan.



Next, URS, Inc. presented on the analyses they are working on. The issues of land use and sustainability, transportation, and retail and industrial market analysis were all identified as in need of further study in the Vision Plan. To date URS has reviewed background material, participated in a field visit of the community, and prepared detailed outlines of their project deliverables. They will be analyzing land use alternatives that realize the potential of existing transit stations and enhance sustainability, evaluating transit-oriented-district ordinances and identifying potential changes, and developing a plan to address key economic development issues.

Following the presentation on the Community Plan, the Department of Parks and Recreation presented on the Parks and Recreation Plan. Both Plans are an outgrowth of the Vision Plan. While the Parks and Recreation Plan will focus more specifically on park facilities and programming, much of its goals, policies, and open space strategies will be incorporated into the Community Plan, which deals more broadly with land use. The Department of Parks and Recreation has completed a review of the relevant portions of the Vision Plan and has identified issues to be addressed for park locations, facilities, programs, and trails. They will engage the community through a series of workshops. The Parks and Recreation Plan will provide a "road map" to develop Florence-Firestone as a "green rich" community over the next 20 years. Future meetings will include youth and senior input meetings.

The presentation concluded with a brief question and answer session. Attendees were invited to contact DRP or DPR for more information and to attend upcoming community events to get involved in the Community Plan and Parks and Recreation Plan.