

Eloy Design Charrette Summary Report

Date: October 10, 2007
Time: 6 pm – 8:30 pm
Location: Toltec Middle School Cafeteria
3315 N Toltec Rd, Eloy

Handouts

Draft Vision
Design Charrette Gaming Map

Attendees (14):

Ben Belkin, Evelyn Casuga, Jason Crisanti, Lindsey Gemme, Lynda Gernat, Kelley Gorry, Christina McVie, Jason Meininger, Claralyn Ploof, Claudine Sabel, Paul Sabel, John Schwendler, James Sibert, Justin Stabley

MEETING SUMMARY

The purpose of the Design Charrettes was to bring together residents and stakeholders from around Pinal County to work together in developing future land use and transportation plans that implement the Vision that has evolved from the 9 Road Shows and 7 Visioning Workshops held throughout the County. Prior to the start of the event, participants browsed several exhibits which depicted some existing conditions in Pinal County, displayed potential population figures and defined various planning terms and concepts.

The event initiated with a PowerPoint presentation that described the Comprehensive Plan process and project status, provided information regarding the draft Pinal County Vision, talked to many planning considerations for Pinal County, and described the land use and transportation planning activity participants would complete following the presentation. The PowerPoint is available on the project website at: www.PinalCountyPlan.com.

After the presentation, participants broke into small groups to complete the land use and transportation planning exercise. The task for each small group was to conceptually plan the unincorporated areas of Pinal County, also taking time to consider the potential development along municipal planning area fringes and jurisdictional borders. Together with a facilitator and/or planner, small groups applied the ideas found in the draft Vision when considering and/or identifying the following elements:

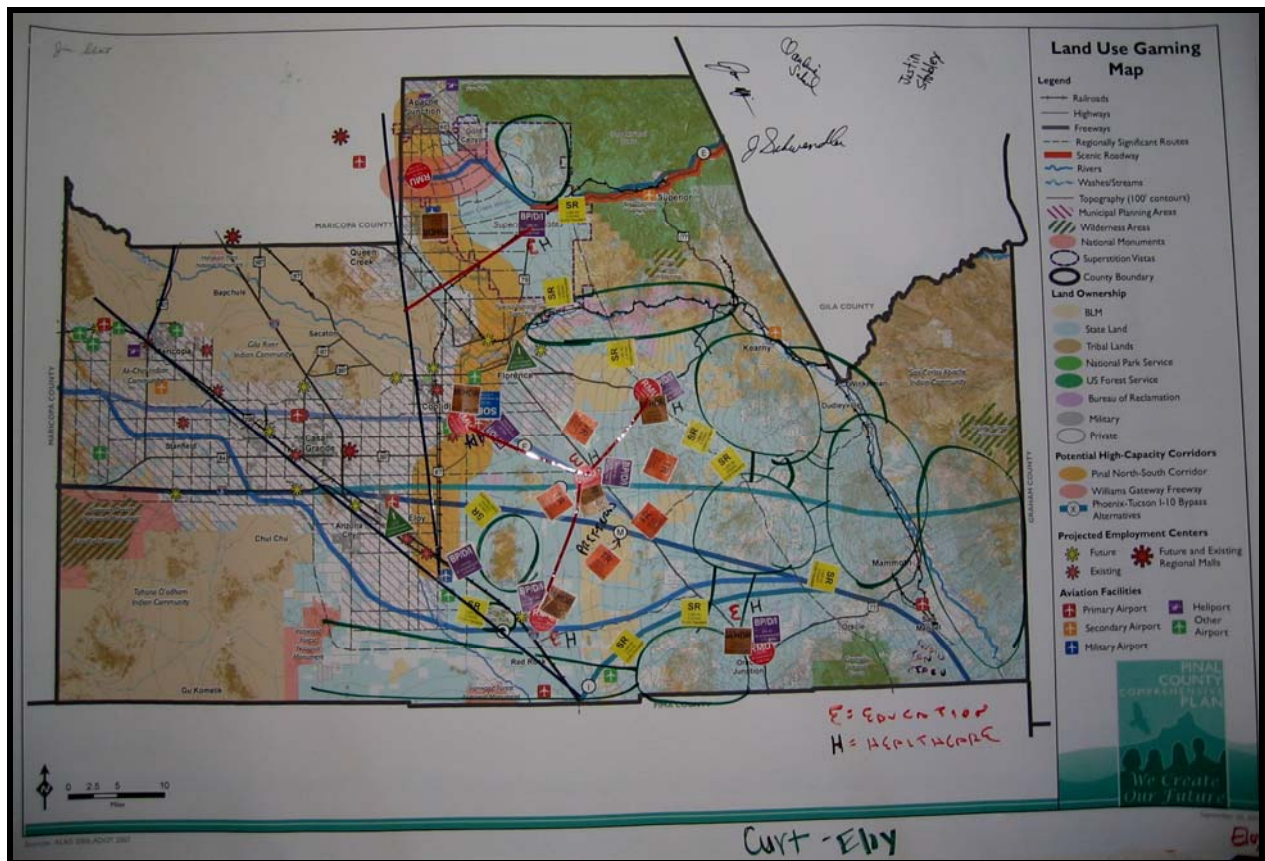
- Open space (permanent, recreational, etc.)
- Historic downtowns; new communities and downtowns
- Residential development (high-, medium-, and low-density)
- Regional activity centers
- Employment centers (soft- and industrial-employment)
- Regional airport
- Transportation (I-10 bypass, commuter rail, bus rapid transit, area-wide shuttle transit, etc.)
- Other public services (education, health, etc.)

As the small groups used game pieces to depict the above elements, a designated member of each group completed a worksheet as a record of the decisions the small group made. A photograph of each small group and the accompanying group worksheet responses are provided in this report.

LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION PLANNING EXERCISE SUMMARY

Facilitator: Curt Dunham

Small Group Participants: Ben Belkin, Scottsdale; Christina McVie, Cattletank & Pinal Co/Redrock; Claudine Sabel, Arizona City; John Schwendler, Arizona City; James Sibert, Arizona City; Justin Stabley, Casa Grande



Describe the Key Concepts of the Group's Land Use Map:

- Open space connectivity (to also cross transportation corridor)
 - Usable is recommended
- Employment nodes
- Low-density residential used to buffer open space

Describe how the Group's Land Use Map Addressed the Pinal Vision: Open Spaces and Places

- Designated open space and connected - made them usable

Sense of Community

- Created new self-sustaining communities and preserved existing communities
- Reinvigorated downtowns

Economic Sustainability

- Identified an airport
- Identified employment centers
- Railroad corridors for businesses

Quality Educational Opportunities

- Located areas for education near our employment/living areas

Healthy, Happy Residents

- Connected open spaces and located new health care facilities; create happy, healthy residents

Mobility and Connectivity

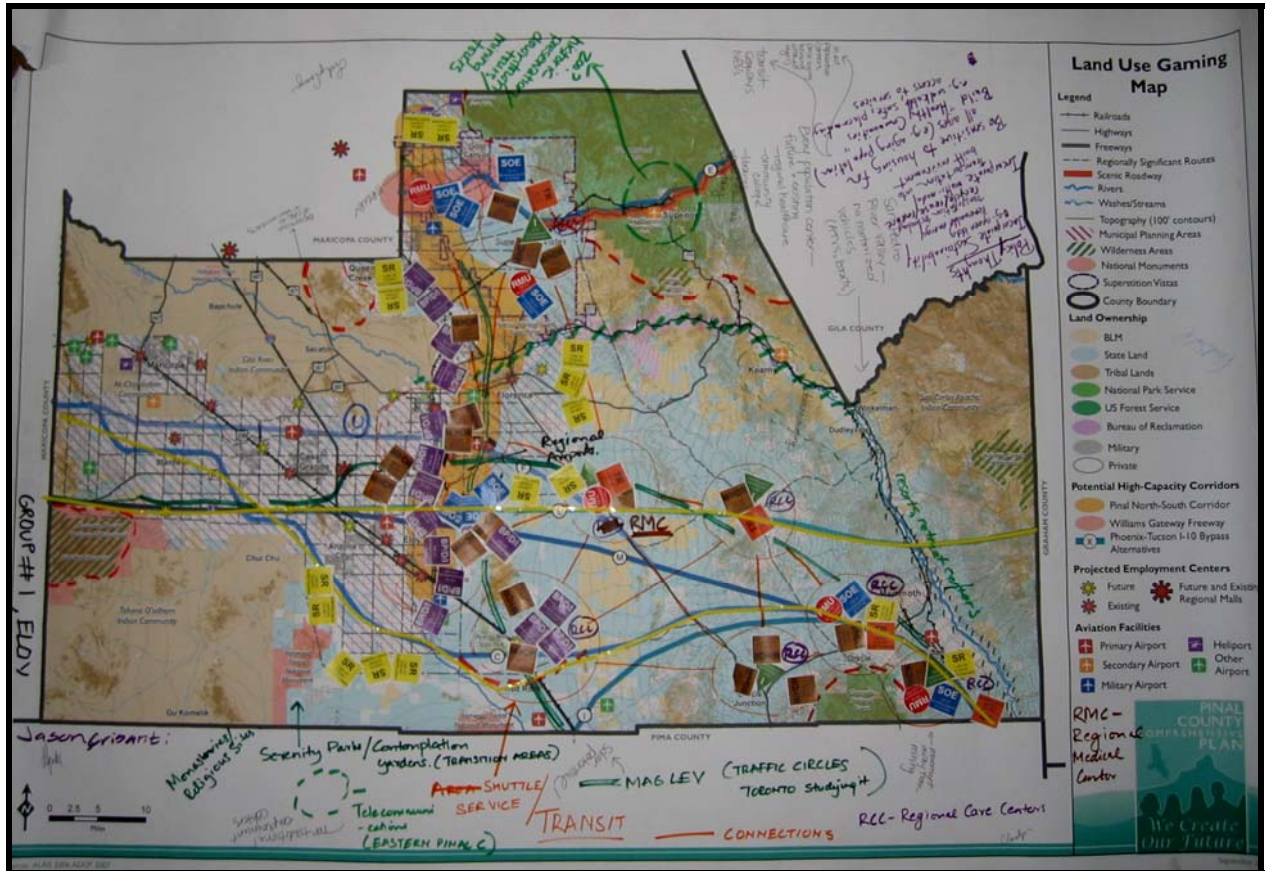
- Identified high-speed rail
- Identified a preferred I-10 Bypass
- Identified new transit routes
- Identified airport

Environmental Stewardship

- Keep low intensities near open spaces
- Leave rivers alone

Facilitator: Mansi Sachdev and Jackie Pfeiffer

Small Group Participants: Evelyn Casuga, Casa Grande; Jason Crisanki, Gilbert; Lynda Dermitt, Arizona City; Kelley Gorry, Scottsdale; Claracyn Ploof, Casa Grande; Paul Sabel, Arizona City



Describe the Key Concepts of the Group's Land Use Map:

Policy Considerations:

- Economic sustainability
- Green building
- Green transportation
- Incorporate transit to economic centers
- Think about elderly and transportation
- Historical land for cemeteries (each community should have their own)
- Recycle, re-use, reduce

Describe how the Group's Land Use Map Addressed the Pinal Vision:

Open Spaces and Places

- Protect natural forests
- Protect San Tan regional park
- Too many boats on the river

Sense of Community

- Oracle

- Superstition Vistas
- Towns at the intersection of Pinal County's Regional Significant Routes, highways, and I-10 bypasses
- Master planned communities around existing urban areas

Economic Sustainability

- Superstition Vistas (regional activity center)
- Parklink Drive
- Off 79
- Expand Coolidge Airport with economic activity center
- Industrial along rail lines/yards
- Movement away from mining in San Manuel
- Mini economic centers east side of county (non-traditional employment centers)

Quality Educational Opportunities

- Expanding the Central Arizona College Signal Peak to four-year
- Northern Arizona University has a satellite campus
- Satellite schools/schools

Healthy, Happy Residents

- Regional care centers around every population center
- Hospitals too expensive
- Major hospital in economic center southeast of Florence
- Retreat resorts

Mobility and Connectivity

- We like L and C for I-10 bypasses (something that connected with both I-8 and the new 303).
- Above ground magnetic rail (Mag Lev) along railroad corridor
- Traffic circles for Mag Lev, like in the Netherlands
- Rapid transit along highways

Environmental Stewardship

- Shuttle services (Share-a-Ride)
- Another Mag Lev going east-west along I-10 bypass
- Historic significance center around Superior
- Zoo around Superior
- Telecommunications