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# Press Release

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## **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS ANNOUNCES COMPASS BLUEPRINT AWARD WINNERS**

**LA QUINTA, CA – May 11, 2010** – Winners of the fourth annual Compass Blueprint Awards were recognized in La Quinta, California during the 2010 Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) annual Regional Conference & General Assembly.

The winner of the President’s Award for Excellence encompasses all four principles of the Compass Blueprint Program: Mobility, Livability, Prosperity and Sustainability. This year’s winner was the **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 of Mobility, Livability, Prosperity and Sustainability. It integrates the components of city governance that are typically disconnected.*

The Compass Blueprint Excellence Award for Mobility was presented to the **CITY OF MONROVIA** for the **STATION SQUARE TRANSIT VILLAGE SPECIFIC PLAN**. *The plan presents a unique opportunity to transform an underutilized industrial park into a mixed-use transit village. The design achieved economic and transportation goals compatible with the character of surrounding neighborhoods.*

The Excellence Award for Livability went to the **HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES**, for the **Jordan Downs Public Housing Development**. *This project transforms a once isolated, barrack-style community into a vibrant sustainable urban village with mixed-use housing and commercial facilities, and community facilities and amenities for all to enjoy.*

The Excellence Award for Prosperity was presented to **IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE** for the **Expansion, Mobility and Sustainability Program**. *This expansion plan encourages transit investments and promotes a walkable campus community through excellently planned pedestrian areas. The 70-thousand-square-foot Science Building is the first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified building in Imperial County.*

The Excellence Award for Sustainability winner was the **CITY OF CALABASAS** for the **Las Virgenes Creek Restoration**. *This project re-established an existing flood control facility in an*

*environmentally harmonious and sensitive fashion. It is a habitat-friendly haven for wildlife in the middle of a bustling urban area.*

The Sustained Leadership Awards were presented to the **CITY OF ANAHEIM** for the **Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center (ARTIC)**; the **CITY OF SANTA MONICA** for the **Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE)**; and the **CITY OF RIALTO** for the **Crossroads Mixed-Use Project**.

The Compass Blueprint Awards recognize great planning and development work occurring throughout the region. Projects and programs earning Compass Blueprint recognition 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 the Southern California region.

For a complete list of winners including the Regional Collaboration Award, Achievement Awards and Honorable Mentions, visit the Compass Blueprint Web site at [www.compassblueprint.org](http://www.compassblueprint.org) or click on the Compass Blueprint link on the SCAG Web site at [www.scag.ca.gov](http://www.scag.ca.gov).

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