

## 3.15 Transportation and Circulation

### 3.15.1 Circulation Study Area and Transportation Modes

The following information is excerpted from the RCIP Existing Setting Report (LSA, 1999). Riverside County's transportation system is composed of numerous State highways (both freeways and arterial highways), as well as numerous County and city routes. The public transit system includes fixed route public transit systems, common bus carriers, AMTRAK (intercity rail service), MetroLink (commuter rail service), and other local agency transit and paratransit (dial-a-ride) services. In addition, the County transportation system includes general aviation facilities, limited passenger air service within the County, extensive air passenger facilities in the Southern California and San Diego regions, freight rail service, bicycle facilities, and other nonmotorized forms of transportation (pedestrian and equestrian trails).

The private automobile is the dominant mode of travel within Riverside County. Trips by transit currently represent less than two percent of all trips made in the County. Public transportation, where service is available, is utilized primarily by a transit-dependent population that generally does not have access to automobiles.

The County is responsible for maintaining an extensive network of roads in rural and urbanizing areas to service goods movement and agriculture. Large trucks are the primary means of transporting such goods. In addition, freight rail is an important backbone of the goods movement industry in Riverside County. Nonmotorized forms of transportation are also prevalent in Riverside County, including numerous bikeways, pedestrian facilities, and equestrian amenities.

The study area of the proposed HCLE Corridor is represented as a broadly defined land area that links the Hemet/San Jacinto area with areas along I-15 between Corona and Lake Elsinore (see Figure 3.15.1).

Currently, the connection between Corona and Hemet is via multiple routes: SR 74, I-215, I-15, and SR 91 or via the Ramona Expressway and Cajalco Road connecting to the I-15 and SR 91. SR 74, I-215, and I-15 connect Hemet to Lake Elsinore.

### 3.15.2 Existing Regional Circulation System

Figure 3.15.1 illustrates the circulation study area of the HCLE Corridor.

Highway facilities in this corridor include the following routes that provide general east-west mobility.

- C SR 79 to Gilman Springs Road, SR-60 west to SR-91, then west to Corona. SR-60 in Moreno valley is a four-lane freeway. SR-60/I-215 is a six-lane to eight-lane freeway. SR-60/I-215 is being widened to include an HOV lane in each direction. A truck climbing lane has been constructed on the eastbound section. The SR-60/SR-91/I-215 interchange is planned for partial reconstruction by 2006. SR-91 is a six lane to eight lane freeway east of I-15.