

### Figure 3.14.6

- C Vantage Point C - The view from this vantage point depicts new residential areas being developed within a rural area along the future alignment of Butterfield Stage Road north of Temecula. Views from this area are dominated by foreground views of the development with minimal middle ground views of the inland foothills and valleys.
- C Vantage Point D - The view from this vantage point depicts inland foothills and valleys in the middle ground and background. This view is typical throughout much of the WT Corridor study area.

### Figure 3.14.7

- C Vantage Points I and J - The view from this vantage point (near Scott Road south of Menifee) shows a rural visual character area typical of the study area. There are middle ground views and minimal background views of rural and inland foothills and valley visual character areas.

### Figure 3.14.8

- C Vantage Point K - The view from this vantage point traveling on I-215 south toward Murrieta and Temecula depicts the highway in the foreground and middle ground and background views of inland foothills and valleys dominating the overall view. This view is typical for the majority of the viewer groups within the WT Corridor study area.
- C Vantage Point L - The view from this vantage point depicts an urban visual character area within the Murrieta and Temecula communities. This view is typical for viewer groups within this urban area.

### Figure 3.14.9

- C Vantage Point O - The view from this vantage point depicts an urban visual character area along SR 79 in Temecula. This is a typical view within an urban area of the study area.

## 3.14.2 Applicable Planning Policies

There are planning policies from the new County of Riverside General Plan (Hearing Draft, April, 2002) that are applicable to visual resources within the WT Corridor Study area. Applicable policies have been included from portions of the Land Use Element and the Multipurpose Open Space Element.

Figure 3.14.6 - Vantage Points Depicting Typical Views within the Study Area

Figure 3.14.7 - Vantage Points Depicting Typical Views within the Study Area

Figure 3.14.8 - Vantage Points Depicting Typical Views within the Study Area

Figure 3.14.9 - Vantage Points Depicting Typical Views within the Study Area

The following policies are restated in this section of the environmental document to form the visual resource planning background and framework for the implementation of the proposed alternatives within the WT Corridor study area. In addition, all applicable City General Plan policies related to visual resources would also need to be considered for those alternatives within incorporated City limits.

### 3.14.2.1 Land Use Element

**Scenic Corridors.** Riverside County contains abundant natural visual resources, including low-lying valleys, mountain ranges, rock formations, rivers, and lakes. These features are often enjoyed via the County's many roadways. Due to the visual significance of many of these areas, several roadways have been officially recognized as either Eligible or Designated State or County Scenic Highways. The intent of the following policies is to conserve significant scenic resources along designated scenic highways for future generations and to manage development along scenic highways and corridors so as not to detract from the area's scenic quality.

#### **Applicable Policies:**

- LU 13.1 Preserve and protect outstanding scenic vistas and visual features for the enjoyment of the traveling public. (AI 32, 79)
- LU 13.2 Incorporate riding, hiking, and bicycle trails and other compatible public recreational facilities within scenic corridors. (AI 33, 41)
- LU 13.3 Ensure that the design and appearance of new landscaping, structures, equipment, signs, or grading within Designated and Eligible State and County scenic highway corridors are compatible with the surrounding scenic setting or environment. (AI 3, 32, 39)
- LU 13.4 Maintain at least a 50 ft setback from the edge of the right-of-way for new development adjacent to Designated and Eligible State and County Scenic Highways. (AI 3)
- LU 13.5 Require new or relocated electric or communication distribution lines, which would be visible from official State and County Scenic Highways, to be placed underground. (AI 3, 32)
- LU 13.6 Prohibit offsite outdoor advertising displays that are visible from a scenic highway. (AI 6)
- LU 13.7 Require that the size, height, and type of on-premise signs visible from scenic highways be the minimum necessary for identification. The design, materials, color, and location of the signs shall blend with the environment, utilizing natural materials where possible. (AI 3)
- LU 13.8 Avoid the blocking of public views by solid walls. (AI 3)