



Riverside County wanted to have considered in planning for the County's future. The meetings were designed to engage the public in dialog with County staff and the consultants, and with each other, about issues critical to the success of the Plan and to Riverside County's future in general. (See Appendix D for a summary of these community workshops.) A survey relating to planning, traffic and circulation, and multi-species habitat areas was distributed, and the results were incorporated into the subsequent refinement of the RCIP Vision statement. At the same time a professional research firm completed a telephone survey of 600 registered voters in Riverside County, including 120 from each Supervisorial District. (See Appendix C for a summary of the community survey results.) Additional input came from a workshop that involved members of the Board of Supervisors and the Riverside County Transportation Commission.

The public input garnered from the public in the Vision outreach process did shape the structure of the Vision statement, which was further developed and deepened under the leadership of the General Plan Advisory Committee.

Resident's responses in the outreach process indicated their support for the following key ideas related to the General Plan:

1. Continued planned growth in response to population growth;
2. Road corridors that connect communities and connect Riverside County and adjacent counties;
3. Open space corridors that connect habitats;
4. No leapfrog development;
5. Less sameness, greater densities for "smart" developments;
6. Regional north/south and east/west solutions to congestion;
7. Better air quality through less traffic congestion and more local jobs;
8. A Plan that has a financing strategy; and
9. A planning pact with cities to help achieve the plan.

TECHNICAL STUDIES

Fiscal/Financial Analysis—Growth scenarios were prepared incorporating analysis of: employment and payroll trends, demographics, residential real estate trends, taxable retail sales, industrial and commercial real estate trends, community characteristics, competitive advantage, and infrastructure environment. The scenarios predicting low, medium, and high potentials for growth over the next 20 years were then used to evaluate the land use alternatives generated in the preparation of the Plan. (See Appendix F, Riverside County Population & Employment Forecasts, and Appendix G, Fiscal Analysis)

Existing Conditions Report—The Existing Conditions Report prepared as part of this General Plan update provides a description of the countywide conditions that form the assumptions upon which the plan is based. This report covers land use, circulation, housing, open space and conservation and public safety conditions, and is published as part of the Environmental Impact Report for the General Plan.