



## Issues and Policies

The Circulation Element outlines the necessary multi-modal transportation system components and provides tools to assist with development and implementation of the transportation system. The Circulation Element is structured to effectively implement the goals and policies identified by this General Plan. It also reflects citizens' and decision makers' desires to provide transportation mobility and quality access to existing and future residential, recreation, and employment uses as defined in the Land Use Element.

The following key policy issues were identified through extensive community and intergovernmental outreach efforts, analysis of existing conditions, and consideration of transportation objectives identified in the Riverside County Vision.

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*Despite differences in priorities and approaches, we are engaged in community building for ourselves and our heirs based on the common ground we have forged.*

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- RCIP Vision

## PLANNED CIRCULATION SYSTEMS

Riverside County travel extends well beyond its borders. Recreational travel and freight movement reach past the Riverside County boundary and as a result, the transportation system must be capable of adequately meeting a wide range of needs. Not only does the County need to accommodate the traffic that it generates, it also must accommodate the pass through traffic.

The intent of the General Plan Circulation Element is to establish a comprehensive multi-modal transportation system that is safe, achievable, efficient, environmentally and financially sound, accessible, and coordinated with the Land Use Element. It is important to design and implement a multi-modal transportation system that will serve projected future travel demand, minimize congestion, achieve the shortest feasible travel times and distances, and address future growth and development in the County.

The Circulation Plan shown in Figure C-1 indicates those roadways that are planned to accommodate the land use plan. These will be constructed as development occurs and as funding becomes available. The County of Riverside has responsibility for the planning, construction, and maintenance of arterial highways in the unincorporated areas, except for state highways. The Circulation Plan also indicates roadways within city boundaries, but it should be noted that the County does not have jurisdiction in the cities. The rights-of-way to be reserved for each type of facility are shown in the legend in Figure C-1. These are based on cross-section requirements presented in a later section. The cross-hatched lines in Figure C-1 show possible alternatives being examined for major new multi-modal transportation facilities in several corridor studies underway in western Riverside County. These lines show possible locations for these facilities, for informational purposes. For each of the corridor studies, typically one alignment will be selected for the preservation of right-of-way to accommodate the future construction of these facilities. It is expected that these facilities could become future freeways, with interchanges at selected locations. More information can be obtained on each of these corridor studies from the Riverside County Transportation Commission.