



### Class I Bikeway/Regional Trails

The County has established a new trail class, Class I Bike Path/Regional Trail (Combination Trail) that functions as a regional connector to link all of the major water bodies in western Riverside County and to facilitate the ability for long-distance users to take advantage of this system for long one-way or loop-type trips. This system may also take advantage of existing or planned Class I Bike Paths, Regional Trails, and/or Community Trails for several combinations of easements, connections, and links. This system will also link with many of the regional and community trail systems across the County, allowing local access to a regional system.

#### Policies:

- C 17.1 Establish and protect, in conjunction with the County Regional Parks and Open Space District, an enjoyable, efficient and safe recreational trail system comprised of Class I Bike Path/Regional Trail (Combination Trail), Regional and Community hiking and riding trails. (AI 34)
- C 17.2 Develop a trail system that interconnects County parks and recreation areas, while providing linkage opportunities between open space areas, equestrian communities, and regional recreational facilities, including other regional trail systems. (AI 34)

### Bikeways

Riverside County's bikeway system is included as a part of the County's circulation system. The development of the bikeway system will be guided through the application of the General Plan's policies, programs, and standards, in conjunction with adopted bicycle routes as shown on the Bikeways and Trails Plan (Figure C-5). These bicycle route maps serve as guidelines for the location of these routes.

The term "Bikeway" describes all facilities that provide for bicycle travel. The County utilizes three types of bike path classifications: Class I Bike Path/Regional Trail (Combination Trail), Class I, and Class II. These three types of trails consist of a greater interconnected network of trails across the County. Reducing redundancy and maximizing connectivity among the three trail types will allow the system to be implemented faster and more efficiently over time, allowing greater use by residents in the future.

Bicycling occurs throughout the County, but is more concentrated in the cities and is more recreational than commute-oriented. For the most part, bicycle riding is accommodated on existing roadways in the unincorporated areas of Riverside County, but with no special designations for bicycles. A map exists of regional trails that accommodate bicycles, but implementation of the plan has occurred only to a limited extent. One of the major regional bikeway paths is located along the Santa Ana River, and is listed as a National Recreation Trail. This trail is completed in various segments between the Orange/Riverside County line and Riverside/San Bernardino County line. In addition to planned trails, local agencies have adopted bicycle facility plans focusing on safe bicycle routes to schools and other community facilities.



#### **Bikeway Classification Definitions**

**Class I (Bike Path)**- Provides a completely separated right of way for the exclusive use of bicycles and pedestrians.

**Class II (Bike Lane)** - Provides a striped lane for one-way bike travel on a street or highway.