




 Please see the **General Plan Land Use Element** Land Use Designation Policies section and Appendix J, Community Center Guidelines for additional information.

- AQ 8.5 Develop community centers in conformance with policies contained in the Land Use Element. (AI 14)
- AQ 8.6 Encourage employment centers in close proximity to residential uses. (AI 14)
- AQ 8.7 Implement zoning code provisions which encourage community centers, telecommuting and home-based businesses. (AI 1)
- AQ 8.8 Promote land use patterns which reduce the number and length of motor vehicle trips. (AI 26)
- AQ 8.9 Promote land use patterns that promote alternative modes of travel. (AI 26)

 Please see the **General Plan Circulation Element Planned** Circulation Systems section for further policies regarding alternative modes of travel.


### Multi-jurisdictional Coordination

The County of Riverside recognizes the regional context of the policies it creates. Because air pollutants do not recognize political boundaries, often the policies of one community may adversely impact residents of another. This is particularly true with respect to pollutants emitted by motor vehicles, which underscores the importance of regional and subregional cooperation.

#### Policies:

- AQ 9.1 Cooperate with local, regional, state and federal jurisdictions to reduce vehicle miles traveled and motor vehicle emissions through job creation. (AI 18)
- AQ 9.2 Attain performance goals and/or VMT reductions which are consistent with SCAG's Growth Management Plan. (AI 26)

## TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT

 Please see the **General Plan Circulation Element Transportation** Demand Management section for additional information.

Vehicles are an essential part of life in California. People use them to go to work, run errands and transport goods all across the state and nation. However, while they serve a valuable function, many streets and freeways are increasingly overburdened with traffic. Everyday, cars and trucks jam onto the freeway at the beginning and end of each workday. Inching along the average twenty-two mile commute for Riverside County residents, automobiles spew pollutants into the air, while long sunny days change these pollutants into other noxious compounds. Most cars carry a single occupant, adding to the congestion and smog. When traffic does move, accidents often involving large trucks bring traffic to a grinding halt.

The good news is that our commute times and distance traveled to and from work have been stable over the last decade. The bad news is that Riverside County residents drive the furthest distance and have some of the longest commute times in all of southern California (Tables AQ-4, AQ-5 and AQ-6).