accordance with the Functional Classifications and Standards section of the General Plan Circulation Element.

HVWAP 8.2 Maintain the County's roadway Level of Service standards as described in the Level of Service section of the General Plan Circulation Element.

Rail Transit

The Burlington Northern/Santa Fe rail line physically bisects the planning area and divides it into northern and southern halves. The railroad is currently being used for freight and cargo hauling, but has the potential to be used for passenger service. This route would connect the City of Hemet with the March Air Reserve Base and the City of Riverside. Expanded regional access available from a new transit opportunity would reinforce the development of new homes, business, and recreational opportunities here.

Policies:

HVWAP 9.1 Maintain and enhance existing railroad facilities in accordance with the Freight Rail section of the General Plan Circulation Element.

HVWAP 9.2 Work with railroad companies to create a transit stop in the Winchester Community Center Overlay that serves both regional and local transit traffic and is integrated with the Transit Oasis Concept.

Trails and Bikeway System

The County of Riverside contains multi-purpose trails that accommodate bicycle, pedestrian, and equestrian trails that traverse urban, rural, and natural areas. These multi-use trails accommodate hikers, bicyclists, equestrian users or others as an integral part of the County's circulation system. These multi-use trails serve both as a means of connecting the unique communities and activity centers throughout the County and as an effective alternate mode of transportation. In addition to transportation, the trail system also serves as a community amenity by providing recreation and leisure opportunities as well as separations between communities.

As shown on Figure 7, Trails and Bikeway System, the Harvest Valley/Winchester planning area supports an extensive system of existing and proposed trails and bikeways. An example is the Salt Creek recreational trail, which runs east-west along Salt Creek, connecting Hemet to Sun City. A few proposed trails and bikeways serve residential, commercial, and mixed uses, increasing the accessibility to these uses by pedestrians, cyclists, and equestrian enthusiasts.

Policies:

HVWAP 10.1 Maintain and improve the trails and bikeways system, as shown on Figure 7, and as it is discussed in the Non-Motorized