



Policies:



HVWAP 12.1 Support the development and implementation of a Transit Oasis in the Winchester and Domenigoni Community Centers in accordance with the Public Transportation System section of the General Plan Circulation Element.


State Route 79 Corridor

Currently, State Route 79 (Winchester Road) runs north-south through the center of the community of Winchester. The State Route 79 (SR 79) Project will re-align the existing State Route 79 between Lamb Canyon Road to the north and Newport Road to the south causing the highway to bypass the Winchester Policy Area. The SR 79 Project will offer a greater traffic capacity and continuity between communities to meet increasing traffic demands within Riverside County. While the precise alignment of this relocation has not been set, all current alignments show the roadway veering east of Winchester. The existing State Route 79 will remain as a secondary arterial highway. This re-alignment is a separate effort from the Community Environmental Transportation Acceptability Process (CETAP) portion of the RCIP.

The implementation of a transit station, which would serve the Transit Oasis and regional rail transit concepts, would reinforce the unique community core and help bring visitors to Winchester. In that context, State Route 79 remains an important future transit link. The Harvest Valley/Winchester Area Plan provides an opportunity to complete a transit connection between Winchester and Temecula along State Route 79 through the acquisition of additional right-of-way that is required to be dedicated for future transit use. Transit improvements could include additional road lanes, a dedicated transit lane, or other transportation improvements.

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HVWAP 13.1 Require the dedication of right-of-way along State Route 79 (Winchester Road) for future transportation/transit improvements.



Please see the General Plan Circulation Element for more Transit Corridor policies.

Community Environmental Transportation Acceptability Process (CETAP) Corridors

The population and employment of Riverside County are expected to significantly increase over the next twenty years. The Community and Environmental Transportation Acceptability Process (CETAP) was established to evaluate the need and the opportunities for the development of new or expanded transportation corridors in western Riverside County to accommodate increased growth and preserve quality of life. These transportation corridors include a range of transportation options such as highways or transit, and are developed with careful consideration for potential impacts to habitat requirements, land use plans, and public infrastructure. CETAP has identified three priority corridors for the movement of people and goods: Banning/Beaumont to Temecula, Hemet to Corona/Lake Elsinore, and Moreno Valley to San Bernardino County.