



Trails and Bikeway System

The County of Riverside contains bicycle, pedestrian, and multi-purpose trails that traverse urban, rural, and natural areas. These trails accommodate hikers, bicyclists, equestrian users, and 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 identifiable separations between communities. The Area Plan trail system can be found in Figure 6, Trails and Bikeway System.

Policies:

- LMWAP 7.1 Develop a system of local trails that enhances recreational opportunities in the Lake Mathews/Woodcrest area and connects with the Riverside County regional trails system.
- LMWAP 7.2 Implement the Trails and Bikeway System, Figure 6, as discussed in the General Plan Circulation Element.

Scenic Highways

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The purpose of the California Scenic Highways program, which was established in 1963, is to "Preserve and protect scenic highway corridors from change which would diminish the aesthetic value of lands adjacent to highways."

The Scenic Highways program adds to the pleasure of the traveling public. The fact is, most of us experience the remarkable environmental setting of Riverside County through the windows of an automobile. Moreover, scenic highways play an important role in encouraging the growth of recreation and tourism—both important aspects of the Lake Mathews/Woodcrest economy. Scenic Highway designations recognize this value and place restrictions on adjacent development to help protect scenic resources for future generations.

The Lake Mathews/Woodcrest area contains a number of County-Eligible Scenic Highways, including Mockingbird Canyon Road, La Sierra Avenue, El Sobrante Road, and Cajalco Road. With the presence of dramatic and defining natural features such as the Lake Mathews Reservoir and the Estelle Mountain Reserve, it is important to maintain the quality of views along those scenic corridors. Figure 7, Scenic Highways, details the location of County-Eligible Scenic Highways in Lake Mathews/Woodcrest.

Policies:



- LMWAP 8.1 Protect scenic highways from change that would diminish the aesthetic value of adjacent properties in accordance with policies in the Scenic Corridors sections of the Land Use, Multipurpose Open Space, and Circulation Elements.
- LMWAP 8.2 Preserve and protect outstanding scenic vistas and visual features such as Gavilan Peak and Steele Peak.
- LMWAP 8.3 Apply County-Eligible Scenic Highway standards to Van Buren Boulevard, Washington Avenue and Trautwein Road.