



Circulation

Circulation systems are vital to the prosperity of a community. They provide for the movement of goods and people within and outside of the community and include motorized and non-motorized travel modes from bicycles, to trains, to airplanes and automobiles. In Riverside County, the circulation system is also intended to accommodate a pattern of concentrated growth, providing both a regional and local linkage system between unique communities. The circulation system is multi-modal, which means that it provides numerous alternatives to the automobile such as transit, pedestrian systems, and bicycle facilities so that Riverside County citizens and visitors can access the region by a number of transportation options.

As stated in the Vision and the Land Use Element, the County is moving away from a growth pattern of random sprawl toward a pattern of concentrated growth and increased job creation. The intent of the new growth patterns and the new mobility systems is to accommodate the transportation demands created by future growth and to provide mobility options that help reduce the need to use the automobile. The circulation system is designed to fit into the fabric of the land use patterns and accommodate the open space systems.

While the following section describes the circulation system as it relates to this area plan, it is important to note that the programs and policies are supplemental to, and coordinated with the policies of the General Plan Circulation Element. In other words, the circulation system of the Sun City/Menifee Valley Area Plan is tied to the countywide system and long range direction. As such, successful implementation of the policies in this area plan will help to create an interconnected and efficient circulation system for the entire County.

LOCAL CIRCULATION POLICIES

Vehicular Circulation System

The vehicular system that supports the Land Use Plan for the Sun City/Menifee Valley Area Plan is shown on Figure 6, Circulation. The vehicular circulation system is anchored by Interstate 215, which is the major thoroughfare in this portion of the County, linking Sun City to northern Riverside County and San Diego County. A system of connected major, arterial highways, and collector roads serve local uses and augment through traffic to and from other communities. Expressways and arterials include Ethanac Road, McCall Boulevard, Newport Road, Scott Road, Briggs Road, Murrieta Road, and Menifee Road.

Policies:



- SCMVAP 11.1 Design and develop a vehicular roadway system per the Sun City/Menifee Valley Area Plan Circulation, Figure 6, and in accordance with the Functional Classifications and standards specified in the General Plan Circulation Element.