



### Rail System

The Burlington Northern Santa-Fe branch line railroad runs northwest to southeast along the northeast boundary of the Area Plan. This line accommodates freight transport and passenger service between the Hemet/San Jacinto area, March Inland Port, and points northwest. This line also provides a viable regional transportation option for residents, employees, and visitors to the area.

#### Policies:



SCMVAP 12.1 Maintain and enhance existing railroad facilities in accordance with the Rail System and Freight and Rail sections of the General Plan Circulation Element.

### Trails and Bikeway System

The County of Riverside contains bicycle, pedestrian, and multipurpose trails that traverse through urban, rural, and natural areas. These multi-use trails accommodate hikers, bicyclists, equestrian users and others as an integral part of the County’s circulation system. The 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 shown on Figure 7, Trails and Bikeway System, a network of trails has been planned in this area plan, which mainly follows the roadway circulation routes. The trail system in the Sun City/Menifee Valley Area Plan must accommodate a range of pedestrian, equestrian and bicycle uses.

#### Policies:



SCMVAP 13.1 Implement the Trails and Bikeway System, Figure 7, as discussed in the General Plan Circulation Element.

### Scenic Highways

Scenic Highways are a unique component of the circulation system, as they contain distinctive natural characteristics that are not typical of other areas in the County. The intent of these policies is to conserve significant scenic resources along scenic highways for future generations, and to manage development along scenic highways and corridors so that it will not detract from the area's natural characteristics.

As shown on Figure 8, Scenic Highways, there is one County Eligible Scenic Highway in the Sun City/Menifee Valley Area Plan: Interstate 215 in its entirety as it connects with McCall Boulevard and Menifee Road in the northeast portion of the Area Plan.



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



### Policies:



- SCMVAP 14.1 Protect the scenic highways in the Sun City/Menifee Valley Area Plan from change that would diminish the aesthetic value of adjacent properties in accordance with the General Plan Land Use, Multipurpose Open Space, and Circulation Elements.



*Innovative designs allow for increased density in key locations, such as near transit stations, with associated benefits. In these and other neighborhoods as well, walking, bicycling, and transit systems are attractive alternatives to driving for many residents.*



*- RCIP Vision*

## Transit Oasis

The Transit Oasis is a concept to improve transportation options in Riverside County by providing an integrated system of local serving, rubber-tired transit that is linked with a regional transportation system, such as MetroLink or express buses. In the Transit Oasis concept, rubber-tired transit vehicles operate on a single prioritized or dedicated lane in a one-way, continuous loop. The Transit Oasis is designed to fit into those Community Centers which provide the types of densities and concentrated development patterns that can allow this concept to become a reality.

The Transit Oasis concept may be accommodated in the Sun City/Menifee Valley Community Center. The Transit Oasis would provide local serving transit to the residents and business in and adjacent to the Community Center. It would also provide connections to proposed CETAP Corridors and Interstate 215.

### Policies:



- SCMVAP 15.1 Support the development and implementation of the Transit Oasis in the Sun City/Menifee Valley Community Center in accordance with the Transit Oasis and Transit Center sections of the General Plan Circulation Element.
- SCMVAP 15.2 Encourage linkages between the Sun City/Menifee Valley Community Center Transit Oasis system and regional systems such as AMTRAK and MetroLink.

## Community and Environmental Transportation Acceptability Process (CETAP)

The population and employment of Riverside County are expected to significantly increase over the next twenty years. The 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 the 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.

The Hemet to Corona/Lake Elsinore CETAP Corridor passes through the Sun City/Menifee Valley between Holland and Garbani Roads, and along Scott