



# Circulation

The circulation system is vital to the prosperity of a community. It provides for the movement of goods and people within and outside of the community and includes motorized and non-motorized travel modes from bicycles, to trains, to planes 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. This 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.



*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

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 utilize 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 Desert Center, 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 this area plan is tied to the countywide system and long range direction. As such, successful implementation of the policies in Desert Center will help to create an interconnected and efficient circulation system for the entire County.

The fundamental purpose of the circulation system in Desert Center is to support the needs of the Land Use Plan and accommodate interstate travel. The resident, visitors, and businesses provided for in the Plan have important mobility needs.

## LOCAL CIRCULATION POLICIES

### Vehicular Circulation System

The vehicular circulation system that supports the Land Use Plan for Desert Center is shown on Figure 5, Circulation. Circulation facilities within this planning area are limited due to the remoteness and absence of community development land uses. Interstate 10, which traverses the entire United States, passes through the southern portion of the plan area. State Route 177 (Desert Center Rice Road) and Kaiser Road extend north from Interstate 10. They, in turn, provide for local street systems accessing Eagle Mountain, Lake Tamarisk and the Desert Center Airport.

#### Policies:



DCAP 6.1 Design and develop the vehicular roadway system per the Desert Center Area Plan Circulation, Figure 5, and in