



Circulation

The circulation system is vital to the prosperity of a community. The circulation system 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 to 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.



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 the Palo Verde 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 Palo Verde Area Plan is tied to the Countywide system and long range direction. As such, successful implementation of the policies in Palo Verde Area Plan will help to create an interconnected and efficient circulation system for the entire County.

LOCAL CIRCULATION POLICIES

Vehicular Circulation System

The vehicular circulation system that supports the Land Use Plan for the Palo Verde Area Plan is shown on Figure 5, Circulation. The vehicular circulation system in Palo Verde planning area is anchored by Interstate 10, which runs east to west through the planning area, connecting the Palo Verde Valley with the rest of Riverside County, and the State of California with bordering Arizona. State Route 95, State Route 78, and Neighbors Street are other major arterials running north south through the eastern portion of the planning area. A system of major and secondary arterials, and collector roads branch off from these major roadways and serve local uses. Midland Road travels northwest through the eastern portion of Palo Verde Valley and is considered a Mountain Arterial.

Policies:



- PVAP 7.1 Design and develop the vehicular roadway system per the Palo Verde Area Plan Circulation, Figure 5, and in accordance with the Functional Classifications and Standards section of the General Plan Circulation Element.