



- PVAP 7.2 Maintain the County’s roadway Level of Service standards as described in the Level of Service section of the General Plan Circulation Element.

Rail Transit

The AT&SF Railroad is located within this planning area, running in a generally north-south direction through the Palo Verde Valley. The railroad is currently being used for freight and agricultural uses and may be able to be used for alternative service if there is ever sufficient demand.

Policies:



- PVAP 8.1 Encourage the maintenance and enhancement of existing railroad facilities in accordance with the Freight Rail section of the General Plan Circulation Element.

Trails and Bikeway System

The County of Riverside contains multi-purpose bicycle, pedestrian, and equestrian trails that traverse through urban, rural, and natural areas. These trails accommodate hikers, bicyclists, equestrian users or others as an integral part of the County's circulation system. These 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 separations between communities.

Currently, there are no adopted regional trails in or through the Palo Verde planning area. But, there is considerable opportunity to create a trail system along the Colorado River that links the established parks and recreation areas by foot, bicycle, or horse. This system of trails could follow the path of the Colorado River and be an attraction for residents and tourists. This system of trails could also join the regional trails system that has been adopted by Riverside County.

Policies:

- PVAP 9.1 Develop a system of multi-purpose trails that enhances the Colorado River’s recreational opportunity and connects with the adopted trails system of Riverside County.

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.