



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 air 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.



Investment in and expansion of the existing freeway and arterial street networks continue to be a critical part of our comprehensive transportation system development.




- 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 Reche Canyon/Badlands area, 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 Reche Canyon/Badlands area is tied to the countywide system and long range direction. As such, successful implementation of the policies in the Reche Canyon/Badlands area will help to create an interconnected and efficient circulation system for the entire County.

LOCAL CIRCULATION POLICIES



Look to the General Plan Circulation Element for Roadway Widths and Capacities.

Vehicular Circulation System

The vehicular circulation system that supports the Land Use Plan for Reche Canyon/Badlands is shown on Figure 5, Circulation. The vehicular circulation system in the Reche Canyon/Badlands area is anchored by State Route 60, Gilman Springs Road, Reche Canyon Road, and San Timoteo Canyon Road, and Redlands Boulevard. Though urban uses are scant throughout this area, several secondary arterial and collector roads branch off from these major roadways and serve local uses.

Policies:

- RCBAP 7.1 Design and develop the vehicular roadway system per the Reche Canyon/Badlands Circulation, Figure 5, and in accordance with the Functional Classifications and standards specified in the General Plan Circulation Element.



Redlands Boulevard



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RCBAP 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.

Recreational Trails

Multi-purpose trails for hikers, bicyclists, equestrian enthusiasts, and other casual users can serve both as a means of recreation and leisure and as an alternate mode of transportation. The rural nature of the Reche Canyon/Badlands area along with its tremendous scenic qualities make trails a particularly attractive recreational amenity. The location and distribution of Area Plan and Regional Trails can be found in Figure 6, Trails and Bikeway System.

Policies:

RCBAP 8.1 Develop a system of local trails that enhances the Reche Canyon/Badlands’ recreational opportunities and connects with the Riverside County regional trails system.

RCBAP 8.2 Ensure connectivity between local trails and the adjacent San Bernardino County trails system.

Scenic Highways

The Scenic Highways program adds to the pleasure of the traveling public. The fact is, most of us experience the remarkable environmental setting of Riverside County through the windows of an automobile. Moreover, scenic highways play an important role in encouraging the growth of recreation and tourism—both important aspects of the Reche Canyon/Badlands economy. Scenic Highways designations recognize this value and place restrictions on adjacent development to help protect these resources for future generations.

The Reche Canyon/Badlands area contains a number of County-Designated or County-Eligible scenic roadways, including San Timoteo Canyon Road, Redlands Boulevard, Gilman Springs Road, and SR-60. With the presence of dramatic and defining natural features such as the Badlands, Box Springs Mountains and the San Jacinto Wildlife Reserve, it is important to maintain the quality of views along those scenic corridors. The location of scenic highways can be found in Figure 7, Scenic Highways.

Policies:



RCBAP 9.1 Protect the scenic highways in the Reche Canyon/Badlands area from change that would diminish the aesthetic value of adjacent properties through policies in the Scenic Corridors sections of the General Plan Land Use, Multipurpose Open Space, and Circulation Elements.

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