



Circulation

Circulation is a challenging affair in terrain such as this. More than in most areas, circulation routes here are dictated by topography and landforms. Though limited in capacity, the continuity of the system is critical because there are so few options for getting from one place to the other. Improvement standards must be adapted to the rugged terrain and sensitive environment through which routes pass. Finally, the circulation system is a major expression of the character of the area and adapts itself more flexibly to its surroundings than is typical in more highly developed areas. One must adapt to this condition in achieving mobility through such a region.

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 airplanes 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. 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.

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



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.



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LOCAL CIRCULATION POLICIES

Vehicular Circulation System

The vehicular circulation system that supports the Land Use Plan for REMAP is shown on Figure 6, Circulation. The remoteness, ruggedness, and lack of urban uses precludes major transportation facilities. The circulation system within REMAP connects the region to urbanized areas of the Coachella Valley, western Riverside County and San Diego County as well as providing access to and between its communities. State Route 79 runs generally in an east-west direction through the western portion of REMAP and continues south into San Diego County. State Route 243 connects Idyllwild/Pine Cove with Banning and