



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 aircraft 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 the Western Coachella Valley 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 Western Coachella Valley is tied to the countywide system and its long range direction. As such, successful implementation of the policies in the 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 Western Coachella Valley Area Plan is shown on Figure 6, Circulation. This system is anchored by four major transportation corridors: Interstate 10, State Route 62, State Route 74 and State Route 111. A system of major and secondary arterials and collector and local roads serve both regional and local needs.

Policies:



WCVAP 12.1 Design and develop the vehicular roadway system per the Western Coachella Valley Area Plan Circulation Plan, Figure 6, and in accordance with the Functional Classifications section and standards specified in the General Plan Circulation Element.



WCVAP 12.2 Maintain the County's roadway Level of Service standards as described in the General Plan Circulation Element.