

Goal CIRC-1: Provide an Efficient Multi-modal Road and Highway System that Meets the Needs of All Users for the Movement of People and Goods

Objective CIRC-1A: Maintain Safe and Efficient Operating Conditions on All County Roadways

Policy CIRC 1-1: Provide a circulation system that is consistent with the roadway network shown in the Circulation Element Diagram Figure CIRC-1.

Policy CIRC 1-2: Roadway classifications shall be built to the standards described below and illustrated in Figures CIRC-2a and CIRC-2b.

Complete Street

A transportation facility that is planned, designed, operated, and maintained to provide safe mobility for all users, including bicyclists, pedestrians, transit vehicles, truckers, and motorists, appropriate to the function and context of the facility.

Policy CIRC 1-3: Address the concept of “complete” streets, which requires more complete consideration of all users of the street, in new development and roadway improvement projects.

Policy CIRC 1-4: Define level of service (LOS) consistent with the latest edition of the Highway Capacity Manual and calculate using the methodologies contained in that manual. At a minimum, weekday AM and PM peak hour traffic volumes will be used in determining compliance with the level of service standard. The analysis of other periods may be appropriate and will depend on type of use.

Policy CIRC 1-5: Maintain LOS C or better for County roadways and intersections in the unincorporated County.

Policy CIRC 1-6: Maintain levels of service on state highways consistent with Caltrans standards, to the extent feasible.

Policy CIRC 1-7: Use transportation facilities to support the economic growth of the region and to provide safe and efficient movement of persons and goods.

Policy CIRC 1-8: Plan and design transportation facilities to avoid damage to the County’s scenic and environmental resources, such as reductions in air quality and disruption of soils, topography, vegetative cover, and wildlife habitat.

Policy CIRC 1-9: Periodically evaluate the adequacy of traffic impact fees and roadway financing programs to ensure sufficient funding is provided for circulation network improvements necessitated by existing and planned future growth.

Policy CIRC 1-10: Ensure adequate funding and planning mechanisms are in place to identify needed roadway improvements and establish methods to finance roadway improvements, particularly those improvements that may not be provided in full by new development.

Policy CIRC 1-11: Require new development to: 1) finance and construct all off-site circulation improvements (including safety improvements) necessary to mitigate a project’s transportation impacts to local roads, consistent with the policies of the General Plan; and 2) to analyze traffic