

Circulation Element Executive Summary

The Circulation Element provides policy direction for the Transportation Systems of unincorporated Monterey County. The Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) is the key coordinating agency for the implementation of circulation improvements and management throughout the County. A comprehensive and implementable Circulation Element requires cooperation from the cities and the County, which must be achieved through City/County agreements. The Refinement Group believes that the successful implementation of the Circulation Element requires the cooperation and participation from all County stakeholders.

Key policy concepts presented by the Refinement Group include the following:

- Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT) shall be used when determining Level of Service (LOS) for all County roadway system segments and intersections.
- Level of Service Standards for County roadway system segments have been set at achievable levels.
- Reduced LOS Standards shall not impede development in Community Areas necessary to achieve the County's regional housing allocation.
- Fair Share mitigations are employed, where projects significantly increase traffic.
- Trail Management Plans will assure that the County will warrant trail sustainability including factors such as maintenance and safety.
- Infrastructure funding prioritizes safety improvements and infrastructure needed for anticipated development.