

POLICY DOCUMENT PART 3

Goals and Policies

3.2 PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES ELEMENT

The Public Facilities and Services Element of the San Joaquin County General Plan provides for the development and expansion of public services throughout the County. Transportation and public services are addressed through its goals, policies, and implementation programs to provide the County's urbanized and developing areas with adequate services to function and grow. It also establishes policies for the provision of utilities and services to meet the needs of the community. This Element contains goals and policies for the following topics:

- **Circulation and Mobility.** The overall transportation and circulation pattern in the San Joaquin County General Plan focuses on enhancing the connections between cities, communities, and other areas through existing highways and roadways and creating an integrated multimodal system. Coupled with this is the improvement of bike and pedestrian facilities along with public transportation facilities and services that will enable better movement throughout the County and region. In all improvements the goals and policies emphasize the creation of complete streets that meet the needs of all users. Improvement to existing services and development of new facilities will dictate the success of the County's transportation and circulation system through the orderly movement of goods and people.
- **Public Facilities and Services.** Long-range planning anticipates the improvement and development of public facilities in urbanized areas of the County. Communities will have more opportunity to grow and develop with added water, wastewater, and drainage capacity while the safety of County residents and property will be ensured through the placement and services of adequate law enforcement and fire safety

facilities. The continued maintenance and adequate capacity are crucial to the continued growth and development of communities.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Circulation and Mobility

- Promote regional and interstate transit connections (e.g., ACE Train, High Speed Rail) to reduce automobile trips.
- Create safe and efficient connections (e.g., auto, transit, bike, and pedestrian) between cities and unincorporated communities.
- Enhance goods movement infrastructure (i.e., truck routes, railways, shipping channels, and airports) efficiency to regional and international destinations.
- Ensure goods movement facilities and terminals operate in a safe and effective manner, consistent with surrounding land uses.

Public Facilities and Services

- Enhance and maintain existing infrastructure and services to meet the unique circumstances of each unincorporated community and the needs of residents and businesses.
- Ensure development does not outpace the provision of services and infrastructure (e.g., water, sewer, drainage).
- Maintain law enforcement and fire protection services to protect residents and property.
- Enhance availability of communications infrastructure (i.e., broadband) to residents and businesses.