

## D. Infrastructure Component



The Tulare County General Plan infrastructure section provides for the development and expansion of public services throughout the County. Transportation and public services are addressed through its Goals, Policies, and Implementation Measures to provide the County's urbanized and developing areas with adequate services to function and grow.

### Infrastructure Concepts

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#### **Concept 1: Transportation and Circulation**

The overall transportation and circulation pattern in the Tulare County General Plan focuses on enhancing the connections between cities, communities, and hamlets through existing highways and roadways. Coupled with this is the improvement of bike and pedestrian facilities along with public transportation facilities and services that will enable efficient movement throughout the County and region.

#### **Concept 2: Public Facilities & Services**

Long-range planning anticipates the improvement and development of public facilities in urbanized areas of the County. Communities and hamlets 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.

### Guiding Principles

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#### **Transportation and Circulation**

Site planning and land use planning for developments in Tulare County's communities and hamlets will support transit and pedestrian modes of travel. 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.

#### **Principle 1: Countywide Collaboration**

Support Countywide transportation plans that provide choices in travel modes.

#### **Principle 2: Connectivity**

Emphasize connectivity among cities, communities, and hamlets to ensure County residents have access to jobs and services.

#### **Principle 3: Community Circulation**

Anticipate and provide transit, traffic, and roadway connections that support the interconnectivity of all communities.

#### **Principle 4: Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities**

Plan for the development and expansion of pedestrian paths and bicycle facilities that provide residents with alternative modes of travel.

## **Public Facilities and Services**

Infrastructure facilities and the services they provide are the backbone of Tulare County's communities. The continued maintenance and adequate capacity are crucial to the continued growth and development of communities. Public buildings, schools, parks, and other facilities are the "centers of communities", and their distribution, design, and funding of these facilities make them visible and accessible community features.

### **Principle 1: Enhance Infrastructure Facilities**

Enhance and expand infrastructure facilities in communities that are at or above capacity.

### **Principle 2: Plan and Develop Infrastructure**

Plan infrastructure and provide assurance for new infrastructure and develop infrastructure facilities prior to new development occurring.

### **Principle 3: Parallel Investments**

Plan facilities as parallel investments to growth and integrate them into community, social, cultural, and commercial places.

## **Flood Control Master Plan**

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