

Mobility Element Summary

An overall goal of the Mobility Element is to further the attainment of a balanced, multi-modal transportation network that improves mobility and minimizes environmental and neighborhood impacts. The element includes a wide range of policies which advance a strategy for congestion relief and increased transportation choices, in a manner that strengthens the Strategic Framework Element City of Villages land use vision.

The Mobility and Land Use Elements of the General Plan are closely linked. The Land Use Element identifies existing and planned land uses, and the Mobility Element identifies the proposed transportation network and strategies which have been designed to meet the future transportation needs generated by the land uses. The General Plan Land Use Map includes the freeways, expressways, and arterial, major, and collector streets needed to serve vehicular transportation demand resulting from the build-out of the City of San Diego in accordance with the General Plan. Community plans may contain a more refined system of streets within the local community.

The relationship of transit to the City's existing land use patterns will be illustrated by the Transit/Land Use Connections Map. The map will be used to gain a citywide view of transit corridors and land use patterns that cross community boundaries. It will be used as a starting point for coordinated transit and land use planning efforts. ***Note: potential village sites will be removed from the map; only existing and community plan designated land uses will be included.***

Key points:

- Implement the City of Villages strategy as a means to help support an efficient and extensive transit system and reduce the need to drive.
- Defer selection of village sites to the community plans.
- Encourage the creation of walkable, tree-lined streets in new development projects as well as through incremental redevelopment and street retrofit projects that occur over time.
- Seek greater street, trail, and path connectivity at the city, community, neighborhood, and project levels.
- Develop a citywide policy on how the City prioritizes the funding of transportation projects.
- Proactively work with SANDAG to plan and fund projects that the City has identified as high priority. Continue to collaborate with SANDAG to influence transportation system planning, policy development, project prioritization, and financing
- Support for: expansion of the regional transit system, better bicycling infrastructure, walking as a mode of transportation, and alternatives to single-occupant automobile use.
- Expand use of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies to improve the efficiency and safety of the transportation system.
- Develop community-specific parking solutions through use of a Parking Strategies Tool Box.
- Develop multi-modal level of service (LOS) measures to gauge performance of the transportation system.