



City of Rancho Santa Margarita **Circulation Element Update**

The City of Rancho Santa Margarita is in the process of updating the Circulation Element within its General Plan. This Fact Sheet is intended to answer commonly asked questions, provide information about the update process, and let you know how to get involved.

What is a Circulation Element?

The Circulation Element is a section of the City's General Plan that reviews circulation, transportation, and mobility needs within Rancho Santa Margarita. The Circulation Element sets goals and policies associated with roadways, active transportation, transit, parking, goods movement, and access and mobility standards within the City, and is one of the factors for planning and prioritizing transportation projects and funding.

Why is the City updating its Circulation Element?

Each city and county in California is required to have a Circulation Element and is encouraged to update it periodically. The last update to the Circulation Element was conducted in 2014. Updating the Circulation Element allows the opportunity to address new transportation and land use conditions in the City and throughout the region, including changes in State requirements, new transportation technologies, and recent updates to citywide plans such as the updated General Plan Housing Element.

Updating the Circulation Element will ensure that the City meets State requirements and makes Rancho Santa Margarita eligible for State grants and other funding resources. It will also provide guidance on circulation issues facing Rancho Santa Margarita residents, employees, and visitors.

Some key features of the Circulation Element include:

- Review of existing and future transportation conditions;
- Incorporation of relevant local, regional and statewide plans, and regulatory requirements;
- Development of goals, policies, and actions related to all modes of travel including vehicular, transit, pedestrians and bicyclists;
- Assessment of traffic operations;
- Incorporation of public input; and
- Review by Planning Commission and City Council.

The Circulation Element is a policy document that identifies goals, policies, and programs that the City uses to direct and guide actions related to circulation.



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How does the Circulation Element impact me?

Having accessible and safe routes for all roadway users effects all of us and has direct impacts on our residents' quality of life. Balancing the needs of drivers, bicyclists, pedestrians, and transit users ensures that our community will continue to thrive by creating a healthy and safe environment.

Project Timeline



How can I get involved?

The success of the Circulation Element depends on residents, like you, giving input and insight. It is important that the Circulation Element meets Rancho Santa Margarita's long-term mobility needs and promotes a safe and efficient environment for all uses.

There are a few different ways to get involved:

- » Visit our Website
- » Submit public comments
- » Join the email list to stay informed



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