

8 TRANSPORTATION



A. Background

Transportation in Rossmoor includes bus service as well as the vehicular and pedestrian network. This infrastructure is critical to residents' access and connections throughout the community and neighboring communities.

There is an extensive network of roads, sidewalks, and trails. For private autos, existing roadways operate satisfactorily with speed monitoring signs and limited traffic calming measures. Safety issues include blind turns on some streets and intersections, and drivers speeding or not stopping at intersections. There is a high demand for parking. When new parking lots are created or existing ones resurfaced, priority should be given to creating handicapped spaces and some spaces created for golf-cars only.

Bus services include fixed routes, a Dial-a-bus system, paratransit, and 'Travel Training' offering first-time users tailored rides to help them learn the bus system. The GRF is always seeking ways to improve the bus service without expanding the budget.

To ensure pedestrian safety, sidewalks are inspected and repaired annually. Some intersections could be modified to improve pedestrian safety and comfort. Open space hiking and walking trails could be better connected physically to Valley sidewalks, as well as visually connected with signage.

Buses have bike racks for cyclists. However, bicycle facilities are otherwise limited. Existing road widths cannot accommodate bike lanes without removing parking or reducing travel lanes. In addition, the hilly topography throughout Rossmoor minimizes opportunities for cycling.

B. Goals, Policies, and Actions

Goal TRA-1	A safe and user-friendly roadway system that provides for vehicle travel in Rossmoor and connects to outside roadways.
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Policies

- Policy TRA-1.1 Maintain Rossmoor's existing private roadway network in good physical condition.
- Policy TRA-1.2 Actively engage City, County and other government agencies to maintain public ingress and egress routes as well as emergency access roads in good physical condition.
- Policy TRA-1.3 Expand safety on Rossmoor's roadways through the implementation of structural and non-structural measures such as encouraging driver training, provid-

ing safety information, and installing current traffic control techniques.

- Policy TRA-1.4 Evaluate and expand available transportation mobility options for Rossmoor residents, including options such as electric cars, bicycles, golf-carts, car-pooling, car-sharing, shuttle services, and new transportation technologies.
- Policy TRA-1.5 Encourage use of energy efficient transportation. Prioritize “low hanging fruit” solutions for problem intersections that will provide immediate and low cost improvement.
- Policy TRA-1.6 Enforce the California Vehicle Code and Walnut Creek Municipal Code on Rossmoor’s streets through the City of Walnut Creek.
- Policy TRA-1.7 Evaluate outsourcing as an option to provide all or part of the transportation services.

Actions

- Action TRA-1.1 Identify and improve roadways to enhance safety, including re-striping lanes, stop signs, and other signage and mirrors to expand visibility.
- Action TRA-1.2 Study existing GRF parking lots, including counting parking usage, to determine if and where additional handicapped and golf-cart parking spaces should be located. As a part of this study, evaluate whether the parking lots will provide sufficient parking in the long-term and where additional parking may be needed.
- Action TRA-1.3 Continue to encourage safe driving on Rossmoor’s roads. This program should encourage drivers in Rossmoor to participate in driver education programs and to drive only if they are safe drivers.

- Action TRA-1.4 Develop a program to improve traffic safety and reduce accident rates.
- Action TRA-1.5 Study the provision of new or improved facilities, including dedicated golf car/bicycle lanes, for golf-car circulation either on or parallel to the Valley's major streets.
- Action TRA-1.6 Evaluate the need, feasibility and cost/benefit for electric vehicle charging stations at Rossmoor's public facilities.
- Action TRA-1.7 Continue to partner with Walnut Creek Police Department to maintain a visible, traffic enforcement presence.
- Action TRA-1.8 Identify, prioritize and implement improvements at problem intersections that will provide immediate, relatively low cost improvement to Rossmoor's safe environment for drivers and pedestrians.
- Action TRA-1.9 Evaluate outsourcing as an option to provide all or part of the transportation services.

Goal TRA-2	A transit system that provides access for Rossmoor residents within Rossmoor and connections to key outside destinations.
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Policies

- Policy TRA-2.1 Provide transportation within Rossmoor and that connects to key locations outside of Rossmoor such as BART, Downtown Walnut Creek, and shopping areas.
- Policy TRA-2.2 Provide 'Travel Training' for first-time bus users and other outreach to familiarize residents with the bus system.

Actions

- Action TRA-2.1 Regularly analyze the bus system in order to maximize its efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and usefulness to residents. (Last studied in 1995)
- Action TRA-2.2 Publicize 'Travel Training' through all available media within Rossmoor to entice maximum ridership.
- Action TRA-2.3 Consider tracking devices for GRF buses to enhance effectiveness.

Goal TRA-3	Appropriate transportation facilities for pedestrians, cyclists, and disabled persons.
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Policies

- Policy TRA-3.1 Provide and maintain sidewalks and pedestrian paths throughout Rossmoor focusing on pedestrian safety.
- Policy TRA-3.2 All new construction or major building renovations shall meet ADA requirements and utilize techniques to ensure access for persons with disabilities.

Actions

- Action TRA-3.1 Evaluate existing roadways and intersections to determine where they could be modified for pedestrian safety and comfort.
- Action TRA-3.2 Evaluate connections between existing open space trails and residential areas, sidewalks, and community facilities.

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