

Draft Guiding Principles Summary

Natural (N)

(Conservation, Wildlife, and Agriculture)

1. Identify, maintain and, where possible, protect, restore and enhance the integrity and connectivity of regionally significant environmental lands
2. Avoid and minimize impacts on springshed or groundwater recharge areas and look for opportunities to protect, restore, and enhance those areas
3. Avoid, to the extent feasible, impacts to identified natural resources and conservation lands of concern and minimize/mitigate impacts where avoidance is not feasible
4. Develop a land protection program as part of the project to coordinate and implement the acquisition of identified conservation lands
5. Ensure forestry and stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) are utilized
6. Enhance wildlife corridor connectivity and protection
7. Preserve, protect and improve transportation connectivity for agricultural and silviculture lands

Cultural (C)

Historic Architecture and Archaeology

1. Identify, enhance and seek to avoid impacts to key cultural resources, such as cemeteries, historic district and structures, tribal lands, and archeologically significant areas

Social (S)

Community and Economic

1. Plan and develop corridors in a manner that is compatible with and enhances local, regional, and state plans, initiatives, and visions
2. Plan and design the project to enhance and protect the existing character and future vitality of the cities/communities within the study area
3. Consider additional infrastructure needs and funding sources needed to accommodate the corridor (local roads, rail, utilities, sewer and water, etc.)
4. Maximize opportunities to enhance local economic development, provide jobs, and provide workforce development
5. Avoid and minimize negative economic impacts to communities that could occur from the project

Physical (P)

1. Follow, where feasible, existing transportation rights of way and utility corridors or easements, and other existing disturbed areas
2. Plan and design a facility that accommodates multiples mode of transportation and considers the context of its unique surroundings and impacts to the natural and human environment