VISION STATEMENT

A variety of transportation and circulation systems will be provided within Camp Verde and the study area. These systems will be designed, constructed and maintained in conjunction with the land use plan in a manner that will provide convenient and safe travel for all modes of transportation.

INTRODUCTION

Several new road projects and enhancements have been completed in the last 18 months. A four-lane road now allows motorists to travel from Interstate 17, through the State Trust Land, to commercially zoned property at Highway 260. Frontage roads are being constructed west of Interstate 17 to improve traffic flow to commercially zoned property adjacent to Highway 260.

Highway 260 from milepost 218 at Interstate 17 to milepost 223 just east of Howard's Road is now a four-lane divided highway. Sidewalks, pedestrian lights, and improved parking have been installed as part of the Main Street Enhancement project. The Main Street project includes landscaping, bicycle racks, and benches.

STATE REQUIREMENTS

The Transportation and Circulation Element of the Town of Camp Verde's General Plan is mandated by Arizona Revised Statutes, which stipulates that each municipality include a circulation element in the General Plan. State law further states that the element consist of the general location and extent of existing and proposed freeways, arterial and collector streets, bicycle routes and any other modes of transportation as may be appropriate, all correlated with the land use element plan.

A. GOAL: PROMOTE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS THAT PRESERVE AND RESPECT THE RURAL LIFESTYLE WITHOUT SACRIFICING PUBLIC SAFETY OR ACCEPTABLE DESIGN GUIDELINES.

Implementation Strategies:

A. 1.   Maintain existing Town Standards for roads within the Town's jurisdiction.

A. 2.   Provide for bike paths and lanes within road easements linking neighborhoods and commercial areas, when road widening and resurfacing projects are considered.

A. 3.   Improve natural drainage alongside roadways when improvement projects are undertaken.

A. 4.   Identify and designate historically significant ranch roads as part of the Town's circulation system.

A. 5.   Implement buffer guidelines to separate non-motorized paths from roadways.

A. 6.   Discourage road proposals that affect slopes or view sheds.

A. 7.   Develop natural, low maintenance, non-motorized trails in keeping with Camp Verde's western rural atmosphere.

A. 8.   Identify existing trails and paths with signage and provide amenities.

A. 9. Adopt standards within Town ordinances, including recommendations and coordination between the Parks and Recreation Department, Trails and Pathways Committee, Street Department and Community Development Department to ensure inclusion of trails.

A. 10. Sponsor improvements to the Trail-Park system jointly with private non-profit organizations, U.S. Forest Service, Arizona Fish & Game, and all other entities as appropriate.

A. 11. Preserve existing accesses, with the philosophy that an access is a privilege, not a right, encouraging private property owners to allow continued access, through easements, when property is sold or changes hands.

A. 12. Develop a system to formally encourage private property owners to allow access through easements when property is sold or changes hands.

B. GOAL: PROVIDE ACCESS WITHIN THE TOWN AND PLAN AREA TO LINK PARKS AND NEIGHBORHOODS, PROVIDING FOR EASE OF MOVEMENT AND SAFETY FOR ALTERNATE MODES OF TRANSPORTATION.

Implementation Strategies:

B. 1. Utilize the Trails/Parks Map/Master Plan as a way to provide alternate means of transportation.

B. 2. Encourage acceptance of easements from the U.S. Forest Service, County, State, and property owners who designate easements, within existing highway and road easements, to preserve trail system.

B. 3. Promote a convenient and handicapped accessible public transit system to link the Town site, tourist attractions, commercial areas, schools, neighborhoods, parks and trails system.

B. 4. Identify and develop walkways and trails that link neighborhoods and preserve a "sense of community" and the ability to interact with neighbors.

B. 5. Provide for bike paths and lanes within road easements linking neighborhoods and commercial areas, when road widening and resurfacing projects are considered.

C. GOAL: MAINTAIN MAIN STREET IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE RURAL, WESTERN AND HISTORIC NATURE OF THE DOWNTOWN AREA INCLUDING FORT VERDE STATE HISTORIC PARK.

Implementation Strategies:

C. 1. Assure new road additions and future improvements to existing roads effecting Main Street are compatible with the Council adopted Downtown Redevelopment Project and General Plan.

C. 2. Review the Downtown Redevelopment Project on a regular basis and update it as needed to maintain and expand Main Street's historic role in maintaining the Town's rural, western character.

D. GOAL: **COORDINATE WITH PROPERTY OWNERS, TOWN OFFICIALS AND APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND OWNERS TO LOCATE NEW TRANSPORTATION CORRIDORS WITHIN DESIGNATED GROWTH AREAS.**

Implementation Strategies:

D. 1.   Designate specific, limited access from Hwy. 260 to designated growth areas.

D. 2.   Coordinate with ADOT and property owners to provide comprehensive transportation/access plan within growth areas.

D. 3.   Resist future transportation corridors that encourage urban sprawl or random commercial development.

E. GOAL: **MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE EXISTING ROADS IN A SAFE AND COST-EFFECTIVE MANNER.**

Implementation Strategies:

E. 1.   Ensure that road projects provide solution to drainage problems, alternate transportation accesses, as well as improving existing road conditions.

E. 2.   Maintain and improve roads servicing established business locations, i.e. Finnie Flat Road, Howard's Road, Hwy. 260 and I-17 corridor, Hwy. 260 bypass project, Hwy. 260 from Camp Verde to Cottonwood and Hwy. 260 from Camp Verde to Payson.

E. 3.   Coordinate funding of improvement and expansion projects with ADOT and other entities when possible.