

CIRCULATION ELEMENT

INTRODUCTION

Government Code section 65302.b requires the adoption of a Circulation Element consisting of the general location and extent of existing and proposed major thoroughfares, transportation routes, terminals, and other local public utilities and facilities, all correlated with the land use element of the plan.

GOALS

I) To establish a comprehensive, coordinated system of circulation for the efficient and safe movement of people and transportation of goods and services

II) To develop an orderly and efficient arrangement of public utilities and services in a manner that best supports existing and proposed land uses.

POLICIES/IMPLEMENTATION MEASURES

A) The City of Weed's Circulation plan and goals shall be consistent with Siskiyou County and Regional Transportation Plans.

IMPLEMENTATION MEASURE: City shall evaluate the Regional Transportation Plan and shall develop and maintain communication with State and County transportation agencies to ensure consistency of plans.

B) All roads should be constructed and improved to minimum City design standards.

IMPLEMENTATION MEASURE: City shall enforce standards to regulate construction of new roads and the City shall improve and pave existing roads, as funds become available.

C) Allow for the safe flow of traffic in the City of Weed.

IMPLEMENTATION MEASURE: City shall evaluate junctions of collectors, principally Main Street, Lincoln Avenue and Hoy Road., with State Highway 97 and North Weed Boulevard for the possible upgrade of traffic flow controls from stop signs to stop lights. In particular the City shall implement discussion with the State Highway Department to place a stop light at the intersection of Main and North Weed Boulevard (State Highway 265). The City shall initiate studies exploring the feasibility of alternative traffic patterns including one-way segments along Shasta Avenue, and the portion of North Davis Avenue between Shasta Avenue and Hillside Drive becoming one-way westbound.

D) All costs of onsite and offsite improvements to City roads shall be borne by project developers.

IMPLEMENTATION MEASURE: City shall ensure that all development costs are borne by project developers.

E) Support the continuation and expansion of transportation programs serving the elderly and handicapped as well as the general population.

IMPLEMENTATION MEASURE: City shall support those social service agencies with transportation services aiding the elderly, handicapped and other groups as well as County agencies serving the public at large.

F) Support the improvement of the Weed Airport.

IMPLEMENTATION MEASURE: City shall contact the County, prior to all airport planning sessions, to indicate the City's support for continued maintenance and improvement of the Weed Airport.

G) Actively seek to lower the cost of utility service to the City and the residents

IMPLEMENTATION MEASURE: City shall support attempts to lower utility costs including, but not limited to, utility district formation, City purchase of utility facilities and review of communication systems.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING AREA

The City of Weed's street circulation pattern is dominated by three major State Highways; Interstate 5, which allows easy access to and from other areas of the County and State Highways 97 and 265 which form the primary arterial route through and around the City of Weed. The City has no responsibility for Interstate 5 and only secondary responsibility for the State Highways.

State Highways 97 and 265 are primary arterials, the collectors connecting to State Highway 265 (North Weed Boulevard) are Liberty Avenue- Shasta Avenue- North Davis Avenue- Main Street. The collectors connecting to State Highway 97 are Lincoln Avenue- Union Street and Hoy Road.

A network of collectors serve the College of the Siskiyous and the southwest sections of the City. These collectors become North Weed Boulevard and then join the southern end of Highway 97. These collectors are Weed-Deetz Road., College Avenue, Siskiyou Way and Highway Avenue.

The City of Weed has developed construction standards for standard streets. These standards are published in City of Weed Department of Public Works Construction Standards.

Definitions:

Arterial: A street that serves a large volume of vehicular traffic with intersections at grade and generally having direct access to abutting property, and on which geometric design and traffic control measures are used to expedite the safe movement of through traffic.

Collector: A street that serves abutting property and carries traffic to the arterials.

Local: A street that serves the local needs of residential properties in a neighborhood.

Industrial: A street serving traffic within an industrial development.

TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

The City of Weed is served by transportation systems which provides for the conveyance of goods and services as well as travel for local residents.

Air

The City is served by the Weed Airport which is located outside of the City limit north of Weed just east of

Interstate 5. The Airport is owned and managed by Siskiyou County. The Airport is classed as a Basic Utility airport which most aircraft except some jet aircraft. Siskiyou County assumes that the Airport will eventually be upgraded to General Utility type handling all propeller aircraft and most types of jet aircraft.

Bus

The City does not have any intracity bus service. The City is served by Greyhound with 4 northbound and 5 southbound buses stopping in Weed daily. In addition, Siskiyou Transit and General Express (STAGE) has 6 southbound and 7 northbound buses daily, 5 runs terminate and 5 runs originate in Weed.

Rail

The City is served by Southern Pacific Railroad with one southbound and one northbound passenger train and 4 freight trains passing through the City of Weed each day. Access to the passenger trains is located in Dunsmuir approximately 20 miles south of the City.

Taxi

The City of Weed has no taxi service.

Truck

There are no regular truck lines originating in the City of Weed.

UTILITIES

Utility systems should be constantly evaluated for adequacy and capacity. The City of Weed is generally well served by its public utilities

Sewer

The City of Weed is served by double sewer collection and treatment facilities. The capacity is adequate of a City of Weed's size.

Water

Weed receives its water from a system of springs located to the north of town and a well system south of town. The systems seem adequate for the City presently and for the foreseeable future.

Electricity

The City of Weed is served by the Pacific Power and Light Company. PP&L has one of the lowest electric rates in California.

Telephone

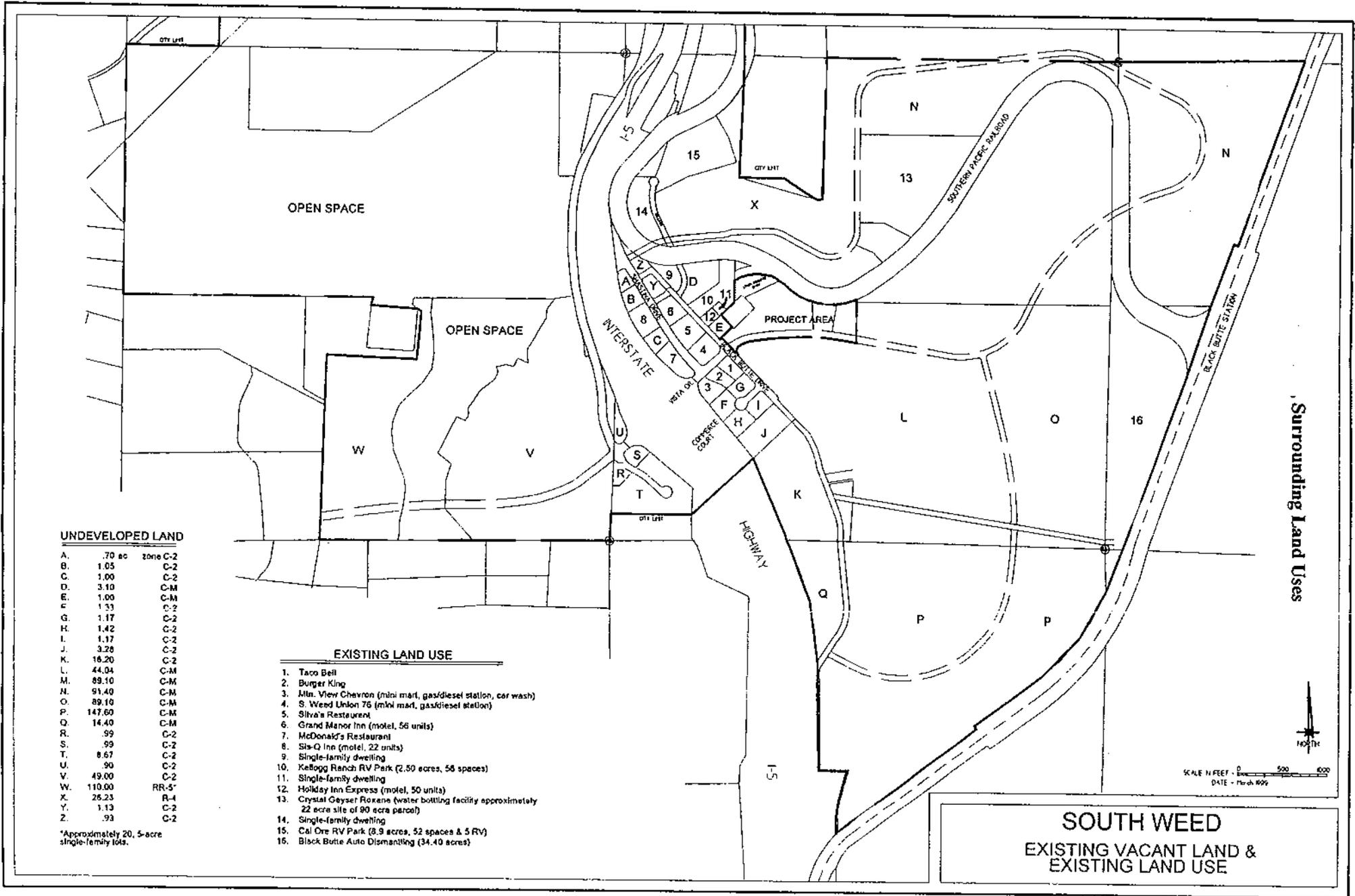
Telephone service is provided by Pacific Bell.

Gas

Liquid Petroleum Gas is provided by Cal Gas and Van Gas.

Solid Waste

The City of Weed owns a landfill to the northeast of town. The capacity is more than adequate for Weeds future needs.



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