



TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY

TOWN COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

To: Honorable Mayor and Town Council **Date:** February 28, 2012

From: Lori Lamson **Item No:** 10
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Subject: INITIATE A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT TO MODIFY THE
GENERAL PLAN STREET SYSTEM MAP IN THE CIRCULATION
ELEMENT TO ACCOMMODATE MODIFICATIONS TO THE DESIGN OF
THE HIGH DESERT CORRIDOR

T.M. Approval: _____ **Budgeted Item:** Yes No N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Initiate a General Plan Amendment to the Circulation Element to modify the General Plan Street System Map to accommodate recent changes to the High Desert Corridor design.

SUMMARY:

To accommodate necessary changes to the design of the first access point of the High Desert Corridor east of the I-15 interchange, the Circulation Element of the General Plan needs to be modified.

BACKGROUND:

Recently Brad Miller, Town Engineer, has met with representatives from MTA and Cal Trans District 7 to discuss the design criteria for the High Desert Corridor. Specifically, the issues related to the design of the I-15 Interchange and the design of the first access point east of the I-15 was discussed. In previous discussions with the Cal Trans District 8 design group, a conceptual design allowing access off of Apple Valley Road was considered. The most recent design by the MTA/Cal Trans District 7 team does not include the Apple Valley Road access. Instead alternative designs are being discussed which would meet the Federal Highway standards and still provide indirect access of I-15 from Apple Valley Road. In order to accomplish this, modifications to the Town's Circulation Element are necessary to show secondary and major roadways and an additional access to the High Desert Corridor in the vicinity of Apple Valley Road. Without showing these major roadways and the access from the High Desert Corridor on the Town's Circulation Element of the General Plan, the MTA/Cal Trans District 7 team would not be able to consider these modifications to the design. The exact modifications to the Circulation Element will be worked out by the Town Engineer and the MTA/Cal Trans District 7 team and brought forward to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation to the Council. Once the Planning Commission has reviewed this proposal it will be forwarded to the Town Council for review and approval.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Not Applicable