

Guiding Principles to Evaluate Use of the Pacific Electric Right-of-Way

When considering alternative uses for the Pacific Electric Right-of-Way (PEROW) corridor, adopt the following principles to guide decision-making:

1. Maintain ownership of the PEROW to preserve the corridor for future transit use.
2. Protect (reserve) a section of the average 100-foot width of the PEROW for future transit use along the complete corridor. The remaining section would be available for other uses. Unreserved widths would vary depending on location.
3. Continue the Orange County Transportation Authority's good neighbor policy. In residential areas, in the section of the average 100-foot width not reserved for transit use, ensure uses are compatible with neighborhoods, and that safety is a top priority.
4. In commercial, industrial, and educational areas, encourage uses which support long-term transit development.
5. Pursue non-intrusive revenue producing opportunities along the corridor such as underground telecommunications, utilities, etc. Use a portion of the net revenues to fund improvements and/or transit services along the corridor.
6. Work with cities to enhance the aesthetics of the PEROW without jeopardizing security. For example, do not obstruct the ability of the police to view the corridor.