
VI. GENERAL IMPACT CATEGORIES

B. GROWTH-INDUCING IMPACTS

Section 15126.2(d) of the State CEQA Guidelines requires a discussion of the ways in which a proposed project would be growth-inducing. This discussion would include ways in which the project would foster economic or population growth, or the construction of additional housing, either directly or indirectly, in the surrounding environment. Section 15126.2(d) requires an EIR to:

“Discuss the ways in which the proposed project could foster economic or population growth or the construction of additional housing, either directly or indirectly, in the surrounding environment. Included in this are projects that would remove obstacles to population growth (a major expansion of a wastewater treatment plant might, for example, allow for more construction in service areas). Increases in the population may further tax existing community service facilities so consideration must be given to this impact. Also discuss the characteristic of some projects which may encourage and facilitate other activities that could significantly affect the environment, either individually or cumulatively. It must not be assumed growth in any area is beneficial, detrimental, or of little significance to the environment.”

The Proposed Project is intended to bring professional football back to Los Angeles and make the 1920s-era Coliseum a premier venue for an NFL franchise. Such activity would foster long-term economic growth by adding new employees and customers to the Project Site, who could, in turn, also patronize local businesses and services in the area. Both short-term and long-term employment opportunities would be provided by the construction and operation of the Proposed Project. However, the Proposed Project does not include housing and therefore would not include (direct) permanent population growth. No significant unavoidable population or housing impacts would be created by the Proposed Project. In addition, as discussed below, the Proposed Project would not induce growth in an area that is not already developed with infrastructure to accommodate such growth.

The Proposed Project would redevelop a project site within a densely developed urban environment. Thus, if (indirect) growth were to occur, the Proposed Project would not induce growth in an area that is not already developed with infrastructure to accommodate such growth. Development of the Proposed Project would not require the construction of new infrastructure that would promote growth in an inappropriate location. Any infrastructure improvements would be localized in nature and would be implemented on an as-needed basis to upgrade outdated infrastructure and improve energy efficiency. It is anticipated that existing water mains, fire mains, and sewer utility lines could adequately service the Proposed Project. Thus, the Proposed Project would not induce substantial growth with respect to utility infrastructure.