
VII. GROWTH INDUCING IMPACTS

Pursuant to Section 15126.2(d) of the *State CEQA Guidelines*, an EIR must address growth-inducing impacts of a project. This includes ways in which a project could foster economic or population growth, or the construction of additional housing, either directly or indirectly, in the surrounding environment. Section 15126.2(d) states:

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 which would remove obstacles to population growth (a major expansion of a waste water treatment plant might, for example, allow for more construction in service areas). Increases in the population may tax existing community service facilities, requiring construction of new facilities that could cause significant environmental effects. 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 that growth in any area is necessarily beneficial, detrimental, or of little significance to the environment.

Implementation of the proposed Project involves placement of signs on structures and equipment and removal of billboards (those in LAWA's control) and does not include residential development. The proposed Project would not directly foster significant population growth or the construction of new housing in the Project's region of influence (Los Angeles County, Orange County, Riverside County, San Bernardino County, and Ventura County), remove obstacles to population growth, or necessitate the construction of new community facilities that would lead to additional growth in the surrounding area.

The direct effects of the proposed Project on regional growth stems from economic growth resulting from labor needs and expenditures. The proposed Project would not result in the generation of a significant amount of jobs at the Project site, as the Project would not result in a change in use on the site. In addition, the proposed signage would not increase passenger capacity at LAX. With no increase in long-term employment or passenger capacity, and no new homes proposed, the proposed Project would not induce substantial population growth.

An objective of the proposed Project is to support and enhance limited new off-site signage to the interior of LAX and the urban design, land use, economic development, and modernization objectives of the LAX Master Plan and LAX Specific Plan. Development of the proposed Project could generate demand for goods, services, or facilities not directly associated with the proposed Project. Although the proposed Project has the potential to indirectly increase jobs through advertising associated with the proposed Project that could indirectly foster economic development and growth through the potential increase in patronage of businesses and services in the Los Angeles area and as a source of funding for LAX improvements, the growth would not be significant as the Project would serve an existing population. In addition, the proposed Project is smaller in scale as compared to other development projects within the Los Angeles area. Any potential indirect Project-related increase in patronage of businesses and services is expected to have little impact on the regional economy as a whole. Therefore, it is not anticipated that the proposed Project would encourage or facilitate other activities that could significantly affect the environment, either individually or cumulatively.

Furthermore, the Project site is located within a developed airport, and no new roads or extensions of existing roads or other growth-accommodating infrastructure are proposed. Therefore, the proposed Project would not directly or indirectly induce substantial population growth through extension of roads or other infrastructure, and no impacts would occur.