

IX. GROWTH-INDUCING IMPACTS

A project is considered growth-inducing if it would: directly or indirectly foster economic or population growth or the construction of additional housing; if it would remove obstacles to population growth or tax community service facilities to the extent that the construction of new facilities would be necessary; or if it would encourage or facilitate other activities that cause significant environmental effects.¹

The project site is located within the City and would not result in an expansion of urban services or the pressure to expand beyond the City's existing Sphere of Influence. It would not open additional undeveloped land to future growth or provide expanded utility capacity that would be available to serve future development. Instead, it would facilitate the anticipated revitalization of underutilized land in an existing urban setting that is conveniently served by transit facilities and services. The proposed project would not cause any direct population growth and the scale of employment growth would not induce substantial indirect growth in population or employment.

As discussed in Chapter IV, Consistency with Plans and Policies, the proposed project would enhance the desirable qualities of the community. The proposed project would generally meet the goals of *Strategy 2000* and complement the visions set forth in other area plans.

In addition, the proposed project would encourage transit and pedestrian-oriented redevelopment activity and associated growth in the Diridon Area. This would benefit the region by promoting the redevelopment and revitalization of the area with infill development. In addition to benefiting the Diridon Area, the proposed stadium would benefit the Greater Downtown Area as a whole by better connecting the Downtown to the major transit center and by expanding and enhancing entertainment activities within the City.

¹ *CEQA Guidelines*, 2005, Section 15126.2(d).

