

Chapter 6 | Growth Inducement

Section 15126.2(d) of the CEQA Guidelines requires that an EIR address the potential growth-inducing impacts of a proposed project. Specifically, the EIR should discuss the ways in which a project could foster economic or population growth, or the construction of additional housing either directly or indirectly. Projects that remove obstacles to population growth may also be considered to have growth-inducing impacts.

Approval of the Bicycle Master Plan would not result in significant inducement of economic or population growth. Construction of additional bikeways may encourage a small number of cyclists to relocate either to homes or jobs that are close to the facilities. To the extent that the Plan would encourage people to commute by bicycle and reduce vehicular traffic, the region would be seen as a more attractive place to live. However, these improvements in traffic, commute patterns, and attractiveness would not be expected to result in local or regional growth that is beyond that already planned for in the County. The project would not remove obstacles to growth because planned growth would occur with or without the planned bikeways. Therefore, the proposed project would not result in significant growth-inducing impacts.

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