

future GHG emissions that could indirectly result from approval of the proposed Specific Plan amendment a less than significant impact.

<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
b. Conflict with any applicable plan, policy, or regulation of an agency adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?			X	

WHY? The State of California has adopted several policies and regulations for the purpose of reducing GHG emissions. Assembly Bill (AB) 32 was enacted in 2006 to reduce statewide GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. Senate Bill (SB) 375 (Linking Regional Transportation Plans to State Greenhouse Gas Reduction Goals; codified at Government Code Sections 65080, 65400, 65583, 65584.01, 65584.02, 65584.04, 65587, 65588, 14522.1, 14522.2, and 65080.01, as well as Public Resources Code Sections 21061.3 and 21159.28 and Chapter 4.2.) was enacted in 2009 with the goal of reducing GHG emissions by limiting urban sprawl and its associated vehicle emissions. Per the requirements of SB 375, SCAG prepared a sustainable communities strategy (SCS) that integrates transportation and land use elements in order to achieve the emissions reduction target. The SCS encourages transit-oriented development (TOD), which places residential uses and employment centers near mass transit stations to increase use of mass transit and reduce vehicle trips. Development of new hospital uses within the Specific Plan area would provide increase in employment opportunities within a transit rich area, and contribute to the reduction in vehicle trips for both employees and patients. With the proposed amendment, the Specific Plan would continue to support the SCS goals and objectives.

In addition, the proposed project is an amendment to the Specific Plan to allow hospital uses upon approval of a Conditional Use Permit. The proposed project would not entitle or fund any specific project. Thus, it would not result in any direct physical changes to the environment. Future indirect development that could occur under the proposed project would be subject to the above and the City's Green City Action Plan and Green Building Ordinance, further reducing project-related GHG emissions. Therefore, the proposed Specific Plan amendment would not conflict with any applicable plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing GHG emissions. Impacts are considered less than significant.

2.9 HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use or disposal of hazardous materials?			X	

WHY? The proposed project is an amendment to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan to allow hospital uses upon approval of a Conditional Use Permit. The proposed project would not entitle or fund any specific projects. Thus, it would not result in any direct physical changes to the



environment. Future development of new hospital uses that could occur under the amendment to the Specific Plan could involve the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials during construction or operation. However, such projects would be subject to federal, state, and local regulations regarding the handling and disposal of such materials. The storage, handling, and disposal of hazardous materials are regulated by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and the Pasadena Fire Department. Therefore, adoption of the proposed Specific Plan amendment would not create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use or disposal of hazardous materials. This impact is less than significant.

<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
b. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?			X	

WHY? The proposed project is an amendment to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan to allow hospital uses upon approval of a Conditional Use Permit. The proposed project would not entitle or fund any specific projects. Future development of new hospital uses that could occur under the amendment to the Specific Plan could involve the accidental release of hazardous materials during construction or operation of such uses. However, such projects would be subject to federal, state, and local regulations regarding the handling and disposal of such materials. Hazardous materials are regulated by state, federal, and local agencies, including the EPA, OSHA, and the Pasadena Fire Department. Therefore, adoption of the proposed Specific Plan amendment would not create any hazard through release of hazardous materials, and this impact is considered less than significant.

<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
c. Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?			X	

WHY? The proposed project is an amendment to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan to allow hospital uses upon approval of a Conditional Use Permit. The proposed project would not entitle or fund any specific projects. Thus, it would not result in any direct physical changes to the environment. Sequoyah School is located 0.2 miles from Huntington Memorial Hospital, which is located in the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan. Although future development of new hospital uses that could occur under the amendment to the Specific Plan could involve the emission or handling hazardous materials during construction or operation, such projects would be subject to federal, state, and local regulations regarding the handling and disposal of such materials. The storage, handling, and disposal of hazardous materials are regulated by the EPA, OSHA, and the Pasadena Fire Department, which would ensure that the Sequoyah School would not be adversely impacted by the proposed project. Therefore, the proposed Specific Plan amendment would have less than significant impacts to schools.



<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
d. Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?			X	

WHY? The proposed project is an amendment to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan to allow hospital uses upon approval of a Conditional Use Permit. The proposed project would not entitle or fund any specific project. Thus, it would not result in any direct physical changes to the environment. Inasmuch as the proposed Specific Plan amendment could indirectly result in the development of new hospital uses, future projects that could occur under the proposed amended Specific Plan could involve hazardous materials sites. While unexpected, if such a scenario arises, the future development project would be subject to various federal, state, and local laws and agencies that regulate hazardous material sites, such as the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), the state and federal Environmental Protection Agencies (EPA), the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), and the Pasadena Fire Department. Therefore, the proposed Specific Plan amendment would not result in significant impacts related to hazardous material sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
e. For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within 2 miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				X

WHY? The Specific Plan area is not located within an airport land use plan or within 2 miles of a public airport or public use airport. The nearest public use airport is Burbank Bob Hope Airport, which is located approximately 11.5 miles northwest of the Specific Plan area. The proposed Specific Plan amendment would not result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the vicinity of an airport. No impacts would occur in this regard.



<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
f. For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				X

WHY? The Specific Plan area is not within 2 miles of a private airstrip. Therefore, the proposed project would not result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the vicinity of a private airstrip. No impacts would occur in this regard.

<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
g. Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				X

WHY? The City of Pasadena Emergency Operations Plan addresses the City's planned response to emergencies associated with natural disasters and technological incidents. It provides an overview of operational concepts, identifies components of the City's emergency management organization in the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) and the National Incident Management System (NIMS), and describes the overall responsibilities of the federal, state, and county entities and the City for protecting life and property and ensuring the overall well-being of the population (Pasadena 2011). Further, the City maintains a SEMS/NIMS Emergency Response Plan, which addresses planned responses to emergency/disaster situations associated with natural disasters, technological incidents, and national security emergencies. The Pasadena Fire Department maintains the disaster plan (Pasadena 2011). In case of a disaster, the Pasadena Fire Department is responsible for implementing the plan, and the Pasadena Police Department devises evacuation routes based on the specific circumstance of the emergency. Pasadena has preplanned evacuation routes for dam inundation areas associated with Devil's Gate Dam, Eaton Wash, and the Jones Reservoir.

For any future development that may occur under the proposed Specific Plan amendment, prior to the issuance of a building permit, the applicant is required to submit appropriate plans for plan review to ensure compliance with zoning, building, and fire codes. Adherence to these requirements ensures that future development would not have a significant impact on emergency response and evacuation plans. However, the proposed project would not entitle or fund any specific projects and thus would not result in any direct physical changes to the environment. Therefore, the project would not impair implementation or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan, and no impact would occur.



<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
h. Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?				X

WHY? As shown in the City's General Plan Update EIR, Chapter 5.6, the Specific Plan area is not located in an area of moderate or very high fire hazard (Pasadena, 2015a). The South Fair Oaks Specific Plan is located in an urbanized area, and the surrounding area is not adjacent to any wildlands. Therefore, the proposed Specific Plan amendment would not expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving wildland fires. No impacts would occur in this regard.

2.10 HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?			X	

WHY? Section 303 of the federal Clean Water Act requires states to develop water quality standards to protect the beneficial uses of receiving waters. In accordance with California's Porter/Cologne Act, each Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) of the State Water Resources Control Board is required to develop water quality objectives that ensure its region meets the requirements of Clean Water Act Section 303.

Pasadena is in the greater Los Angeles River watershed and thus under the jurisdiction of the Los Angeles RWQCB. The Los Angeles RWQCB adopted water quality objectives in its Stormwater Quality Management Plan (SQMP), which is designed to ensure stormwater achieves compliance with receiving water limitations. As such, stormwater generated by a development that complies with the SQMP does not exceed the limitations of receiving waters and therefore does not exceed water quality standards.

Compliance with the SQMP is enforced by application of Section 402 of the Clean Water Act, the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). Under Section 402, each municipality is required to obtain permits for the water pollution generated by stormwater in its jurisdiction. These permits are known as Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) permits. The City of Pasadena is a co-permittee in the Los Angeles County MS4 permit (Order No 01-182; NPDES No. CAS0041 as amended by Orders R4-2006-0074 and R4-2007-0042). Under this MS4, each permitted municipality is required to implement the SQMP.

In accordance with the countywide MS4 permit, all new developments must comply with the SQMP. In addition, as required by the MS4 permit, the City has adopted a Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan (SUSMP) ordinance to ensure new developments comply with SQMP. The City of Pasadena requires, pursuant to Municipal Code Chapter 8.70, that all new development or significant redevelopment projects that involve more than 5,000 square feet



comply with Los Angeles County SUSMP requirements to ensure that on- and offsite drainage facilities can accommodate stormwater flows. Implementation of these provisions, which include LID design, BMPs, and possibly onsite retention basins, would minimize increases in peak flow rates or runoff volumes. Future indirect development that could occur under the proposed project has the potential add typical urban, nonpoint-source pollutants to stormwater runoff. As discussed, these pollutants are permitted by the countywide MS4 permit and would not exceed any receiving water limitations.

In addition, the proposed Specific Plan amendment would not entitle or fund any specific projects and thus would not result in any direct physical changes to the environment. Inasmuch as the proposed Specific Plan amendment could indirectly result in the development of new hospital uses, the project could indirectly result in stormwater pollutants. However, with compliance with the NPDES, MS4, and SUSMP requirements, such stormwater pollutants would not violate water quality standards or waste water requirements. Impacts would be less than significant.

<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
b. Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?			X	

WHY? The proposed project is an amendment to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan to allow hospital uses upon approval of a Conditional Use Permit. The proposed project would not entitle or fund any specific projects. Thus it would not result in any direct physical changes to the environment. New hospital uses that could be developed under the proposed Specific Plan amendment would use the existing water supply system provided by the Pasadena Department of Water and Power, which includes water from the Raymond Groundwater Basin. Such future development would also be required to adhere to the 2013 California Plumbing Code and the 2013 California Green Building Standards Code, which require water-efficient indoor fixtures and irrigation controllers and result in a reduction in water demand by 5 to 6 percent. Applicants for new development or significant redevelopment are required to implement site design measures, Low Impact Development (LID) standards, and Best Management Practices (BMPs), including infiltration features that contribute to groundwater recharge and minimize stormwater runoff. The proposed change in the conditionally allowed uses in the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan area would not result in a change in the amount of water drawn from the Raymond Basin, as such water withdraw is dictated by agreements with the Raymond Basin Management Board. Therefore, the proposed project would not physically interfere with any groundwater supplies, and impacts would be considered less than significant.



<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
c. Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?				X

WHY? The Specific Plan area does not contain any streams, rivers, or other drainage features. The area is generally flat and is located in an urbanized area. The proposed project is an amendment to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan to allow hospital uses upon approval of a Conditional Use Permit. The proposed project would not entitle or fund any specific projects. Thus, it would not result in any direct physical changes to the environment. Therefore, the proposed Specific Plan amendment would not alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river. No impact would occur.

<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
d. Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?				X

WHY? The proposed project is an amendment to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan to allow hospital uses upon approval of a Conditional Use Permit. The proposed project would not entitle or fund any specific projects. Thus, it would not result in any direct physical changes to the environment. Adoption of the proposed Specific Plan amendment would not result in the alteration of a discernible watercourse, and the proposed project does not have the potential to alter drainage patterns or increase runoff that would result in flooding. Therefore, the proposed Specific Plan amendment would not cause flooding, and no impact would occur.

<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
e. Create or contribute runoff water, which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?			X	

WHY? Since the Specific Plan amendment could indirectly result in the development of new hospital uses, such future development could result in localized changes to drainage patterns. However, since no physical improvements are currently proposed, the specific impacts that potential future development could have on the storm drain system cannot be identified. Regardless, given that the city is largely built out, that drainage is accommodated by existing storm drain improvements and drainage channels, and that future development would be required to comply with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), Standard



Urban Storm Water Mitigation Plan (SUSMP) and Low Impact Development (LID) standards, development of new hospital uses in the Specific Plan area would not be expected to cause exceedances of the storm drainage system or generate substantial additional sources of polluted runoff. Therefore, this impact is considered less than significant.

<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
f. Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?			X	

WHY? As discussed above, the proposed project is an amendment to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan to allow hospital uses upon approval of a Conditional Use Permit. The proposed project would not entitle or fund any specific projects. Thus it would not result in any direct physical changes to the environment. Future development would need to be compliant with the countywide MS4 permit which requires construction sites to implement BMPs to reduce the potential for construction-induced water pollutant impacts. These BMPs include methods to prevent contaminated construction site stormwater from entering the drainage system and preventing construction-induced contaminants from entering the drainage system. Compliance with both the MS4's construction site requirements and the City's SUSMP ordinance will insure that future development would not substantially degrade water quality. Therefore, impacts would be considered less than significant.

<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
g. Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or dam inundation area as shown in the City of Pasadena adopted Safety Element of the General Plan or other flood or inundation delineation map?				X

WHY? No portions of Pasadena are in a 100-year floodplain identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). As shown on FEMA map Community Number 065050, most of the city is in Zone X (FEMA, 2008). A few scattered areas are located in Zone D. Both Zone X and Zone D are located outside of the Special Flood Hazard Areas Subject to Inundation by the 1 percent Annual Chance of Flood (100-year floodplain), and no floodplain management regulations are required. Further, the proposed project does not consist of any development that could be placed in a 100-year flood hazard area. Therefore, no impact would occur.



<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
h. Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures, which would impede or redirect flood flows?				X

WHY? See item (g) above. No portions of Pasadena are in a 100-year floodplain identified by FEMA. As shown on FEMA map Community Number 065050, most of the city is in Zone X, with some scattered areas in Zone D, for which no floodplain management regulations are required. Further, the proposed project is an amendment to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan and would not entitle or fund any specific projects. Thus, it would not result in any direct physical changes to the environment. Therefore, the proposed project would not place structures within the flow of the 100-year flood, and the project would have no related impacts.

<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
i. Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?				X

WHY? No portions of Pasadena are in a 100-year floodplain identified by FEMA. As shown on FEMA map for Community Number 065050, most of the city is in Zone X with some scattered areas in Zone D, for which no floodplain management regulations are required. Further, the proposed project is an amendment to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan and would not entitle or fund any specific projects. Thus, it would not result in any direct physical changes to the environment. Therefore, no impact would occur from exposing people or structures to flooding risks, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam.

<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
j. Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?				X

WHY? Pasadena is not located near any inland bodies of water or the Pacific Ocean so as to be inundated by either a seiche or a tsunami. Mudflows result from the downslope movement of soil and/or rock under the influence of gravity. The project area would not be susceptible to mudflow due to its relatively flat geography and distance from hillside soils. No impacts would occur in this regard.



2.11 LAND USE AND PLANNING

<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Physically divide an existing community?				X

WHY? The proposed project is an amendment to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan to allow hospital uses upon approval of a Conditional Use Permit. The proposed project would not entitle or fund any specific projects. Thus, it would not result in any direct physical changes to the environment. No changes to the Specific Plan's overall land use patterns or vehicular, pedestrian, or bicycle circulation patterns are proposed. Therefore, the project would not physically divide an existing community and no impact would occur.

<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
b. Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?				X

WHY? The General Plan Land Use Element provides a series of goals and policies that demonstrate the relationship between land use policies and policies that foster high quality design, the arts and culture, sustainable infrastructure, a vital economy, exemplary public services, and public involvement and participation (Pasadena, 2015b).

The General Plan land use goals considered particularly relevant to the proposed project are outlined in Table 1.



Table 1
General Plan Land Use Consistency Analysis

Goal/Policy	Project Consistency
<p>Goal 4. Elements Contributing to Urban Form. A safe, well-designed, accessible City with a diversity of uses and forms. These diverse forms include distinct, walkable districts, corridors, and transit and neighborhood villages and cohesive, unique single and multi-family residential neighborhoods and open spaces where people of all ages can live, work, shop and recreate</p>	<p>Implementation of the proposed project would provide for the development of hospital uses upon the approval of a Conditional Use Permit throughout the Specific Plan area. Through the Conditional Use Permit process, any future development would be required to demonstrate that the hospital would be compatible with neighboring structures, offers sustainable development, and sustains economic vitality. Therefore the proposed project would be consistent with this goal.</p>
<p>Goal 5. Pedestrian-Oriented Places. Development that contributes to pedestrian vitality and facilitates bicycle use in the Central District, Transit Villages, Neighborhood Villages, and community corridors.</p>	<p>Implementation of the proposed project would provide for the development of hospital uses upon the approval of a Conditional Use Permit throughout the Specific Plan area. Development of new hospital uses would provide increase employment opportunities within a transit rich area, and contribute the reduction in vehicle trips for both employees and patients. Through the Conditional Use Permit process, development would be required to demonstrate that the design promotes pedestrian activity, through the incorporation of plazas, and placing primary entrances on the street.</p>
<p>Goal 8. Historic Preservation. Preservation and enhancement of Pasadena's cultural and historic building, landscapes, streets and districts as valued assets and important representations of its past and a source of community identity, and social ecological, and economic vitality.</p>	<p>Implementation of the proposed project would provide for the development of hospital uses upon the approval of a Conditional Use Permit throughout the Specific Plan area. Such future development could involve historic resources. However, such projects would be subject to the City's development standards and processes, which include strict protections for historical resources. Chapter 2.75 of the City Municipal Code outlines the Historic Preservation Commission. The Commission carries out the duties in section 2.75.045 such as reviewing and making recommendations on environmental reports, zone changes, master development plans, planned development and other land use entitlements as they are applicable to historic resources in the city. Among the duties of the Historic Preservation is to, "Implement historic preservation goals and policies in the land-use element of the General Plan..." Adoption of the proposed Specific Plan Amendment would not conflict with Goal 8 Historic Preservation.</p>
<p>Goal 10. City Sustained and Renewed. Development and infrastructure practices that sustain natural environmental resources for the use of future generations and, at the same time, contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and impacts on climate change.</p>	<p>Implementation of the proposed project would provide for the development of hospital uses upon the approval of a Conditional Use Permit throughout the Specific Plan area. Development of new hospital uses would provide increased employment opportunities within a transit rich area, and contribute the reduction in vehicle trips for both employees and patients. New hospital development would be consistent with the General Plan Policy, LU 37.1, which calls for high density development of commercial uses in the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan area that would support Metro Gold Line ridership, reduce vehicle trips and energy consumption, and subsequently, reduce GHG emissions.</p>
<p>Goal 18. Land Use/Transportation Relationship. Pasadena will be a city where there are effective and convenient alternatives to using cars and the relationship of land use and transportation is acknowledged through transit-oriented development, multi-modal design features, and pedestrian and bicycle amenities in coordination with and accordance with the Mobility Element.</p>	<p>Implementation of the proposed project would provide for the development of hospital uses upon the approval of a Conditional Use Permit throughout the Specific Plan area. Development of new hospital uses would provide increased employment opportunities within a transit rich area, and contribute the reduction in vehicle trips for both employees and patients. Through the Conditional Use Permit process, development would be required to demonstrate consistency with the City's plans policies that promote pedestrian</p>



Goal/Policy	Project Consistency
	activity and cycling, such as the City's Mobility Element.
Goal 19. Parking Availability. The supply of parking will reflect Pasadena's objective to protect residential neighborhoods; create a vital, healthy, and sustainable economy; establish Pasadena as a leader in environmental stewardship; encourage physical activity and a commitment to health and wellness; and encourage walking, biking, and transit. The supply of parking in an area will also reflect the type, mix, and density of uses; the availability of shared facilities; and the proximity to transit.	Implementation of the proposed project would provide for the development of hospital uses upon the approval of a Conditional Use Permit throughout the Specific Plan area. Development of new hospital uses would provide increased employment opportunities within a transit rich area, and contribute the reduction in vehicle trips for both employees and patients. Through the Conditional Use Permit process, development would be required to demonstrate consistency with the city's parking standards.
Goal 29. Transit Villages. Moderate to high density mixed-use clusters of residential and commercial uses developed in an integrated "village-like" environment with buildings clustered on common plazas and open spaces in proximity to Metro Gold Line stations capitalizing on their induced market demands and land values, facilitating ridership, and reducing automobile use while increasing walkability.	Implementation of the proposed project would provide for the development of hospital uses upon the approval of a Conditional Use Permit throughout the Specific Plan area. Development of new hospital uses would provide for high density development of commercial uses in the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan area that would support Metro Gold Line ridership, reduce vehicle trips and provide for pedestrian facilitating design.
Goal 37. South Fair Oaks Avenue. Concentration of mixed-use development adjoining the Fillmore Metro Gold Line station; expanded housing opportunities for seniors, students, or employees of the major institutions; and redevelopment of underutilized industrial areas for new businesses and job-generating uses leveraged by the medical and creative office uses.	Implementation of the proposed project would provide for the development of hospital uses upon the approval of a Conditional Use Permit throughout the Specific Plan area. Development of new hospital uses would provide increased employment opportunities within a transit rich area, and contribute the reduction in vehicle trips for both employees and patients.

As analyzed, the proposed project would not conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation and would be compatible with surrounding land uses. As such, no impact would occur with regards to land use.

<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
c. Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan (HCP) or natural community conservation plan (NCCP)?				X

WHY? As discussed in item 2.4(f), there are no adopted habitat conservation plans or natural community conservation plans in Pasadena. There are also no approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plans. Thus, no impacts would occur in this regard.



2.12 MINERAL RESOURCES

<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?				X

WHY? No active mining operations currently exist in the city. Two areas in Pasadena may contain mineral resources. These two areas are Eaton Wash, which was formerly mined for sand and gravel, and Devil's Gate Reservoir, which was formerly mined for cement aggregate. The project is not near these areas. In addition, the Specific Plan area is not located in an area known to contain mineral deposits or mineral resources (California, 1999). Neither the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan area nor surrounding areas are utilized for mineral production. Therefore, adoption of the proposed Specific Plan amendment would not result in the loss of an available known mineral resource with value to the region. As such, no impacts would occur.

<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
b. Result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan, or other land use plan?				X

WHY? The City's General Plan Land Use Element does not identify any mineral recovery sites in the city. Furthermore, there are no mineral resource recovery sites shown in the Hahamongna Watershed Park Master Plan or the 1999 Aggregate Resources in the Los Angeles Metropolitan Area map published by the California Department of Conservation, Division of Mines and Geology (California, 1999). Further, the proposed project is a regulatory document and does not involve any development or grading. Therefore, the proposed project would have no impact with regard to the loss of a locally important mineral resource recovery site.

2.13 NOISE

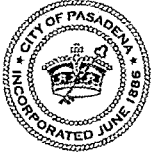
<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?			X	

WHY? The project is an amendment to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan to allow hospital uses upon approval of a Conditional Use Permit. The proposed project does not entitle or fund any new development. Because the amendment to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan could indirectly result in the future development of a hospital with approval of a conditional use permit,



residential uses in the Specific Plan area and future hospital patients could be exposed to noise sources such as roadway noise and construction activities. However, the Noise Element of the City's General Plan establishes policies for noise exposure of residents, and the City's Noise Restrictions Ordinance (Pasadena Municipal Code, Chapter 9.36) regulates the generation of noise in the city. The Noise Element includes the following measures to protect future residents from excessive noise levels:

- Objective 2 The City will work to reduce the effects of traffic-generated noise from major roadways on residential and other sensitive land uses.
- Policy 2a The City will encourage noise-compatible land uses along major roadways.
- Policy 2b The City will encourage site planning and traffic control measures that minimize the effects of traffic noise in residential zones.
- Policy 2c The City will encourage the use of alternative transportation modes as stipulated in the Mobility Element (walking, bicycling, transit use, electric vehicles) to minimize traffic noise in the City.
- Policy 2d The City will work with local and regional transit agencies and businesses to provide transportation services that reduce traffic and associated noise as stipulated in the Mobility Element.
- Objective 3 The City will minimize noise from the Los Angeles to Pasadena Metro Line on residential and other sensitive land uses.
- Policy 3a The City will encourage noise-compatible land uses and mitigation measures near the Los Angeles to Pasadena Metro Line rail system.
- Policy 3b After commencing operations and regularly thereafter, the City will work with the Los Angeles to Pasadena Metro Blue Line Construction Authority and/or the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) to install noise attenuation features if the Gold Line (formerly known as the Blue Line) adversely affects existing adjacent residential or other noise-sensitive uses.
- Objective 6 The City will minimize noise spillovers from commercial and industrial operations into adjacent residential neighborhoods and other sensitive uses, while maximizing the Land Use Element's objectives to encourage mixed-use development in the Central District and other Specific Plan areas as well as to promote economic vitality.
- Policy 6a The City will encourage automobile and truck access to industrial and commercial properties abutting residential zones to be located at the maximum practical distance from residential zones.
- Policy 6b The City will limit the use of motorized landscaping equipment, parking lot sweepers, and other high-noise equipment on commercial properties if their activity will result in noise that adversely affects residential zones.
- Policy 6c The City will encourage limitations on the hours of truck deliveries to industrial and commercial properties abutting residential zones unless there is no feasible



alternative or there are substantial transportation benefits for scheduling deliveries at another hour.

Further, the City's Noise Restrictions Ordinance (Pasadena Municipal Code Section 9.36) establishes noise limitations for ambient noise level increases, general noise sources, construction noise, equipment, machinery, amplified noise, and other noise sources. Given the requirements of the City's Noise Element and Noise Restrictions Ordinance, approval of the proposed Specific Plan amendment would not result in any significant impacts related to exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of local standards or applicable standards of other agencies.

<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
b. Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?			X	

WHY? The proposed project is an amendment to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan to allow hospital uses upon approval of a Conditional Use Permit. The proposed project would not entitle or fund any specific projects. Thus, it would not result in any direct physical changes to the environment. Since no physical changes are currently proposed, the specific vibration and groundborne noise concerns related to future development cannot be identified. Regardless, given that there are limited, if any, permanent sources of vibration and groundborne noise in Pasadena, exposure to vibration and groundborne noise is anticipated to be limited to short-term conditions (e.g., construction activities). Approval of the proposed Specific Plan amendment would not cause a significant impact related to exposure to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise. Therefore, this impact would be less than significant.

<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
c. A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?			X	

WHY? Refer to item 2.13(a) above. The project would not lead to a significant permanent increase in ambient noise since the project does not involve any development. Therefore, the proposed Specific Plan amendment would not cause a permanent increase in ambient noise levels. This impact is considered less than significant.



<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
d. A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?			X	

WHY? The proposed project is an amendment to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan to allow hospital uses upon approval of a Conditional Use Permit. The proposed project would not entitle or fund any specific projects. Thus, it would not result in any direct physical changes to the environment. Since the proposed Specific Plan amendment could indirectly result in the development of new hospital uses, such future development could generate temporary construction noise. However, such noise would be subject to the construction noise regulations in the City's Noise Restrictions Ordinance, including limited hours of operations and maximum noise generation levels. Therefore, approval of the proposed Specific Plan amendment would not result in significant impacts related to a temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels. This impact would be less than significant.

<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
e. For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within 2 miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				X

WHY? There are no airports or airport land use plans in Pasadena. The closest airport is Burbank Bob Hope Airport, which is located approximately 11.5 miles from the Specific Plan area. Therefore, the proposed project would not expose people to excessive airport-related noise and would have no associated impacts.

<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
f. For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				X

WHY? There are no private use airports or airstrips in the vicinity of the Specific Plan area. As such, no impacts would occur in this regard.



2.14 POPULATION AND HOUSING

<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?				X

WHY? The proposed project is an amendment to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan to allow hospital uses upon approval of a Conditional Use Permit. The proposed project would not entitle or fund any specific projects. Thus, it would not result in any direct physical changes to the environment. The General Plan Update, adopted in 2015, allows for development of a net increase of up to 1,340,655 square feet of non-residential uses within the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan area, and any new hospital use would be considered part of this allowable non-residential growth. Future indirect development that could occur under the proposed project may result in an increase in employment opportunities in Pasadena. However, the increase in employment opportunity would occur in an urbanized area with existing infrastructure, which includes a Gold Line station (Fillmore Station). Therefore, the proposed Specific Plan amendment would not induce substantial population growth in an area, and no impact would occur.

<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
b. Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				X

WHY? The proposed project is an amendment to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan to allow hospital uses upon approval of a Conditional Use Permit. The proposed project is located in a primarily commercial area, with limited residential development. Further, the proposed Specific Plan amendment would not entitle or fund any specific projects. Thus, it would not result in any direct physical changes to the environment. Therefore, the project would not displace existing housing, and no impact would occur.

<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
c. Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				X

WHY? The proposed project is an amendment to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan to allow hospital uses upon approval of a Conditional Use Permit. The proposed project is located in a primarily commercial area, with limited residential development. Further, the proposed Specific Plan amendment would not entitle or fund any specific projects. Thus, it would not result in any



direct physical changes to the environment. Therefore, the project would not displace any people, and no impact would occur.

2.15 PUBLIC SERVICES

<i>Will the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services?</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Fire protection?				X

WHY? The proposed project is an amendment to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan to allow hospital uses upon approval of a Conditional Use Permit. The General Plan Update, adopted in 2015, allows for development of a net increase of up to 1,340,655 square feet of non-residential uses within the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan area, and any new hospital use would be considered part of this allowable non-residential growth. Furthermore, policies and implementation measures in the General Plan encourage periodic review of public safety services and require that services reflect the growing needs of residents. In particular, implementation of Policy 16.2 in the Land Use Element would ensure that the City regularly assesses the impacts of growth on Pasadena Fire Department (PFD) services and that equipment, personnel, and services are provided as needed to serve that growth. The need for expanded fire protection services would be reviewed during the conditional use permit process for any future hospital development proposed under the amendment. Approval of the Specific Plan amendment would not result in the need for new or expand physical fire protection facilities, and no impact would occur.

<i>Will the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services?</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
b. Libraries?				X

WHY? The City operates its own library system, the Pasadena Public Library (PPL). The system includes the Central Library, located at 285 East Walnut Street in the Central District Specific Plan area, and nine branch library facilities located throughout the city. Branch libraries are designed such that no Pasadena resident lives more than 1 mile from a library and residents can walk to their neighborhood library. The PPL does not have one system wide standard for square footage of library space per person; library space needs are determined individually for the service area of each branch. According to PPL, the total library facility square footage and collections are adequate to serve Pasadena's existing population and sufficient to support a population of up to a least 175,000 (Pasadena, 2015). The proposed project is an amendment to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan to allow hospital uses upon approval of a Conditional Use Permit. The proposed project would not entitle or fund any specific projects. Thus, it would not result in any direct physical changes to the environment. Further, the city as a whole is well



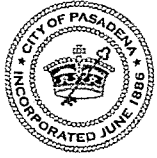
served by its Public Information (Library) System, and the project would not impact library services. Therefore, the project would have no impacts to libraries.

<i>Will the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives for any of the public services:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
c. Parks?				X

WHY? Pasadena has approximately 300 acres of developed parks, comprising four citywide parks, five community parks, and 15 neighborhood parks that serve the recreational and park needs of city residents (Pasadena, 2012). The proposed project is an amendment to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan to allow hospital uses upon approval of a Conditional Use Permit. The City collects park impact fees from new residential (Ordinance No. 6252) development. Impact fees are valued based on the number of bedrooms in each new residential unit. The proposed project would not entitle or fund any specific projects. As such, implementation of the proposed project would not lead to the construction of additional park space or physical deterioration of any recreational facilities. Therefore, the proposed Specific Plan amendment would have no impact on parks.

<i>Will the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives for any of the public services:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
d. Police protection?				X

WHY? The proposed project is an amendment to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan to allow hospital uses upon approval of a Conditional Use Permit. The General Plan, adopted in 2015, allows for development of a net increase of up to 1,340,655 square feet of non-residential uses within the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan area, and any new hospital use would be considered part of this allowable non-residential growth. Pasadena Police Department (PPD) needs are assessed annually, and budget allocations revised accordingly to ensure that adequate levels of service are maintained throughout the City. Furthermore, proposed General Plan Policy 16.2 of the Land Use Element requires the City to perform ongoing review of growth and development in terms of its impact on adequate provision of public services. Additional resources and personnel funded by an increase in tax revenue would maintain the level of service needed to support the increase in growth. The need for expanded police protection services would be reviewed during the conditional use permit process for any future hospital development proposed under the amendment. Therefore, the proposed Specific Plan amendment would not result in the need for additional new or altered police protection services and would not alter acceptable service ratios or response times. No impacts would occur.



<i>Will the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives for any of the public services:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
e. Schools?				X

WHY? The proposed project is an amendment to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan to allow hospital uses upon approval of a Conditional Use Permit. The General Plan Update, adopted in 2015, allows for development of a net increase of up to 1,340,655 square feet of non-residential uses within the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan area, and any new hospital use would be considered part of this allowable non-residential growth. Future hospital development would need to comply with school district construction tax on all new construction, residential, and non-residential development. The proposed project would not result in a direct increase in school aged residents within the City, as no residential uses would be developed under the proposed Specific Plan amendment. Therefore, approval of the proposed Specific Plan amendment would cause no impacts related to the need for additional new or altered school services.

<i>Will the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives for any of the public services:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
f. Other public facilities?				X

WHY? Other public facilities available to future hospital development include roads, transit, and utility systems including water and sewer infrastructure, as well as other general facilities. The proposed project is an amendment to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan to allow hospital uses upon approval of a Conditional Use Permit. The proposed project would not entitle or fund any specific projects. The need for expanded or new public facilities and services would be reviewed during the conditional use permit process for any future hospital development proposed under the amendment. Therefore, there would be no need for new or expanded public facilities as a result of the proposed Specific Plan amendment. Approval of the proposed Specific Plan amendment would result in no impact.



2.16 RECREATION

<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?				X

WHY? The proposed project is an amendment to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan to allow hospital uses upon approval of a Conditional Use Permit. The proposed project would not entitle or fund any specific projects. Thus, it would not result in any direct physical changes to the environment. Therefore, approval of the proposed Specific Plan amendment would not increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities. In addition, the Residential Impact Fee (RIF), which was established to offset impacts on the park system from new residential development, is only imposed on new residential projects. Therefore, no impact would occur.

<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
b. Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?				X

WHY? The proposed project is an amendment to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan to allow hospital uses upon approval of a Conditional Use Permit. The proposed project would not entitle or fund any specific projects. Thus, it would not result in any direct physical changes to the environment. Therefore, approval of the proposed Specific Plan amendment would not include recreational facilities or the construction or expansion of recreational facilities that might have an adverse physical effect on the environment. No impact would occur.



2.17 TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC

<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance, or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit?			X	

WHY? The City established Transportation Impact Analysis Guidelines to support the City's vision in creating a community where people can circulate without cars, which relies on an integrated multimodal transportation system that provides choices and accessibility for everyone in Pasadena. The City of Pasadena Department of Transportation sets forth goals and policies to improve overall transportation in Pasadena and to create a community where people can circulate without cars. Inherent in this vision statement is to accommodate different modes of transportation such as vehicles, pedestrians, bicycles, and transit. The City's adopted transportation performance measures assess the quality of these different modes of travel when evaluating a project's environment.

The proposed project is an amendment to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan to allow hospital uses upon approval of a Conditional Use Permit. The proposed project would not entitle or fund any specific projects. Thus, it would not result in any direct physical changes to the environment. Therefore, adoption of the proposed amendment would not conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance, or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, and this impact would be less than significant. Future hospital development that may occur in accordance with the proposed Specific Plan amendment could result in increased vehicular travel, transit use, and non-motorized travel. Since no physical changes are currently proposed, the specific impacts of future development on the performance of the circulation system cannot be identified. However, any future development projects that could occur under the proposed project would be subject to the City's Transportation Impact Analysis Guidelines, which require analysis of transportation impacts and system improvements as necessary to offset such impacts.

<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
b. Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including, but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?				X

WHY? The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) is the agency responsible for implementing the Congestion Management Program (CMP) for all of Los



Angeles County. The purpose of the CMP is to develop a coordinated approach to managing and decreasing traffic congestion by linking the various transportation, land use, and air quality planning programs throughout the county. The program is consistent with that of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). The CMP program requires review of significant individual projects that might on their own impact the CMP transportation system.

The proposed project is an amendment to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan to allow hospital uses upon approval of a Conditional Use Permit. The proposed project would not entitle or fund any specific projects. Thus, it would not result in any direct physical changes to the environment. Therefore, adoption of the proposed Specific Plan Amendment would not conflict with an applicable congestion management program, and no impact would occur.

<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
c. Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?				X

WHY? The project site is not within an airport land use plan or within 2 miles of a public airport or public use airport. The nearest airport, Burbank Bob Hope Airport, is located approximately 11.5 miles from the Specific Plan area. Due to the distance from the airport and the nature of the proposed project, implementation of the proposed project would not affect any airport facilities and would not cause a change in the directional patterns of aircraft. Therefore, the proposed project would not impact air traffic patterns.

<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
d. Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?				X

WHY? The proposed project is an amendment to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan to allow hospital uses upon approval of a Conditional Use Permit. The proposed project would not entitle or fund any specific projects. Thus, it would not result in any direct physical changes to the environment. Future hospital development under the proposed amendment would be required to undergo the City's Design Review and conditional use permit processes, which would ensure that any future development that may result from adoption of the proposed Specific Plan amendment would not increase hazards due to a design feature or incompatible uses. No impact would occur.

<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
e. Result in inadequate emergency access?				X



WHY? The proposed project is an amendment to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan to allow hospital uses upon approval of a Conditional Use Permit. Potential future hospital development would need to comply with all building, fire, and safety codes and with final plans subject to review and approval by the City's Public Works and Transportation departments, the Building Division, and the Fire Department during the conditional use permit process. In addition, the proposed project would not entitle or fund any specific projects. Thus, it would not result in any direct physical changes to the environment. Therefore, no impacts related to inadequate emergency access would result from adoption of the proposed Specific Plan amendment.

<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
f. Result in inadequate parking capacity?				X

WHY? The proposed project is an amendment to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan to allow hospital uses upon approval of a Conditional Use Permit. The proposed project would not entitle or fund any specific projects. Thus, it would not result in any direct physical changes to the environment. In addition, parking capacity of any new hospital use that could be developed under the proposed project would be required to comply with the city's parking standards and analyzed as part of the Conditional Use Permit process. Therefore, adoption of the proposed Specific Plan amendment would not result in inadequate parking capacity, and no impact would occur.

<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
g. Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities?				X

WHY? The proposed project is an amendment to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan to allow hospital uses upon approval of a Conditional Use Permit. Development of new hospital uses would provide increased employment opportunities within a transit rich area, and would reduce the dependency on vehicles for both employees and patients. Through the Conditional Use Permit process, development would be required to demonstrate that the design promotes pedestrian activity, through the incorporation of plazas, and placing primary entrances on the street. In addition, any new hospital use that could be developed under the proposed project will need to comply with the City's Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Ordinance if located within the established TOD area. Therefore, adoption of the proposed Specific Plan amendment would not conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities. No impact would occur.



2.18 UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS

<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?			X	

WHY? The proposed project is an amendment to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan to allow hospital uses upon approval of a Conditional Use Permit. The proposed project would not entitle or fund any specific projects. Thus, it would not result in any direct physical changes to the environment. Any future hospital development that may occur in accordance with the proposed Specific Plan amendment would be subject to a sewer connection fee when connected to a sewer line. Pasadena is in Los Angeles County Sanitation District 16. All sewage from the Specific Plan area is conveyed to existing city sewer lines and facilities. Wastewater discharge from any future hospital project would be regulated by applicable standards and requirements that are imposed and enforced by the City's Department of Public Works, Engineering Division. All wastewater generated by such potential future projects would be treated in compliance with the requirements of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB). Therefore, adoption of the proposed Specific Plan amendment would not cause an exceedance of the wastewater treatment requirements of the Los Angeles RWQCB, and any related impacts would be less than significant.

<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
b. Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?			X	

WHY? The proposed project is an amendment to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan to allow hospital uses upon approval of a Conditional Use Permit. The proposed project would not entitle or fund any specific projects. Thus, it would not result in any direct physical changes to the environment. Any future hospital development that may occur in accordance with the proposed Specific Plan amendment would be conveyed to existing city sewer lines and facilities. There are no existing deficiencies in the city's collection system or the Sanitation District's collection and treatment facilities serving Pasadena that would be exacerbated by potential new hospital development (Pasadena, 2015). Wastewater is currently treated at the Whittier Narrows Reclamation Plant, San Jose Creek Water Reclamation Plant, and Los Coyotes Water Reclamation Plant. Because Sanitation District 16 treats the city's wastewater, any future hospital uses would be subject to a sewer connection fee when the project is connected to a sewer line. Therefore, adoption of the proposed Specific Plan amendment would not require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities. Impacts would be less than significant.



<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
c. Require or result in the construction of new stormwater drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?			X	

WHY? The proposed project is an amendment to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan to allow hospital uses upon approval of a Conditional Use Permit. The proposed project would not entitle or fund any specific projects. Thus, it would not result in any direct physical changes to the environment. Potential future hospital uses that may occur in accordance with the proposed Specific Plan amendment could result in localized changes to drainage patterns. However, since no physical improvements are currently proposed, the specific impacts that potential future development could have on the storm drain system cannot be identified. Regardless, given that the city is largely built out, that drainage is accommodated by existing storm drain improvements and drainage channels, and that future development would be required to comply with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), Standard Urban Storm Water Mitigation Plan (SUSMP) and Low Impact Development (LID) standards, development of new hospital uses in the Specific Plan area would not be expected to cause exceedances of the storm drainage system. Therefore, adoption of the proposed Specific Plan amendment would not require or result in the construction of new stormwater drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities. Impacts would be less than significant.

<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
d. Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?			X	

WHY? The proposed project is an amendment to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan to allow hospital uses upon approval of a Conditional Use Permit. The General Plan Update, adopted in 2015, allows for development of a net increase of up to 1,340,655 square feet of non-residential uses within the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan area, and any new hospital use would be considered part of this allowable non-residential growth. Impacts related to water supply would be less than significant because the projected water demand from the General Plan buildout is within the demands forecast in the 2010 Urban Water Management Plan, which demonstrates that supply meets the demand of the City. All future projects that could occur under the proposed project would be subject to the City's local ordinances, including the Water Shortage Procedures Ordinance, and under SB 610, any commercial development having more than 250,000 square feet of floor space would be required to prepare a project-specific water supply assessment. Therefore, adoption of the proposed Specific Plan amendment would not result in the need for new or expanded water supplies. This impact is less than significant.



<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
e. Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider, which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?			X	

WHY? Wastewater from the city is currently treated at the Whittier Narrows Reclamation Plant, San Jose Creek Water Reclamation Plant, and Los Coyotes Water Reclamation Plant. No deficiencies have been identified in these wastewater treatment facilities. The design capacities of these facilities are based on the regional growth forecast adopted by SCAG. Expansion of the facilities must be sized and their service phased in a manner that is consistent with the SCAG regional growth forecast.

The proposed project is an amendment to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan to allow hospital uses upon approval of a Conditional Use Permit. The proposed project would not entitle or fund any specific projects. Thus, it would not result in any direct physical changes to the environment. Any wastewater generated by future hospital development that may occur in accordance with the proposed Specific Plan amendment would be conveyed to existing city sewer lines and facilities. There are no existing deficiencies in the city's collection system or the Sanitation District's collection and treatment facilities serving Pasadena that would be exacerbated by potential new hospital development (Pasadena, 2015). Therefore, adoption of the proposed Specific Plan amendment would not result in a determination by the City's Water and Power Department, the City's Public Works Engineering Division, or Los Angeles County Sanitation District 16 concerning inadequate capacity. Impacts would be less than significant.

<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
f. Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?			X	

WHY? Pasadena is primarily served by the Scholl Canyon Landfill, which is permitted until 2025. The landfill has a maximum daily capacity of 3,400 tons and a total remaining capacity of 9,900,000 cubic yards (CalRecycle, 2015).

The proposed project is an amendment to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan to allow hospital uses upon approval of a Conditional Use Permit. The proposed project would not entitle or fund any specific projects. Thus, it would not result in any direct physical changes to the environment. Potential future hospital development that could occur under the proposed project would be subject to Chapter 8.62 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, which is the construction demolition and waste management ordinance. Pursuant to this ordinance, any future hospital development would be required to divert a minimum of 75 percent of the construction and demolition debris. Additionally, future hospital uses that could develop under the proposed project would be required to meet the standards of the California Green Building Standards Code. Proposed project impacts related to solid waste generation would be less than significant.



<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
g. Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?				X

WHY? In 1992, the City adopted the Source Reduction and Recycling Element to comply with the California Integrated Waste Management Act. This act requires that jurisdictions maintain a 50 percent or better diversion rate for solid waste. The City implements this requirement through Municipal Code Chapter 8.61, which establishes the City's solid waste collection franchise system. As described in Section 8.61.175, each waste collection franchise is responsible for meeting the minimum recycling diversion rate of 75 percent on both a monthly basis and an annual basis for construction and demolition debris and 60 percent on a monthly basis and an annual basis for other solid waste.

As previously stated, the proposed project would not entitle or fund any specific projects and thus would not result in any direct physical changes to the environment. Therefore, adoption of the proposed Specific Plan amendment would not result in solid waste, and no impact would occur.

2.19 EARLIER ANALYSIS

Earlier analysis may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. See CEQA Guidelines Section 15063(c)(3)(D).

Pursuant to Section 15063(c)(3)(D), this IS/MND utilizes and tiers from the Pasadena General Plan Update EIR, SCH No. 2013091009, adopted in July, 2015 as part of the analysis of the proposed project environmental effects. The General Plan Update EIR evaluated the impacts of buildout of the City of Pasadena, including buildout the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan area. The environmental impacts of buildout of the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan are a subset of the impacts identified and analyzed in the General Plan EIR. Therefore, the analysis included in this IS/MND is concentrated on the issues specific to the proposed Specific Plan amendment, i.e., the potential environmental impacts related to the addition of "Hospital" as a conditionally permitted use within the Specific Plan area. For an evaluation of the environmental effects of complete buildout of the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan and for cumulative effects of buildout of the city see the Pasadena General Plan Update EIR, which is available for public review during regular business hours at the City of Pasadena, Planning Department, 175 N. Garfield Avenue, Pasadena, CA, 91101.



2.20 MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?			X	

WHY? The proposed project is an amendment to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan to allow hospital uses upon approval of a Conditional Use Permit. The proposed project would not result in any significant effects to biological resources, as described in Section 2.4 of this Initial Study. With the Incorporation of Mitigation Measure CUL-1, there would be there would be no significant impact on historical resources, archaeological resources, and paleontological resources. Therefore, adoption of the proposed Specific Plan amendment would not degrade the quality of the environment. Impacts would be considered less than significant

<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
b. Does the project have impacts that are individually limited but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.)			X	

WHY? The proposed project is an amendment to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan to allow hospital uses upon approval of a Conditional Use Permit. The proposed project would not entitle or fund any specific projects. Thus, it would not result in any direct physical changes to the environment. Future hospital development that could occur under the proposed project would require individual environmental analysis. Therefore, this impact is less than significant.

<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
c. Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?				X

WHY? The proposed project is an amendment to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan to allow hospital uses upon approval of a Conditional Use Permit. The proposed project would not entitle or fund any specific projects. Thus, it would not result in any direct physical changes to the environment. Therefore, adoption of the proposed Specific Plan amendment would not cause substantial adverse effects on human beings.



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