

3.10 PUBLIC SERVICES

3.10.1 Introduction

This section evaluates the effects on public services as related to the proposed project by identifying anticipated demands and existing and planned service availability. For purposes of this Draft SEIR, public services consist of fire protection and police protection. Impacts associated with schools and other public facilities (i.e., libraries and hospitals) were determined in the Initial Study to be less than significant and will not be further analyzed in this document. Impacts to parks are discussed in Section 3.11 (Recreation) of this document.

Data sources used for this section include the City of Pasadena General Plan, previous documentation prepared for the Rose Bowl, and other Pasadena data sources. Agencies providing these public services were also contacted to obtain information regarding available service levels and current or anticipated constraints to the proposed project.

3.10.2 Existing Conditions

■ Fire Protection

The proposed project site is serviced by the City of Pasadena Fire Department (PFD), which provides fire prevention, fire suppression, and life safety services. Currently the PFD has eight fire stations, with Fire Station No. 38, located less than ¼ mile west of the Central Arroyo Seco and the Rose Bowl, providing first response service to the proposed project site. At time of certification of the 2005 FEIR, the PFD operated with a personnel-to-population ratio of 795 to 1.

The local water main system, which supplies water to the City of Pasadena, is a combined domestic and fire protection water grid system, which provides adequate water pressure and volume to the area surrounding the proposed project site for purposes of fire suppression and domestic water use.

Currently, access to the proposed project site is made available from Arroyo Boulevard, Seco Street, or Rosemont Avenue to either Rose Bowl Drive or Arroyo West Roadway and the associated Rose Bowl parking lots. According to the 2002 Arroyo Seco Master Plan Master EIR, the fire stations operated by the PFD currently maintain an emergency response time of less than four minutes with existing staff and equipment. Average response times to the project area are around three minutes for an emergency call and five minutes for a nonemergency call (PFD 2004).

■ Police Protection

The City of Pasadena Police Department (PPD) provides police protection and traffic enforcement services to the proposed project site. The Police Department is located at 205 North Garfield Avenue and at time of certification of the 2005 FEIR, had 236 sworn officers, 119 nonsworn personnel, and

maintained an average emergency response time of three to five minutes (Arroyo Seco Master Plan Master EIR 2002, May). This equates to a personnel-to-population ratio of approximately 1.79 officers per 1,000 population (based on 2,000 Southern California Association of Governments April 2001 population data). In addition, a police headquarters exists on the Rose Bowl grounds.

During events at the stadium, the response time to emergency and nonemergency calls is immediate. Police staffing is present both inside the stadium and at outlying traffic posts. The Event Planning Section maintains standard staffing levels or matrixes for sporting events and concerts; however, these levels are traditionally adjusted as necessary with the addition of enhancements to any given event such as VIP parties and high profile guests.

3.10.3 Regulatory Framework

As stated in the FEIR, there are no federal or state regulations that pertain to the project. The project would also not change the consistency analysis of the project with the City of Pasadena General Plan goals and policies as identified in the FEIR on pages 3.10-4 through 3.10-5.

3.10.4 Methodology

Significant impacts on fire protection services would result from an increase in population or building area that results in lengthened response times, inadequate fire flows, and/or the need for new or altered facilities. The PFD determines adequacy of fire protection services by utilization of response times and service ratios as performance objectives. The PFD has an average response time of four minutes. The standard for an urban level of service requires that an engine company arrive on the scene within five minutes, 90 percent of the time, with four fire fighters per Engine Company.

Significant impacts on police services would be caused by an increase in city population that resulted in inadequate staffing levels and/or the need for new or altered facilities. The PPD does not have adopted standards or performance objectives for response times or service ratios. The Pasadena City Council, in consultation with the City Manager and the Chief of Police, determine the staffing levels at the PPD on an annual basis. The PPD has indicated that it currently has adequate facilities and equipment to maintain an acceptable level of service.

3.10.5 Thresholds of Significance

The FEIR stated that the project would result in adverse impacts on public services if it would:

- Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered government facilities, need for new or physically altered government 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:
 - > Fire Protection?
 - > Police Protection?

- > Schools?
- > Parks?
- > Other public facilities?

3.10.6 Revised Project Impacts and Mitigation Measures

Threshold	Would the revised project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered government facilities, need for new or physically altered government facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for public services?
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Impact 3.10-1 **The revised project would not result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered government facilities, need for new or physically altered government facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for public services. This impact is *less than significant*.**

Under the revised plan, there will be no increase in the number of displacement events allowed at the stadium. The Rose Bowl currently contains 92,000 seats. The revised project proposal could reduce the current seating by a maximum of 10,000 seats to make room for new structures. The revised project would improve the exiting capacity and internal circulation under either option, which would facilitate the ability of fire and police personnel to ensure the safety of all patrons. The renovations would also improve seismic safety, as it would bring the structure up to current building and safety codes. The revised project would result in an overall beneficial impact on fire and police protection services, and would not result in any impact on schools, libraries, parks, or other public facilities. Because there would be no adverse impacts of the revised project on public facilities, the mitigation measures MM 3.10-1 and MM 3.10-2 in the MMRP for the original project would no longer be required. This impact is *less than significant*.

3.10.7 Cumulative Impacts

A cumulative impact analysis is only provided for those thresholds that result in a less-than-significant or significant and unavoidable impact. A cumulative impact analysis is not provided for those thresholds where there are no project-related impacts.

The geographic context for cumulative impacts is probable/future development within the City, as this is the development that the City will be charged with providing police and fire protection services for. It has been determined that, with implementation of recommended mitigation measures, all project-specific impacts to public services can be reduced to a less-than-significant level. In addition, the upgrades and proposed modifications would improve access within and around the stadium, which would result in a beneficial impact on police and fire protection services. Emergency access would be significantly

improved either through the provision of a horizon-level concourse with vertical access towers or widening of the existing tunnels and construction of an internal concourse connecting the tunnels. In addition, new vertical aisles would be provided between the existing aisles. Fire and police protection services within the City are currently considered adequate, and the PFD has indicated that renovation activities associated with the Rose Bowl in conjunction with other foreseeable development would not increase demands for fire protection services in the project area. The project, along with other foreseeable development, would provide revenue in the form of property tax to fire protection services within the City. These funds would be used directly by local fire protection agencies to meet anticipated demands. Therefore, cumulative impacts on fire protection services would be considered less than significant.

The PPD has indicated that additional development in the project area in combination with cumulative visitor-serving commercial uses within the area would increase existing demands. Police levels of service could decrease due to elevated police workload associated with the increased visitor population of cumulative development within the City of Pasadena. The project, along with other foreseeable development, would provide revenue in the form of taxes, mitigation fees, and other ancillary payments to the City General Fund. These funds could be used for an expansion of public services, including law enforcement, to meet anticipated demands. The improvements to fire protection systems, internal access, and ingress/egress in the event of an emergency would be beneficial to police protection as well as fire protection services. Therefore, implementation of the proposed project would not make a significant contribution to an increase in existing demands for police services.

3.10.8 Conclusion

The revised project would not result in new or significant impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant impacts to public services. Compared to the original project, the revised project would further improve pedestrian movement within and around the stadium and increase exiting capacity for improved safety. The mitigation measures identified for the FEIR would not be required.