

3.11 RECREATION

3.11.1 Introduction

This section describes the impacts associated with implementation of the revised project to determine whether the project could lead to an increased demand for recreational facilities, physical deterioration of recreational facilities, or the creation or expansion of recreational facilities, the construction of which could have a physical adverse effect on the environment. The Initial Study determined that there would be no significant permanent increase in City population that could contribute to an increased demand for neighborhood or regional parks or other recreational facilities, and no analysis of this issue is provided in this section.

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.

3.11.2 Environmental Setting

As described on page 3.11-1 of the FEIR, there are several current recreational uses at the Pasadena Rose Bowl and in the surrounding areas. On-site sports and recreation opportunities are available, as well as off-site recreation which includes citywide, community and neighborhood parks, special recreational facilities and recreation areas. The Angeles National Forest and San Gabriel Wilderness Area are located very near the project site. Local pedestrian pathways also exist adjacent to the project site which encourages the use of Brookside Park from the adjacent neighborhoods and a recreation loop used by bicyclists, strollers, walkers, joggers and rollerbladers, as well as, the main vehicular circulation pattern around the Central Arroyo.

The revised project would not increase the availability of parks and recreational facilities nor will it increase the use of these facilities because there will be no associated population increase as a result of the revised project as there is no proposal to increase parks and recreational facilities. The project will include the renovation of recreational facilities within the Arroyo Seco area which will result in more passive recreational opportunities.

3.11.3 Regulatory Framework

As stated in the FEIR, there are no federal or state regulations pertaining to recreation that would be applicable to the proposed project. Included in the Cultural and Recreational Element of the General Plan as described on pages 3.11-10 to 3.11-11 of the FEIR are guidelines for recreational activities available within the City and makes efforts to enhance the public's ability and opportunity to enjoy recreation in Pasadena. The revised project would not change the consistency of the proposed project with the General Plan, because the proposed project would not increase the use or number of parks or recreational facilities available to the general population.

3.11.4 Methodology

The City of Pasadena has not established minimum standards for the provision of parkland or recreational facilities, reflected in acres per population but Policy 8.1 of the Green Space Element of the General Plan states that the City strives to have a neighborhood park or facility within a ½ mile walk from anywhere in the City, taking in to consideration natural and manmade barriers (Green Space, 2007). For the purposes of this analysis, impacts on recreational facilities are considered significant if an increase in visitor population would result in either the deterioration of existing recreational facilities or increased demand that would require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities that might have an adverse physical effect on the environment, or whether the proposed project could interfere with existing recreational uses in the Central Arroyo.

3.11.5 Thresholds of Significance

For purposes of the Draft SEIR, implementation of the proposed project may have a significant adverse impact on recreation services and facilities if it would result in any of the following:

- 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
- Include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities that might have an adverse physical effect on the environment
- Substantially interfere with or preclude use of existing recreational facilities in the Central Arroyo Seco

3.11.6 Revised Project Impacts and Mitigation Measures

Threshold	Would the revised 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?
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Impact 3.11-1 The revised project would not 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. This is a *less-than-significant* impact.

Similar to the original project design, the revised project would not increase population or result in the increased use of parks and recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facilities would occur or be accelerated. This impact remains less than significant. The finding of significance with regard to interference with existing recreational activities in the Central Arroyo was based on an increase in displacement events at the stadium from twelve to twenty-five. Because the revised project would not increase the number of displacement events currently allowed annually, the impact from the revised project would be *less than significant*, and no mitigation would be required.

In fact, the revised project would add elements that typically define a state-of-the-art football facility, such as premium suites and press boxes, club seating, a concourse for concessions, toilets, and exiting, and a new scoreboard and video panel. The City of Pasadena actively continues to maintain and enhance park and recreational facilities throughout the city, and the RBOC strives to promote Pasadena and Los Angeles County as a sports destination for local, regional, state, national, and international sporting events. The stadium renovations will enhance the City's image, provide entertainment and participatory opportunities, further one of the City's guiding principles of promoting Pasadena as a corporate, entertainment, and educational center of the region, and contribute to quality of life in the city, and thus, would constitute a beneficial impact.

Threshold	Would the revised project increase recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities that might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?
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Impact 3.11-2 **The revised project would not increase recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities that might have an adverse physical effect on the environment. This is a *less-than-significant* impact.**

During preparation of the original FEIR, it was determined that all impacts related to the construction of recreational facilities or the construction or expansion of recreational facilities that might have an adverse physical effect on the environment (threshold #2 above) have been comprehensively analyzed in other sections of this Draft SEIR, and no further analysis is required in this section. The revised project would not change this conclusion.

Threshold	Would the revised project substantially interfere with or preclude use of existing recreational facilities in the Central Arroyo Seco?
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Impact 3.11-3 **The revised project would not substantially interfere with or preclude use of existing recreational facilities in the Central Arroyo Seco. This is a *less-than-significant* impact.**

As traffic will remain substantially similar to existing conditions with implementation of the proposed revised project, and the number of annual displacement events would not change, the revised project would not interfere with the use of existing recreational facilities in the vicinity. This impact is *less than significant* and the mitigation contained in the FEIR is no longer required.

3.11.7 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 the analysis of cumulative recreational impacts is the City of Pasadena, including all cumulative growth therein, as represented by full implementation of the General Plan and development of the related projects provided in Table 2-2 in Chapter 2 (Description of the Revised Project).

A significant increase in the demand for off-site recreational facilities is not anticipated as a result of implementation of the proposed project. The recreational amenities of the project site are available to the general public on a pay-per-event basis, as the Rose Bowl stadium is not considered part of the City's park inventory; however, this would result in neither an increase nor decrease in the City's park inventory. In addition, the addition of concourses, club boxes, and other stadium amenities will contribute to the amenities available to residents, employees, and visitors when visiting the stadium. It is further anticipated that in order to accommodate future cumulative demand for park and recreation facilities, additional park and recreation facilities that the City would maintain and operate will be developed and constructed throughout the City of Pasadena. Due to uncertainty regarding the size, magnitude, and type of these future facilities, it is not possible to assess the magnitude of cumulative impacts associated with the construction of these facilities. However, it is reasonable to expect that all of these facilities will undergo CEQA review, and that project-specific impacts associated with development of each of these facilities will be mitigated to the extent feasible. Development of the proposed project and associated recreational facility improvements/expansion would result in a less-than-significant cumulative recreational impact.

3.11.8 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 recreational services. Compared to the original project, the revised project would remove the significant and unavoidable impacts on recreation in the Central Arroyo by limiting the number of displacement events annually to existing conditions. The same beneficial impact to the City would be provided. Therefore, the revised project would not impact recreational opportunities in the Central Arroyo and the mitigation measures from the FEIR would not be required.