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# Chapter 4

## Other CEQA Considerations

This section presents other environmental issues that are of particular significance to CEQA. It includes a discussion of significant and irreversible environmental changes, cumulative effects, and growth inducing effects.

### 4.1 Significant and Irreversible Environmental Changes

This section refers to the effect of the project on nonrenewable resources, especially the large commitment of such resources that may make unlikely the future removal or nonuse of the resources. Energy is the primary non-renewable resource that would be affected by the proposed changes to the project. Compared to the No-Build Alternative, the Light Rail Alternative with the proposed changes to the project would result in lower net energy use. As a result, no new significant and irreversible effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant and irreversible effects would occur.

### 4.2 Cumulative Effects

This section evaluates the incremental effect of the project on the environment when considered in conjunction with closely related past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future projects. Cumulative effects were described and evaluated in Section 3.0 for each resource. It was determined that no new significant cumulative effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant cumulative effects would occur.

### 4.3 Growth-Inducing Impacts

The proposed changes to the project are generally consistent with the projected and planned growth in the project area. The changes will not directly or indirectly induce economic, population, or housing growth in the surrounding environment. As a result, no new significant growth inducing effects or increase in the severity of previously identified significant growth inducing effects would occur.

