



8.0 SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS, WHICH CANNOT BE AVOIDED IF THE PROPOSED ACTION IS IMPLEMENTED

The State CEQA Guidelines Section 15126(b) requires an EIR to “describe any significant impacts, including those which can be mitigated but not reduced to a level of insignificance. Where there are impacts that cannot be alleviated without imposing an alternative design, their implications and the reasons why the project is being proposed, notwithstanding their effect, should be described.”

Section 5.0 of this Program EIR provides a description of the potential environmental impacts of the General Plan Update and identifies General Plan Update goals and policies and recommends mitigation measures to reduce impacts to a less than significant level, where possible. After implementation of the recommended mitigation measures, most of the potentially significant impacts associated with the proposed project would be reduced to less than significant levels. However, the General Plan Update would have the following significant unavoidable impacts:

Air Quality

- Short-Term Construction Emissions
- Long-Term Mobile and Stationary Source Emissions
- Conflict with Implementation of Applicable Air Quality Plan
- Cumulative Short-Term and Long-Term Air Quality Impacts

Traffic

The General Plan would result in significant and unavoidable impacts associated with deficient operation of the following intersections and roadway segments:

- Rose Drive at Imperial Highway: LOS F in the PM
- Yorba Linda Boulevard at La Palma Avenue: LOS E in the PM
- Yorba Linda Boulevard at Savi Ranch Parkway: LOS F in the AM and PM
- Imperial Highway (Rose Drive to Valley View Avenue)
- Imperial Highway (Kellogg Drive to Orangethorpe Avenue)

Should the City of Yorba Linda approve the General Plan Update, the City shall be required to cite their findings in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines Section 15091 and prepare a Statement of Overriding Considerations in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines Section 15093.