

## CHAPTER 3 Environmental Analysis of the Revised Project

This chapter provides an analysis of whether the revisions to the proposed project as described in Chapter 2 (Description of the Revised Project) would result in new significant effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects in the Rose Bowl Stadium Renovation Project Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), certified in May 2005. This section discusses potential impacts from the project modifications. For each environmental topic in this Section, this Draft Supplemental EIR (Draft SEIR) presents the methodology and Thresholds of Significance used to analyze the impacts. The complete text of all project-specific mitigation measures that apply to the Draft SEIR will be included in the Rose Bowl Revised Renovation Project Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP). It should be noted that some mitigation measures from the FEIR may no longer be required with the project as revised.

The impacts associated with the construction and operation of the Rose Bowl Stadium Renovation Project as previously proposed were disclosed in the FEIR. The analysis in this Draft SEIR is focused on the potential changes in environmental effects that could result from project design changes. Each section analyzes whether the proposed revisions to the project would result in new significant effects, a decrease in the severity of previously identified significant effects, or an increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects. The NOP and comment letters are included in Appendix A. The revised historical technical report is included as Appendix D. The baseline setting that will be described in the EIR will be the one in effect when the NOP was published (included in Appendix A), as is required by CEQA (CEQA Guidelines Section 15125). These baseline conditions are essentially the same as when the original FEIR was certified. Changes to the baseline condition, if any, are noted in this Draft SEIR. The concept of a significant effect on the environment focuses on changes to the baseline setting that will arise as a result of the project (CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.2(a)). A lead agency's legal authority to impose mitigation measures is limited to those effects that arise from a project, and exceed an adopted threshold of significance (CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.4.) Accordingly, the EIR will not analyze why the existing baseline conditions exist, and will only require mitigation measures that have the legally required "nexus" and "rough proportionality" to the revised project's impacts.