



This list of questions provides a starting point for evaluating the potential concerns within each of the six SCE Issues.

1.0 Social

1.1 Demographics: *Demographic data describes the population within a community and assists in designing public participation, outreach and education strategies that reflect various age, educational and economic backgrounds in the community. Demographic data also helps the analyst identify a specific subgroup within a community that might warrant more intensive investigation and targeting of resources. If the data indicates Title VI/Civil Rights issues may occur, further investigation is necessary to resolve potential issues.*

- What are the demographics of the potentially affected population?
- What displacements of population, if any, would be expected as a result of the project?
- Would any increases or decreases in population be expected as a result of the project?
- Would any displacement of minority populations be expected as a result of the project?
- Are there any disproportionate effects on special populations?
- Have minority populations previously been affected by other public projects in the area?

1.2 Community Cohesion: *Community cohesion is a term used to assess the sense of belonging residents feel toward their community or neighborhood. This may include a resident's commitment to the community, attachment to neighbors, community institutions or particular subgroups.*

- Would the project result in any barriers dividing an established neighborhood(s) or would it increase neighborhood interaction?
- What changes, if any, in traffic patterns through an established neighborhood(s) would be expected as a result of the project?
- Would any changes to social relationships and patterns be expected as a result of the project?
- Would the project result in any loss, reduction or enhancement of connectivity to a community or neighborhood activity center(s)?
- Would the project affect community cohesion?

1.3 Safety / Emergency Response: *The potential effects of the project on neighborhood safety and the resident's perception of safety are important considerations. Evaluation of safety can range from emergency services to bicycle and/or pedestrian safety.*

- Would the project result in the creation of isolated areas?
- Would any increase or decrease in emergency services response time (fire, police, EMS) be expected as a result of the project?
- Does the project affect safe access to community facilities?

1.4 Compatibility with Community Goals and Issues: *In assessing a project's compatibility with Community goals, the analyst should also consider a local government's Comprehensive Plan.*



The Comprehensive Plan will be helpful to the analyst in reviewing goals in regards to future land-use, transportation, housing, recreation, and capital improvements. It is also important to consider a community's detailed plans, which may include neighborhood plans, vision statements or other goals and issues important to a community's residents.

- Would any changes in social value be expected as a result of the project?
- Would the project be perceived as having a positive or negative effect on the quality of life?
- Have community leaders and residents had opportunities to provide input to the project decision-making process in the present and/or past?
- Have previous projects in this area been compatible with or conflicted with the plans, goals and objectives of the community?
- Is the proposed project consistent with the community vision?
- Are transportation investments equitably serving all populations?

2.0 Economic

2.1 Business and Employment: *Economic conditions and employment describe the economic history and current economic well-being of a community. Information on a community's economy can determine employment conditions and help the analyst anticipate changes in the employment base, and identify how employment activities may affect the local business climate.*

- Would any changes to travel patterns be expected that would eliminate or enhance access to any businesses?
- Would any increases or decreases in traffic through traffic-based business areas be expected?
- Would any changes in travel patterns be expected that would result in a business or district being bypassed?
- Would access for special needs patrons increase or decrease as a result of the project?
- Would any increase or decrease in business visibility for traffic-based businesses be expected as a result of the project?
- Would the loss of any businesses be expected as a result of the project?
- Would any increases or decreases in employment opportunities in the local economy be expected as a result of the project?
- Would regional employment opportunities be enhanced or diminished as a result of the project?
- What is the effect of the project on military installations?

2.2 Tax Base: *When assessing the effects of a project on a tax base, the community analyst needs to consider property values, millage of a community, percentage of community-budget funded by ad valorem revenue and percentage of the total ad valorem revenue collected in the study area.*

- Would any real property be removed from the tax roles as a result of the project?
- Is it likely that taxable property values would increase or decline as a result of the project?



- Would changes in business activities increase or decrease the tax base?

3.0 Land Use

Land use information is important to the analyst because it provides information on who owns and manages land and who is responsible for land use planning within a community. This information describes a community's sense of place and empowerment in terms of ownership and control over current and future land use planning decisions.

- Would the project result in a change in the character or aesthetics of the existing landscape?
- Would the amount of recreation/open space be expected to increase or decrease as a result of the project?
- Would the project be compatible with local growth management policies?
- Would the project be compatible with adopted land use plans?

4.0 Mobility

Mobility is defined as the ability of local residents to move freely about their community. This incorporates all modes of transportation and emphasizes the ability of non-driving populations (disabled, low-income, elderly and children) to move freely about the neighborhood and carry out normal daily activities.

- Would access to public transportation facilities be increased or reduced as a result of the project?
- Would pedestrian mobility be increased or decreased as a result of the project?
- Would non-motorist access to business and service facilities be increased or reduced as a result of the project?
- How does the project affect intermodal connectivity?
- Would any change in connectivity between residential and non-residential areas be expected as a result of the project?
- What are the expected changes to existing traffic patterns as a result of the project?
- Would a change in any public parking areas be expected as a result of the project?
- Would access for transportation-disadvantaged populations be affected?

5.0 Aesthetics

For the purposes of SCE, aesthetics refers to the collective community vision of what constitutes a pleasing environment. Aesthetic qualities make a community unique among its neighbors and special to its residents.

- Are there noise or vibration sensitive sites near the project?
- Is the project likely to affect a vista or viewshed?
- Does the project blend visually with the area?



- Is the project adjacent to any community focal point?
- Is the project likely to be perceived as being compatible and in character with the community's aesthetic values?
- What feature(s), if any, of the project might be perceived by the community as inconsistent with the character of that community?

6.0 Relocation

In the context of SCE, relocation and displacement refers to the action of being removed from an existing location and being re-established in a new place. This involves modifying the complex spatial relationships between residents, businesses and community facilities, and can involve financial, as well as social and psychological considerations.

- Would any displacements of residences and/or dwellings be expected as a result of the project?
- Would any displacement of non-residential land uses be expected as a result of the project?
- Do any potentially displaced non-residential land uses have any unique or special characteristics that are not likely to be re-established in the community?
- Would any displacement of community or institutional facilities be expected as a result of the project?