

PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING CENTER II

CHAPTER 21: GROWTH-INDUCING ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSED ACTION

As set forth in the *CEQR Technical Manual*, growth-inducing aspects of a proposed action generally refer to "secondary" effects of a proposed action that trigger further development. Proposals that add substantial new land use, new residents, or new employment could induce additional development of a similar kind or of support uses (e.g., stores to serve new residential uses). Actions that introduce or greatly expand infrastructure capacity (e.g., sewers, central water supply) might also induce growth, although this could be an issue only in limited areas of Staten Island and perhaps Queens, since in most areas of New York City infrastructure is already in place and its improvement or expansion is usually proposed only to serve existing or expected users.

The Proposed Action would facilitate the construction of a unique public facility, the Public Safety Answering Center II (PSAC II), which would be a parallel operation to the existing PSAC I facility in Downtown Brooklyn. The proposed PSAC II development would improve emergency response ability and disaster recovery capacity within the City, as well as provide needed redundancy. It would consist of an approximately 640,000 gsf building that would serve as a streamlined emergency call intake and dispatch center for first responders, including the New York City Police Department (NYPD), the Fire Department of New York City (FDNY), and the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in the City, and would also house central command control center operations for the FDNY and the NYPD to coordinate emergency response and disaster recovery throughout the entire city at a centralized location. The building would also include extensive mechanical and data systems. A 500-space accessory parking garage would also be constructed at the site. To ensure permanent access and to provide utility services to the proposed development site, the Proposed Action would also establish a new public street ("Marconi Street") that would extend from Waters Place to the southern boundary of the development site.

The Proposed Action would introduce a new land use and an increase in density on the proposed development site, replacing primarily undeveloped land with a substantial public facility development. It would not involve a change in the site's zoning or affect public policy. The proposed development site comprises approximately 8.75-acres, and is relatively isolated from the surrounding area by the Pelham Parkway to the north, the Hutchinson River Parkway to the east, and the railroad right-of-way of Amtrak to the west. The Proposed Action is not likely to foster any additional development in the surrounding area, as the neighborhoods of Pelham Gardens, Pelham Bay, and Morris Park are well established neighborhoods, distant from the Project Area. Therefore, no significant development is expected to occur in the surrounding area as a result of the Proposed Action.

The proposed development would introduce a sizeable worker population to the area. The expected secondary impacts of this include additional utilization of open spaces and mass transit in the surrounding area. As the proposed development would include a cafeteria, this is expected to accommodate the needs brought by the additional population. It is expected that some retail stores and services in the area would benefit from the additional population but the needs would not be so large as to require additional retail development.

Therefore, the Proposed Action is not expected to induce additional notable growth outside of the proposed development site. While the Proposed Action would improve existing infrastructure on and immediately adjacent to the Project Site, including roadways and water and sewer lines, the infrastructure in the study area is already well-developed, such that improvements associated with the Proposed Action would not induce additional growth.