



If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

The following are topics of public concern or potential controversy that have become known to the City staff based on public input, known regional issues, and staff observations:

- Conversion of undeveloped land to urban use
- Light, glare, and skyglow
- Traffic congestion from automobiles and large trucks, ensuring safe routes to schools, and provision of alternative transportation infrastructure
- Annexation of county properties into the city
- Parkland, trail, and ball field impacts
- Need for aesthetics improvements, including tree planting
- Air quality and pollution concerns, including dust from construction and agricultural uses, and air pollution along Highway 99
- Project impact on regional stormwater, drainage, and flood control

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

The City of Fresno will be the Lead Agency for the proposed Specific Plan, pursuant to the State Guidelines for Implementation of the CEQA, Section 15050. Actions that would be required from the City include, but are not limited to the following:

- Repeal of a portion of the Highway City Specific Plan that overlaps with the plan area boundaries;
- Repeal of the West Area Community Plan;
- Certification of the West Area Neighborhoods Specific Plan EIR and adoption of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP);
- Approval of the West Area Neighborhoods Specific Plan;
- Amendment of the General Plan land use map to incorporate the planned land uses of the Specific Plan; and
- Rezone of all parcels proposed for land use changes within city limits of the Specific Plan area to a zone district consistent with the planned land use.

The following agencies are considered Responsible Agencies for this Specific Plan, and may be required to issue permits or approve certain aspects of the proposed Specific Plan:

- California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW);
- California Department of Transportation (Caltrans);
- Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board – Future Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification, National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general construction permit;
- Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (FMFCD);
- Fresno Irrigation District (FID);
- San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District – Future approval of construction-related air quality permits, authority to Construct, Permit to Operate for stationary sources of air pollution;
- Central Unified School District – Approval of school sites.