

3.21 IRREVERSIBLE AND IRRETRIEVABLE COMMITMENT OF RESOURCES

Construction and use of the Midvalley Highway would require the expenditure of various types of resources, including construction materials, fuels, land, labor, and financial assets. Expenditure of these resources would require an irreversible commitment during the life of the project. Others are not retrievable even beyond that time.

Land within the right-of-way would be unavailable for other uses during the time that it is used as a roadway facility. Conversion of this land from its present use would be irreversible during the life of the facility. However, the land could be converted to another use at the time that the proposed facility is no longer needed. However, such a conversion is not likely to be necessary or desirable based on projected population growth for the Tooele Valley.

Fuel, labor, and construction materials would be expended during the construction phase of this project. These resources are generally not retrievable. However, their use is not expected to have an adverse effect on the continued supply for other purposes. The commitment of these resources is based on the project's anticipated ability to address the transportation needs identified in Chapter 1. Benefits to the residents of the area are expected to include improved access to communities, a reduction in traffic congestion, a higher level of safety, an improved availability of community services, and increased opportunities for economic development and job creation.

An expenditure of public funds would be required to construct the proposed project. These funds, which would most likely be derived from taxes imposed at different levels of government, are not retrievable. However, their use would be the result of the decision by public officials to provide facilities that are needed for the citizens of the area. The expenditure of these funds would also create new opportunities for economic activities that would likely result in the generation of increased tax revenues.



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