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This section of the DSEIS analyzes project environmental impacts and mitigation measures associated with the *Proposed Action*, the *Proposed Action Alternative*, and the *No Action Alternative*.

The environmental elements that are analyzed in this section were determined by the City of Tacoma Public Works Department (SEPA Lead Agency) as a result of the Determination of Significance (DS) and formal, public EIS scoping process, which occurred from December 2007 through January 2008. An appeal of the DS was affirmed by the City's Hearing Examiner on May 19, 2008. Comments received during the EIS scoping period and in the SEPA appeal record were considered by the City of Tacoma in determining the issues and alternatives to be analyzed in this DSEIS. Six broad areas of environmental review are evaluated in the following sections:

- 3.1 Land Use Compatibility and Aesthetics;**
- 3.2 Recreation;**
- 3.3 Transportation;**
- 3.4 Schools;**
- 3.5 Critical Areas; and**
- 3.6 Stormwater.**