

5.0 THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LOCAL SHORT-TERM USES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE MAINTENANCE AND ENHANCEMENT OF LONG-TERM PRODUCTIVITY

Increases in traffic, noise, dust, and dirt can be expected during the construction period. Construction activities and related impacts will be controlled by the Project Managers from the Division of State Facilities, the UW-Madison Facilities Planning and Management Department, and the construction contractors.

The long-term operation of the Lot 76 parking ramp is essential to provide a safe parking location near the hospital. The 1,285 parking spaces proposed for the Lot 76 ramp would be essentially replacement parking for existing spaces lost as part of the UW-Madison's Health Sciences expansion and other West Campus development. Lack of adequate parking on West Campus is the biggest complaint among hospital employees and causes employee turnover. If the proposed ramp is not constructed, the ability of the hospital to attract and retain quality employees in a competitive employment market would be further reduced.

The new ramp will replace existing parking in various locations that will be lost with a safe parking location in close proximity to the hospital. Since the total number of spaces added by 2011 (26 spaces) is significantly lower than the projected parking demand, the existing parking supply relative to need will still be diminished. In an effort to reduce future parking and travel demand, the UW is committed to increasing future TDM efforts and the hospital administration will continue to promote TDM initiatives, such as free bus passes for employees and shuttle bus service to off-site parking.