



## Chapter 21: Short-Term Uses versus Long-Term Productivity

The short-term use of the environment resources versus preserving its long-term productivity relates to converting the natural productivity of the land, viewed as a renewable use, to a developed use that has a relatively short economic life. The long-term, natural productivity of the West Davis Corridor (WDC) study area comes from some agricultural land within the right-of-way of the WDC action alternatives along with the area's wildlife productivity, vegetation habitat, and wetlands.

Instead of being used for its natural productivity, the land within the right-of-way would be used for all of the WDC action alternatives. This use of the environment would be generally consistent with local land-use and transportation plans that demonstrate a need for the WDC. The proposed project is based on state and local transportation planning documents. These planning documents considered the need for present and future traffic capacity that would be consistent with present and future land-use planning (see Chapter 1, Purpose of and Need for Action).

The WDC would provide several long-term productivity enhancements for the local area including a more efficient transportation network.

### What is the WDC study area?

The WDC study area is the area described in Section 1.2, Description of the Needs Assessment Study Area.



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