

PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING CENTER II
CHAPTER 22: IRREVERSIBLE AND IRRETRIEVABLE
COMMITMENT OF RESOURCES

There are a number of resources, both natural and man-made, that would be expended in the construction and operation of the proposed public facility (Public Safety Answering Center II [PSAC II]), as well as the establishment of a new public street (“Marconi Street”). These resources include the materials (including concrete, wood, metal, glass and asphalt) used in construction of the proposed PSAC II development and new street; energy in the form of gas and electricity consumed during construction and operation of the proposed development by various mechanical and processing systems; and the human effort (time and labor) required to develop, construct, and operate various components of the proposed development. They are considered irretrievably committed because their reuse for some other purpose would be highly unlikely.

The land use changes associated with the development of the proposed development site may also be considered a resource loss. The proposed development constitutes an irreversible and irretrievable commitment of the development site for a public facility use, thereby rendering land use for other purposes infeasible. Further, funds committed to the design, construction, and operation of the proposed development are not available for other projects.

The public services provided in connection with the proposed development under the Proposed Action (e.g., police and fire protection) also constitute resource commitments that might otherwise be used for other programs or projects.

Despite the commitments identified above, the proposed PSAC II development would result in a public benefit, due to the expansion of voice and data communication infrastructures in the City, which would enhance emergency response ability and disaster recovery capacity in the City using two load-balanced facilities (PSAC I and II).