Chapter 12: Growth-Inducing Aspects of the Proposed Actions

The term "growth-inducing aspects" generally refers to the potential for a proposed project to trigger additional development in areas outside the project site (i.e., directly affected areas) that would otherwise not experience such development. The 2014 CEQR Technical Manual indicates that an analysis of the growth-inducing aspects of a proposed project is appropriate when the action:

- 1. Adds substantial new land use, new residents, or new employment that could induce additional development of a similar kind or of support uses, such as retail establishments to serve new residential uses; and/or
- 2. Introduces or greatly expands infrastructure capacity (e.g., sewers, central water supply).

As detailed in Chapter 1, "Project Description," the proposed actions would not result in a population increase on the project site, but rather would expand upon existing parking use to provide a new 547,687 gross square foot public parking garage with 1,775 spaces available for long-term parking, and 420 spaces accessory to the existing Marriott hotel on the project site. The proposed actions would not provide a substantial amount of new employment because the garage would rely upon parking ticket pay machines and a limited number of attendants and maintenance personnel. The surrounding study area is generally fully developed and existing zoning controls the level of development. Additionally, the proposed project does not require any major new infrastructure and would have no effect on existing infrastructure. The site is accessible to major roadways, including the Grand Central Parkway.

Therefore, the proposed project is not expected to induce significant additional growth beyond that identified and analyzed in this EIS.