

6.10 TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

There are no mass transit systems serving the general population in Carlsbad. However, transportation services do exist to serve specialized needs. For example, an industrial bus service transports workers from the community to the potash mines and operates on a daily basis. There are approximately 28 buses with a capacity of 40 passengers each which make these daily trips to the mines.

A survey of traffic counts at high volume intersections within the City of Carlsbad indicates that substantial excess capacity exists within the street system.

6.11 COMMUNICATION SERVICE FACILITIES

Telephone communication services are provided by GTE. There are approximately 21,450 telephone instruments in service including 1,547 business and 9,316 residential main lines. GTE is presently implementing an expansion of services in the Carlsbad area which will provide for installation of 1,800 new lines. The planning period for installing the new lines is approximately 18 months.

6.12 SPORTS AND RECREATION

It has been estimated that approximately 1.8 million visitors come to the Carlsbad area each year. These visitors enjoy a variety of recreational activities including fishing, swimming, boating, hunting, and visits to Carlsbad Caverns and the Zoological Botanical State Park.