



4.14 PUBLIC SERVICES

<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:				
1) Fire protection?			✓	
2) Police protection?			✓	
3) Schools?			✓	
4) Parks?			✓	
5) Other public facilities?			✓	

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1) ***Fire protection?***

Less Than Significant Impact. The Long Beach Fire Department (LBFD) provides fire protection within the City. The LBFD has 23 stations within the City of Long Beach. The nearest station to the project site is Fire Station 1, located at 100 Magnolia Avenue, approximately 0.65 mile southeast of the MUST facility site. Project implementation is not anticipated to increase response times to the project site or surrounding vicinity. Additionally, the overall project design would be subject to compliance with the requirements set forth in the 2016 California Fire Code (CFC), 2016 California Building Code (CBC) and *LBMC*, Title 18, *Building and Construction*, and LBFD requirements for fire access. The project plans for the MUST facility would be subject to LBFD site/building plan review, which would ensure adequate emergency access, fire hydrant availability, and compliance with all applicable codes.

The proposed project would construct a MUST facility and associated conveyance facilities. Conveyance facilities would be constructed below ground or as open channel facilities, and would not have the capacity to require fire protection services. However, the MUST facility would implement structures, water treatment facilities, and other equipment. The increase in development intensity could increase the demand for fire protection services at the project site. *LBMC* Chapter 18.23, *Fire Facilities Impact Fee*, was adopted for the purpose of imposing mitigation fees on applicants seeking to construct development projects. The purpose of such fees is to assure that the impacts created by proposed development pay its fair share of the costs required to support needed fire facilities and related costs necessary to accommodate such development. The amount of applicable fire facilities impact fee would be calculated based on the gross square feet of floor area and type of use and location in a non-residential development. Compliance with *LBMC* Chapter 18.23, which requires payment of fire facilities impact fee, would ensure that project implementation would result in a less than significant impact to fire protection services.

Project implementation is not anticipated to require the construction of new or physically altered fire protection facilities. Upon compliance with the existing CBC, CFC, *LBMC*, and LBFD design standards, impacts pertaining to fire hazards would be reduced to less than significant levels.



Mitigation Measures: No mitigation is required.

2) **Police protection?**

Less Than Significant Impact. The Long Beach Police Department (LBPd) provides law enforcement services to the City, including the project site. According to the *Police Reporting Districts Map*, prepared by the City of Long Beach, the MUST facility would be located within the South Police Division, Police Beat 6. This division operates out of a central location at 400 West Broadway, which is approximately 0.65 mile southeast of the project site (also known as the South Patrol Division).

Although the proposed project would generate a nominal number of new employees, it is not anticipated that this increase would have the capacity to result in a substantial adverse impact in relation to police services. Further, the proposed project would not introduce a use that would substantially increase the need for police response. As a result, project implementation is not anticipated to increase response times to the project site or surrounding vicinity, or require the construction of new or physically altered police protection facilities. In addition, the project would be subject to site plan review by the City prior to project approval to ensure that it meets City requirements in regards to safety (e.g., nighttime security lighting) to minimize the potential for safety concerns. Thus, impacts in this regard would be less than significant.

Moreover, *LBMC Chapter 18.22, Police Facilities Impact Fee*, was adopted for the purpose of imposing mitigation fees on applicants seeking to construct development projects. The purpose of such fees is to assure that the impacts created by proposed development pay its fair share of the costs required to support needed police facilities and related costs necessary to accommodate such development. The amount of applicable police facilities impact fee would be calculated based on the gross square feet of floor area and type of use and location in a non-residential development. Compliance with *LBMC Chapter 18.22*, which requires payment of police facilities impact fee, would ensure that project implementation would result in a less than significant impact to police protection services.

Mitigation Measures: No mitigation is required.

3) **Schools?**

Less Than Significant Impact. The area surrounding the MUST facility is served by the Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD), which includes 84 public schools in the cities of Long Beach, Lakewood, Signal Hill, and Avalon on Catalina Island.¹ Edison Elementary School is located approximately 250 feet west of the MUST project site.

Implementation of the proposed project would increase employees to the site, which could increase population in the project vicinity; refer to Section 4.13, Population and Housing. However, the potential population increase would not result in the need for the construction of additional school facilities, as the project would not result in a substantial increase in population. However, the project would be subject to the requirements of Assembly Bill (AB) 2926 and Senate Bill (SB) 50, which allow school districts to collect impact fees from developers of new projects. According to Section 65996 of the California Government Code, development fees authorized by SB 50 are deemed to be "full and complete school facilities mitigation." Thus, upon payment of required fees by the project applicant consistent with existing State requirements, impacts in this regard would be reduced to less than significant levels.

Mitigation Measures: No mitigation is required.

¹ Long Beach Unified School District, *About - Long Beach Unified School District*, <http://www.lbusd.k12.ca.us/District/>, accessed May 10, 2017.



4) **Parks?**

Less Than Significant Impact. The project does not propose new or physically altered parks or recreational facilities. However, the project would provide educational opportunities to the public. According to the City of Long Beach, Parks, Recreation, and Marine Department, the City maintains 162 parks and 26 community centers, among other programs and services. It should also be noted that the MUST facility and its proposed water features (i.e., pretreatment wetlands and storage pond) may become an integrated component of an expansion/improvement of Cesar E. Chavez Park located at 401 Golden Avenue (a separate project under development by the City's Parks, Recreation, and Marine Department). Although the project could indirectly increase population growth within the project vicinity, the nominal increase would not generate a demand for park facilities. In addition, the project would include features such as the open channel conveyance facilities, pretreatment wetlands, storage pond) that would provide vegetated open space features providing for enhanced recreational opportunities in the project area. Less than significant impacts would occur in this regard.

Mitigation Measures: No mitigation is required.

5) **Other public facilities?**

Less Than Significant Impact. Library services for the project area are provided by the Long Beach Public Library. The Long Beach Public Library, located at 101 Pacific Avenue, is approximately 0.60 mile southeast of the MUST facility site. Although the project may result in a negligible increase in population growth within the project vicinity, the nominal increase would not generate a demand for library facilities. Less than significant impacts would occur in this regard.

Mitigation Measures: No mitigation is required.



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