

3.8 HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

This section evaluates the potential hazards and hazardous materials impacts of the 2012 Project. This analysis specifically considers whether the 2012 Project would result in new significant hazards and hazardous materials impacts not identified in the 2002 EIR or a substantial increase in the severity of the previously identified significant impacts. This section also discusses any pertinent new information or changes in circumstances that could result in new significant hazards and hazardous materials impacts not identified in the 2002 EIR or a substantial increase in the severity of the previously identified significant impacts. Previously imposed mitigation measures from the 2002 EIR are identified and, where appropriate, are clarified, refined, revised, or deleted. This section also identifies the applicable provisions of the City's Standard Conditions of Approval and whether or not new mitigation measures are required.

3.8.1 PRIOR ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS

3.8.1.1 2002 EIR Impact Findings

The 2002 EIR concluded potentially significant impacts related to hazardous materials in buildings, near schools, in and around ASTs and USTs, and contaminated soil and groundwater, which could be reduced to less-than-significant levels:

Impact 4.7-2: Hazardous or acutely hazardous materials (AHMs) may be handled or emitted within ¼ mile of an existing or proposed school. *[Note: This impact is not applicable to the 2012 Project.]*

Impact 4.7-4: Site preparation, remediation and development of areas that contain contaminated soil and groundwater could expose remediation and construction workers, and future utility workers, tenants, and visitors to soil and groundwater contamination conditions.

Impact 4.7-5: Potential exposure to contaminants in soil and groundwater remaining in place after remediation could be a hazard to future residents, employees and visitors.

Impact 4.7-6: Workers and others could be exposed to LBP in buildings, ACM or PCBs during demolition, remediation, renovation and site work activities.

Impact 4.7-7: Workers or others could be exposed to hazardous materials and contamination in and around ASTs and USTs during remediation and redevelopment activities.

Impact 4.7-8: Workers or others could experience direct contact exposure to LBP contaminated soil, concrete, and pavement surrounding buildings that have LBP.

Impact 4.7-10: During interim or future use of existing buildings, people could be exposed to ACM or other environmental hazards.

Impact 4.7-11: Workers could be exposed to polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) and PCB-contaminated equipment during remediation, construction and future operations.

The 2002 EIR concluded that the 2002 Project would have a less-than-significant impact on routine use or accidental release of hazardous materials, routine generation and management of hazardous waste, worker exposure to lead, asbestos or polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs):

Impact 4.7-1: Routine use or accidental release of hazardous materials during remediation, construction and operations could expose people or the environment to these materials.

Impact 4.7-3: Routine generation and management of hazardous waste or accidental release of hazardous waste during remediation, construction and operation could expose people and the environment to these wastes.

Impact 4.7-9: Workers or others, or the environment could be exposed to lead, asbestos or PCBs through off-site transport of soil and building materials from demolition and construction.

Potential hazards due to seismic events and flooding are discussed in Sections 3.6, Geology and Soils, and, 3.9, Hydrology and Water Quality, respectively.

3.8.1.2 2002 EIR Mitigation Measures

The 2002 EIR identified 17 mitigation measures (Mitigation Measures 4.7-1 through 4.7-17) to address the eight potential impacts summarized above. Some mitigation measures from the 2002 EIR will not be required for the 2012 Project because certain elements of the project area have been modified and/or remediated (a school no longer exists within a ¼ mile of the project site, the measures applied to areas outside the 2012 Project site, and PCB contaminated transformers have been removed from the project area). Consequently, Mitigation Measures 4.7-1, 4.7-2, 4.7-10, 4.7-14, and 4.7.15, which are listed below, are no longer applicable to the 2012 Project.

Mitigation Measure 4.7-1: For use of hazardous materials within ¼ mile of an existing or proposed school, business operators shall prepare Business Plan, update annually, and keep on file with the Oakland Fire Department. *[Note: This mitigation measure applies to Impact 4.7-2; a school no longer exists with the project site].*

Mitigation Measure 4.7-2: For use of AHMs within ¼ mile of an existing or proposed school, in addition to a Business Plan, business operators shall prepare, implement, and update a Risk Management and Prevention Plan (RMPP) on at least an annual basis. *[Note: This mitigation measure applies to Impact 4.7-2; a school no longer exists with the project site].*

Mitigation Measure 4.7-10: For the remainder of the redevelopment project area (non-OARB areas), if an AST or UST is encountered, it would be closed in place or removed and the soil would be tested and remediated, if necessary, pursuant to regulatory approvals and oversight. *[Note: This mitigation measure applies to Impact 4.7-7; the non-OARB area is not part of the project site.]*

Mitigation Measure 4.7-14: For the remainder of the redevelopment project area (non-OARB areas), any building that has not been surveyed for ACM but potentially contains

ACM shall be surveyed to determine whether ACM is present prior to demolition, renovation or reuse. *[Note: This mitigation measure applies to Impact 4.7-10; the non-OARB area is not part of the project site].*

Mitigation Measure 4.7-15: Known PCB transformers or PCB-contaminated transformers at the OARB shall be removed, monitored and/or maintained in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. *[Note: This mitigation measure applies to Impact 4.7-11; all PCB contaminated transformers have been removed from the project site.]*

The following mitigation measures remain applicable to the proposed project:

Mitigation Measure 4.7-3: Implement RAP/RMP as approved by DTSC, and if future proposals include uses not identified in the Reuse Plan and incorporated into the RAP/RMP, or if future amendments to the remediation requirements are proposed, obtain DTSC and City approval.

Mitigation Measure 4.7-4: For the project areas not covered by the DTSC-approved RAP/RMP, investigate potentially contaminated sites; if contamination is found, assess potential risks to human health and the environment, prepare and implement a clean-up plan for DTSC or RWQCB approval, prepare and implement a Risk Management Plan, and prepare and implement a Site Health and Safety Plan prior to commencing work.

Mitigation Measure 4.7-5: For the project areas not covered by the DTSC-approved RAP/RMP, remediate soil and groundwater contamination consistent with the City of Oakland ULR Program and other applicable laws and regulations.

Mitigation Measure 4.7-6: Buildings and structures constructed prior to 1978 slated for demolition or renovation that have not previously been evaluated for the presence of LBP shall be sampled to determine whether LBP is present in painted surfaces, and the safety precautions and work practices as specified in government regulations shall be followed during demolition.

Mitigation Measure 4.7-7: Buildings, structures and utilities that have not been surveyed for ACM, shall be surveyed to determine whether ACM is present prior to demolition or renovation, and the safety precautions and work practices as specified in government regulations shall be followed during demolition.

Mitigation Measure 4.7-8: Buildings and structures proposed for demolition or renovation shall be surveyed for PCB-impacted building materials, and the safety precautions and work practices as specified in government regulations shall be followed during demolition.

Mitigation Measure 4.7-9: For above-ground and underground storage tanks (ASTs/USTs) on the OARB, implement the RAP/RMP.

Mitigation Measure 4.7-11: For LBP-impacted ground on the OARB, implementation of RAP/RMP to be approved by DTSC as part of the project will result in avoidance of this potentially significant impact. For the remainder of the development project area, sampling

shall be performed on soil or paved areas around buildings that are known or suspected to have LBP, and the safety precautions and work practices specified in government regulations shall be followed.

Mitigation Measure 4.7-12: The condition of identified ACM shall be assessed annually, and prior to reuse of a building known to contain ACM.

Mitigation Measure 4.7-13: No future tenancies shall be authorized at the OARB for use categories that are inconsistent with the Reuse Plan without an updated environmental analysis and DTSC approval as provided for in the RAP/RMP.

Mitigation Measure 4.7-16: Oil-filled electrical equipment in the redevelopment project area that has not been surveyed shall be investigated prior to the equipment being taken out of service to determine whether PCBs are present.

Mitigation Measure 4.7-17: PCB-containing or PCB-contaminated equipment taken out of service shall be handled and disposed in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

3.8.2 STANDARD CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Since publication of the 2002 EIR, the City of Oakland has adopted Standard Conditions of Approval (SCA) that are applicable to all development projects within the City regardless of a project's environmental determination, pursuant in part to *CEQA Guidelines* Section 15183. The City's SCA serve to avoid or substantially reduce potentially significant impacts. The City's SCA that would apply to the 2012 Project are listed below. If the City approves the 2012 Project, the SCA would be adopted as requirements of the 2012 Project to help ensure less-than-significant impacts. Generally, the SCA are more current, more detailed, and provide greater clarity regarding process and procedures than previously imposed mitigation measures; the SCA will not increase significant adverse effects, but rather will further reduce adverse impacts. The SCA would be incorporated and required as part of the 2012 Project and, therefore, are not listed as mitigation measures but will be included in the Standard Conditions of Approval and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (SCA/MMRP) for the 2012 Project. In cases of conflict or overlap between mitigation measures from the 2002 Redevelopment EIR and current City SCA, the more stringent requirements would apply.

Mitigation Measures 4.7-6, 4.7-7 and 4.7-8 for assessment of LBP, ACM and PCB, where not already completed, are reiterated in SCA HAZ-5: Lead-Based Paint/Coatings, Asbestos, or PCB Occurrence Assessment with additional details regarding the required process. SCA HAZ-8: Health and Safety Plan per Assessment, SCA HAZ-6: Lead-based Paint Remediation, and SCA HAZ-4: Asbestos Removal in Structures provide additional details regarding the required process in the event LBP, ACM and/or PCBs are discovered. SCA HAZ-7: Other Materials Classified as Hazardous Waste would become applicable if other materials classified as hazardous waste are discovered during the assessment process above (assuming they are not already covered in the RAP/RMP). All applicable SCA are listed below.

SCA HAZ-1: Best Management Practices for Soil and Groundwater Hazards
Ongoing throughout demolition, grading, and construction activities

The project applicant shall implement all of the following Best Management Practices (BMPs) regarding potential soil and groundwater hazards.

- a) Soil generated by construction activities shall be stockpiled onsite in a secure and safe manner. All contaminated soils determined to be hazardous or non-hazardous waste must be adequately profiled (sampled) prior to acceptable reuse or disposal at an appropriate off-site facility. Specific sampling and handling and transport procedures for reuse or disposal shall be in accordance with applicable local, state and federal agencies laws, in particular, the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) and/or the Alameda County Department of Environmental Health (ACDEH) and policies of the City of Oakland.
- b) Groundwater pumped from the subsurface shall be contained onsite in a secure and safe manner, prior to treatment and disposal, to ensure environmental and health issues are resolved pursuant to applicable laws and policies of the City of Oakland, the RWQCB and/or the ACDEH. Engineering controls shall be utilized, which include impermeable barriers to prohibit groundwater and vapor intrusion into the building (pursuant to the Standard Condition of Approval regarding Radon or Vapor Intrusion from Soil and Groundwater Sources
- c) Prior to issuance of any demolition, grading, or building permit, the applicant shall submit for review and approval by the City of Oakland, written verification that the appropriate federal, state or county oversight authorities, including but not limited to the RWQCB and/or the ACDEH, have granted all required clearances and confirmed that the all applicable standards, regulations and conditions for all previous contamination at the site. The applicant also shall provide evidence from the City's Fire Department, Office of Emergency Services, indicating compliance with the Standard Condition of Approval requiring a Site Review by the Fire Services Division pursuant to City Ordinance No. 12323, and compliance with the Standard Condition of Approval requiring a Phase I and/or Phase II Reports.

SCA HAZ-2: Hazards Best Management Practices
Prior to commencement of demolition, grading, or construction

The project applicant and construction contractor shall ensure that construction of Best Management Practices (BMPs) are implemented as part of construction to minimize the potential negative effects to groundwater and soils. These shall include the following:

- a) Follow manufacture's recommendations on use, storage, and disposal of chemical products used in construction;
- b) Avoid overtopping construction equipment fuel gas tanks;
- c) During routine maintenance of construction equipment, properly contain and remove grease and oils;
- d) Properly dispose of discarded containers of fuels and other chemicals.
- e) Ensure that construction would not have a significant impact on the environment or pose a substantial health risk to construction workers and the occupants of the proposed development. Soil sampling and chemical analyses of samples shall be performed to determine the extent of potential contamination beneath all USTs, elevator shafts, clarifiers, and subsurface hydraulic lifts when on-site demolition, or construction activities would potentially affect a particular development or building.
- f) If soil, groundwater or other environmental medium with suspected contamination is encountered unexpectedly during construction activities (e.g., identified by odor or visual staining, or if any underground storage tanks, abandoned drums or other hazardous materials or wastes are encountered), the applicant shall cease work in the vicinity of the suspect material, the area shall be secured as necessary, and the applicant shall take all appropriate measures to protect human health and the environment. Appropriate measures shall

include notification of regulatory agency(ies) and implementation of the actions described in the City's Standard Conditions of Approval, as necessary, to identify the nature and extent of contamination. Work shall not resume in the area(s) affected until the measures have been implemented under the oversight of the City or regulatory agency, as appropriate.

SCA HAZ-3: Hazardous Materials Business Plan

Prior to issuance of a business license

The project applicant shall submit a Hazardous Materials Business Plan for review and approval by Fire Prevention Bureau, Hazardous Materials Unit. Once approved this plan shall be kept on file with the City and will be updated as applicable. The purpose of the Hazardous Materials Business Plan is to ensure that employees are adequately trained to handle the materials and provides information to the Fire Services Division should emergency response be required. The Hazardous Materials Business Plan shall include the following:

- a) The types of hazardous materials or chemicals stored and/or used on site, such as petroleum fuel products, lubricants, solvents, and cleaning fluids.
- b) The location of such hazardous materials.
- c) An emergency response plan including employee training information.
- d) A plan that describes the manner in which these materials are handled, transported and disposed.

SCA HAZ-4: Asbestos Removal in Structures

Prior to issuance of a demolition permit

If asbestos-containing materials (ACM) are found to be present in building materials to be removed, demolished and disposed of, the project applicant shall submit specifications signed by a certified asbestos consultant for the removal, encapsulation, or enclosure of the identified ACM in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations, including but not necessarily limited to: California Code of Regulations, Title 8; Business and Professions Code; Division 3; California Health & Safety Code 25915-25919.7; and Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Regulation 11, Rule 2, as may be amended.

SCA HAZ-5: Lead-Based Paint/Coatings, Asbestos, or PCB Occurrence Assessment

Prior to issuance of any demolition, grading or building permit

The project applicant shall submit a comprehensive assessment report to the Fire Prevention Bureau, Hazardous Materials Unit, signed by a qualified environmental professional, documenting the presence or lack thereof of asbestos-containing materials (ACM), lead-based paint, and any other building materials or stored materials classified as hazardous waste by State or federal law.

SCA HAZ-6: Lead-based Paint Remediation

Prior to issuance of any demolition, grading or building permit

If lead-based paint is present, the project applicant shall submit specifications to the Fire Prevention Bureau, Hazardous Materials Unit signed by a certified Lead Supervisor, Project Monitor, or Project Designer for the stabilization and/or removal of the identified lead paint in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations, including but not necessarily limited to: Cal/OSHA's Construction Lead Standard, 8 CCR1532.1 and DHS regulation 17 CCR Sections 35001 through 36100, as may be amended.

SCA HAZ-7: Other Materials Classified as Hazardous Waste
Prior to issuance of any demolition, grading or building permit

If other materials classified as hazardous waste by State or federal law are present, the project applicant shall submit written confirmation to Fire Prevention Bureau, Hazardous Materials Unit that all State and federal laws and regulations shall be followed when profiling, handling, treating, transporting and/or disposing of such materials.

SCA HAZ-8: Health and Safety Plan per Assessment
Prior to issuance of any demolition, grading or building permit

If the required lead-based paint/coatings, asbestos, or PCB assessment finds presence of such materials, the project applicant shall create and implement a health and safety plan to protect workers from risks associated with hazardous materials during demolition, renovation of affected structures, and transport and disposal.

3.8.3 UPDATED REGULATORY SETTING

The 2002 EIR was certified before the transfer process for the Oakland Army Base was completed. The OARB was transferred to the City under a Finding of Suitably for Early Transfer (FOSET), which included requirements for site remediation. The California Hazardous Substances Account Act (HSAA, California Health & Safety Code 34 § 25300 *et seq.*), which is similar to the Comprehensive Environmental Responsibility, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), authorizes the Cal/EPA Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to order and/or oversee the clean up contaminated sites and hazardous substances releases. The DTSC has oversight of the remediation required at the OARB. DTSC must review and approve remediation proposed for the OARB pursuant to the requirements of the HSAA, including referenced requirements that are also imposed under CERCLA. In particular, DTSC was required to review and approve a Remedial Action Plan/Risk Management Plan (RAP/RMP). The RAP/RMP was completed and approved by DTSC on September 27, 2002. It defines the remediation goals, establishes remediation actions and describes health protective measures. The remedy selection process contained in the RAP/RMP is consistent with the process defined in the NCP under CERCLA. As described in Section 3.8.4, below, the RAP/RMP has largely been implemented, and areas requiring remediation are scheduled to be completed by August 2013.

The 2002 EIR discussed the applicable federal, state, and local regulations associated with the project. Since the 2002 EIR, the Safety Element of the Oakland General Plan was adopted in November 2004. The Safety Element contains the following hazardous materials policies relevant to the project (City of Oakland 2004):

- **Policy HM-1:** Minimize the potential risks to human and environmental health and safety associated with the past and present use, handling, storage and disposal of hazardous materials.
- **Policy HM-2:** Reduce the public's exposure to toxic air contaminants through appropriate land use and transportation strategies.
- **Policy HM-3:** Seek to prevent industrial and transportation accidents involving hazardous materials, and enhance the city's capacity to respond to such incidents.

No other applicable regulations or policies have been updated.

3.8.4 EXISTING CONDITIONS

This subsection provides an update of the site conditions relative to the conditions existing at the time of the 2002 EIR.

The Project site is located in an urban industrial setting, and was the site of hazardous materials use and releases in the past. A RAP/RMP for the former OARB has been reviewed and approved by DTSC. The RAP/RMP defines the target risk-based or applicable and relevant remediation goals for use during and after redevelopment of the OARB and establishes the remedial actions for identified and reasonably anticipated locations where releases have occurred that necessitate response when compared with the agency-approved remediation goals. The RAP/RMP approach adopted by OBRA, consistent with the City of Oakland Urban Land Redevelopment (ULR) Program and other applicable requirements, allows for the phasing of the investigation and remediation of “low threat sites” referred to as Risk Management Plan Locations at the OARB to coincide with implementation of planned infrastructure upgrades and redevelopment activities.

The goal of the RAP/RMP was to integrate remediation with the redevelopment program to assure that the investigation and remediation of RMP Locations were fully addressed in conjunction with planned redevelopment uses. While the integrated approach would have allowed for substantial economies of scale in completing subsurface earthwork activities for remediation purposes in tandem with site excavation and grading work needed for redevelopment, delays in the redevelopment process and limitations on the availability of funding to complete remediation in the future led to the City’s decision to proceed with remediation of RMP Locations prior to redevelopment (see Figure 3.8-1). The Project area includes 7 identified RAP sites and 159 RMP Locations where hazardous materials are known to occur and where remediation will be required. Five RAP sites and 121 RMP Locations have already been remediated and closed, and 11 RMP Locations have been remediated and are awaiting formal closure approval by DTSC. An additional 13 RMP Locations are currently being investigated and/or remediated. Remediation is scheduled to be completed prior to August 2013.

All PCB contaminated transformers have been removed from the project area. All identified ASTs/USTs in the project area have been removed with the exception of 5 UST sites for which investigation/follow-up sampling is currently in progress. All identified UST sites in the project area have been completed. Closure from the RWQCB, which regulates fuel tank sites, may still be pending for some sites due to lack of funding for regulatory oversight from the Army. The Army has conducted LBP and ACM surveys for most of the buildings in the project area. However, the quality of the surveys is sometimes not sufficient for current standards. Often, updated surveys are needed to proceed with demolition work. Several buildings have already been demolished in the project area. If the existing surveys were insufficient, updated surveys were performed prior to demolition.

3.8.5 SIGNIFICANCE CRITERIA AND IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The 2012 Project would have a significant impact on the environment if it would:

- a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials;
- b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment;



Legend:

- Planned Development Area Boundary
- Former Oakland Army Base Boundary
- Economic Development Coveyance ("EDC") Area or RMP Implementation Area
- Subaru Lot (Former BRAC Parcels 6 and 7)
- FHWA/Caltrans Property
- Former US Army Reserve Properties (Former BRAC Parcels 18, 19, and 21)
- Former BRAC Parcel 1

RAP Site Status (Labeled)

- Completed
- Pending Completion
- In Progress
- Not Evaluated

RMP Location Status

- Completed
- In Progress
- Not Evaluated

Abbreviations:

- BRAC = Base Realignment and Closure
- FHWA = Federal Highway Administration
- RMP = Risk Management Plan

Notes:

1. All locations are approximate.
2. Aerial Photograph Source: Port of Oakland Archive, dated 2-25-02.

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FIGURE 3.8-1

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- c) Create a significant hazard to the public through the storage or use of acutely hazardous materials near sensitive receptors;
- d) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school;
- e) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 (i.e., the "Cortese List") and, as a result, would create a significant hazard to the public or the environment;
- f) Result in less than two emergency access routes for streets exceeding 600 feet in length unless otherwise determined to be acceptable by the Fire Chief, or his/her designee, in specific instances due to climatic, geographic, topographic, or other conditions;
- g) Be located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, and would result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area;
- h) Be located within the vicinity of a private airstrip, and would result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area;
- i) Fundamentally impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan; or
- j) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands.

These criteria are discussed below.

a) Would the project create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?

Consistent with the conclusions of the 2002 EIR, impacts related to routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials would be less than significant. Implementation of SCA HAZ-1 and SCA HAZ-2 would serve to further reduce and avoid potential impacts, consistent with current City of Oakland practices. SCA HAZ-1 requires contractors to implement Best Management Practices. SCA HAZ-2 requires preparation of a HMBP, which would ensure compliance with applicable state and local requirements. A fueling station that may be a biodiesel is proposed for the North Gateway area of the site. The station would be installed and operated in compliance with all state regulatory requirements and county standards. A recycling facility proposed for the site will include a re-melting furnace. This unit would be relocated from its existing location and is fully permitted. Emissions from the furnace operation are abated via an after burner and bag house systems to ensure compliance with federal and State regulatory requirements. Potential impacts associated with the furnace are addressed in Section 3.3, Air Quality.

As discussed below under criterion e, the former OARB is an active site listed on the hazardous waste site list commonly referred to as the Cortese list. Remediation is occurring pursuant to an approved RAP/RMP, and management of hazardous materials used during remediation and any hazardous

waste generated as a result of remediation is subject to the City's contracts which require compliance with applicable laws.

There are no changes in the project, changes in circumstances, or new information that would result in a new significant effect related to routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials, or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified environmental effects related to routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

b) Would the project create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?

Consistent with the conclusions of the 2002 EIR, impacts related to reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials would be less than significant. Implementation of SCA HAZ-1, SCA HAZ-2 and SCA HAZ-3 would serve to further reduce and avoid potential impacts, consistent with current City of Oakland practice. There are no changes in the project, changes in circumstances, or new information that would result in new significant effect related to reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials, or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified environmental effects related to reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted (Implementation of SCA HAZ-1, SCA HAZ-2 and SCA HAZ-3 would further reduce and avoid potential impacts)

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

c) Would the project create a significant hazard to the public through the storage or use of acutely hazardous materials near sensitive receptors?

This criterion was not addressed in the 2002 EIR. The 2012 Project includes two options (Variant A and Variant B) for open space and public access along the Wharf 7 shoreline in the western portion of the West Gateway area previously identified for the Gateway Park. Variant A proposed a total of 2.5 acres of open space while Variant B proposes 9.8 acres. This proposed open space is consistent with the proposed redevelopment of the area described in the 2002 EIR. Implementation of SCA HAZ-2,

Hazardous Materials Business Plan, and SCA HAZ-1, Hazards Best Management Practices, would reduce any hazards to the public through the storage or use of acutely hazardous materials near sensitive receptors to a less-than-significant level.

2002 Impact: The 2002 EIR did not address this impact.

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: The 2002 EIR did not address this impact.

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted (Implementation of SCA HAZ-1 and SCA HAZ-2 would reduce any potential hazards to a less-than-significant level.)

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant

d) Would the project emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?

Several public and private schools are located within the West Oakland neighborhood, east of the project area, including PLACE@ Prescott, Prescott Development Center, Bunche Continuation School, Lafayette Elementary School, West Oakland Middle School, McClymonds High School, KIPP Bridge Charter School, Pentecostal Way of Truth Academy, St. Martin De Porres Catholic School, and Head Start. However, none of these schools are within a quarter-mile radius of the project site, and no schools are planned for the site. The 2012 Project would not result in a significant impact related to hazardous emissions and hazardous materials near schools.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: No Impact

2002 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measures 4.7-1 and 4.7-2 [*Note: These mitigation measures are not applicable to the 2012 Project.*]

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

Significance After Implementation: No Impact

e) Would the project be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 (i.e., the “Cortese List”) and, as a result, would create a significant hazard to the public or the environment.

The 2012 Project is located on a site listed on the Cortese List. A RAP/RMP for the former OARB has been reviewed and approved by DTSC. The understanding of environmental conditions, establishment of remediation goals, and selection of remedial actions are described in the RAP. The RMP is a companion document to the RAP. The RMP describes the health protective measures to be implemented in the future, during and after redevelopment, for identified chemical release sites, land uses and potential exposure pathways. The use of a RMP is typically included in Brownfields projects where commercial/industrial uses are planned – like those for the OARB. The RMP includes obligations on property owners and tenants to always perform the measures prescribed in the document to mitigate potential exposures to residual (previously unknown) contamination in soil or groundwater. The

property owner must also update information and modify the measures in the RMP based on whether changes in conditions are encountered, or if changes in property use, statutes, or available chemical toxicity information occur. For the OARB, there are both RAP sites and RMP Implementation Area categories.

Due to the change in the redevelopment schedule, remediation of the property has preceded redevelopment. All RAP sites, with the exception of two, have been remediated. Approximately 75 percent of the RMP Locations have been remediated and are considered complete. An additional 15 percent are either pending approval for closure from DTSC or in progress of being investigated and/or remediated. Ten RMP Locations have yet to be evaluated.

Storm drain lines and sanitary sewer lines are anticipated to be upgraded as part of the 2012 Project (see Initial Study Section 3.17, Utilities). Storm drain lines and sewer lines are considered “categorical” RMP Locations. The standard RAP/RMP protocols apply to the categorical RMP locations, but they are only applied when the categorical RMP Location (see Figure 3.8-1) is encountered during subsurface work. In other words, if storm drain or sewer lines are exposed during subsurface construction, an environmental representative would observe and determine whether or not the soil surrounding the line appeared contaminated. If contamination is suspected, the appropriate procedures would be followed. If the lines are not exposed, then RAP/RMP protocols would not apply. The lines would be managed in place as part of the deed restrictions in the Covenant To Restrict Use of Property (CRUP). The 2002 EIR Mitigation Measures 4.7-3, 4.7-4, 4.7-5, 4.7-9, and 4.7-11 will continue to apply to any construction activities involving subsurface intrusion.

Wick drains are proposed for the project area to accelerate consolidation of Bay Muds underneath building foundations and other sensitive facilities. Wick drains consist of perforated pipes installed to depths of 35 to 75 feet below ground surface to collect groundwater forced upward by the surcharging process. Water collected by the wick drains would be tested and treated, if necessary, following already established RAP/RMP protocols. The collected water would then be disposed of at an appropriate facility that handles such effluent.

Implementation of the RAP/RMP and Mitigation Measures 4.7-3, 4.7-6 through 4.7-9, 4.7-11, and 4.7-15 through 4.7-17 and SCA HAZ-4 through HAZ-8 would reduce any hazards to the public or the environment to a less-than-significant level.

There are no changes in the project, changes in circumstances, or new information that would result in a new significant effect on the public or the environment related to the site being included on the Cortese List, or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified effects related to the site being included on the Cortese List.

- 2002 Impact:** Less Than Significant
- 2012 Impact:** Potentially Significant
- 2002 Mitigation:** 2002 EIR Mitigation Measures 4.7-3 through 4.7-9, 4.7-11 through 4.7-13, 4.7-16, and 4.7-17
- 2012 Mitigation:** 2002 EIR Mitigation Measures 4.7-3 through 4.7-9, 4.7-11 through 4.7-13, 4.7-16, and 4.7-17, supplemented with SCA HAZ-4 through SCA HAZ-8
- Significance After Implementation:** Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

f) Would the project result in less than two emergency access routes for streets exceeding 600 feet in length unless otherwise determined to be acceptable by the Fire Chief, or his/her designee, in specific instances due to climatic, geographic, topographic, or other conditions;

Similar to the 2002 Project, roads and site circulation would be improved compared to the current conditions. The site would be designed to accommodate trucks and other large vehicles. Redesigning roads as proposed would not result in an emergency access hazard. For further analysis of potential traffic-related safety impacts, see Threshold “c” within Section 3.16, Transportation/Traffic in this document.

- 2002 Impact:** No Impact
- 2012 Impact:** No Impact
- 2002 Mitigation:** No Mitigation Warranted
- 2012 Mitigation:** No Mitigation Warranted
- Significance After Implementation:** No Impact (No New Impact)

g) Would the project be located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, and would result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?

The project site is located more than two miles from the Oakland International Airport. Thus, the redevelopment of the area would not result in a safety hazard for construction workers or people working in or utilizing the project area in the future.

- 2002 Impact:** The 2002 EIR did not address this impact.
- 2012 Impact:** No Impact
- 2002 Mitigation:** The 2002 EIR did not address this impact.
- 2012 Mitigation:** No Mitigation Warranted
- Significance After Implementation:** No Impact

h) Would the project be located within the vicinity of a private airstrip, and would result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?

The project is not located within the vicinity of a private airstrip. Thus the redevelopment of the project area would not result in a safety hazard for construction workers or people working in or utilizing the project area in the future.

2002 Impact: The 2002 EIR did not address this impact.

2012 Impact: No Impact

2002 Mitigation: The 2002 EIR did not address this impact.

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

Significance After Implementation: No Impact

i) Would the project fundamentally impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?

The 2002 EIR addressed emergency access routes in Section 4.3, Transportation and Traffic. Impact 4.3-4 states that due to site constraints, it may not be possible to provide two emergency access routes to the western portion of the Gateway development area, which would be in excess of 1,000 feet from the nearest major arterial. With implementation of Mitigation Measure 4.3-8, this impact would be reduced to a less-than-significant level. As described in Section 3.16, Transportation and Traffic, of this Addendum, while the final site plan has not yet been developed, emergency access routes to most of the site and adjacent properties appear to be reasonably well-served. To ensure emergency access is appropriately provided, Mitigation Measure 3.16-15, development of an emergency response plan for the 2012 Project, has been included.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant (see Section 4.3, Transportation and Traffic)

2012 Impact: Potentially Significant

2002 Mitigation: Mitigation Measure 4.3-8

2012 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measure 4.3-8 and Mitigation Measure 3.16-15a and 3.16-15b

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

j) Would the project expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?

There are no wildlands on-site or adjacent to the site.

2002 Impact: The 2002 EIR did not address this impact.

2012 Impact: No Impact

2002 Mitigation: The 2002 EIR did not address this impact.

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

Significance After Implementation: No Impact

3.8.6 CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

The 2002 EIR concluded that potential cumulative impacts related to hazards and hazardous materials would be less than significant, and that remediation of contamination at multiple locations over time would result in a beneficial effect. Since the 2002 EIR, significant progress towards the investigation and remediation of RAP sites and RMP locations has been made. Approximately 75 percent of the RAP/RMP sites have been remediated with an additional 15 percent awaiting closure or are currently being investigated and/or remediated. Thus the potential for cumulatively significant impacts has decreased relative to the level described in the 2002 EIR. Compliance with existing applicable regulations, RAP/RMP protocols, SCA, and applicable mitigation measures would limit human exposure to hazardous materials as described in the above sections, and cumulative impacts would remain less than significant. The 2012 Project would not result in or contribute to any significant cumulative hazards or hazardous materials impacts.

3.8.7 CONCLUSIONS

The implementation of the 2012 Project would not result in significant new hazards or hazardous materials impacts or an increase in severity of previously identified hazards or hazardous materials compared to the 2002 EIR. The amount of contamination described in the 2002 EIR has decreased as a result of site-wide remediation. Thus, the impacts would be similar to or even less than those addressed in the previous document, and would continue to be less than significant. Previously imposed mitigation measures from the 2002 EIR have been reviewed and, where appropriate, have been clarified, refined, revised, or deleted. Two new mitigation measures, Mitigation Measures 3.16-15a and 3.16-15b relating to emergency response are further discussed in Section 3.16, Transportation/Traffic. Applicable provisions of the City's Standard Conditions of Approval have also been identified in this section. Redevelopment of the Project site along with continuing remediation would result in a cumulative environmental benefit to the overall redevelopment area and vicinity.

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3.9 HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

This section evaluates the potential hydrology and water quality impacts of the 2012 Project. This analysis specifically considers whether the 2012 Project would result in new significant hydrology and water quality impacts not identified in the 2002 EIR or a substantial increase in the severity of the previously identified significant impacts. This section also discusses any pertinent new information or changes in circumstances that could result in new significant hydrology and water quality impacts not identified in the 2002 EIR or a substantial increase in the severity of the previously identified significant impacts. Previously imposed mitigation measures from the 2002 EIR are identified and, where appropriate, are clarified, refined, revised, or deleted. This section also identifies the applicable provisions of the City's Standard Conditions of Approval and whether or not new mitigation measures are required.

3.9.1 PRIOR ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS

The 2002 EIR provided the hydrology and water quality analysis in two separate sections: Chapter 4.14, *Groundwater* and Chapter 4.15, *Surface Water*.

3.9.1.1 2002 EIR Impact Findings

The 2002 EIR concluded potentially significant impacts related to operation of wells, in-water construction or remediation, sediment and pollutant loads to receiving waters, groundwater contamination, water quality, and localized flooding, which could be reduced to less-than-significant levels.

Impact 4.14-1: Operation of wells could cause saltwater to intrude into shallow groundwater.

Impact 4.14-2: Operation of wells could cause contaminants to migrate to uncontaminated groundwater.

Impact 4.15-1: In-water construction or remediation would increase turbidity, and could release contaminants, affecting water quality.

Impact 4.15-2: Under certain circumstances, disturbance of soils during construction could result in erosion, which in turn could increase sediment loads to receiving waters.

Impact 4.15-3: During construction or remediation, shallow groundwater may be encountered that could be contaminated with sediment or chemicals, and could enter nearby receiving waters as could contaminated stormwater.

Impact 4.15-4: Net changes in impervious surface could result in higher pollutant loads to receiving waters.

Impact 4.15-5: Use of recycled water for non-potable purposes could lead to degradation of surface water quality.

Impact 4.15-6: New construction could result in changes in localized flooding.

The 2002 EIR concluded that the 2002 Project would have a less-than-significant impact on reduction of available groundwater and potential inundation by seiche or tsunami:

Impact 4.14-3: Reduction in available groundwater.

Impact 4.15-7: Potential inundation by seiche or tsunami.

3.9.1.2 2002 EIR Mitigation Measures

For the potential impacts related to in-water construction, the 2002 EIR identified the following mitigation measures to reduce impacts to a less-than-significant level:

Mitigation Measure 4.15-1: Prior to in-water construction, the contractor shall prepare a water quality protection plan acceptable to the RWQCB, including site-specific best management practices for protection of Bay waters, and shall implement this plan during construction.

Mitigation Measure 4.15-2: Contractors and developers shall comply with all permit conditions from the RWQCB, Corps, and BCDC.

For the potential impacts related to disturbance of soils during construction the 2002 EIR identified the following mitigation measure to reduce impacts to a less-than-significant level:

Mitigation Measure 4.15-3: Prior to ground-disturbing activities, the contractor shall develop and implement a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan to be reviewed by the City or the Port, including erosion and sediment control measures. *[Note: This mitigation measure is superseded by SCA HYD-1, SCA HAZ-1, and SCA GEO-1, which more completely address the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan, soil and groundwater hazards, and erosion and sedimentation control.]*

For the potential impacts related to encountering contaminated shallow groundwater during construction or remediation the 2002 EIR identified the following mitigation measures to reduce impacts to a less-than-significant level:

Mitigation Measure 4.15-4: Prior to construction or remediation, the contractor shall develop and implement a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan, including protocols for determining the quality and disposition of construction water, which includes shallow groundwater encountered during construction/remediation; depending on the results of the testing, contaminated water shall be disposed of via standards of the applicable regulatory agency (RWQCB, DTSC, or EBMUD), as appropriate. In addition, the contractor shall comply with the requirements of NPDES Permit Nos. CAG912002 and CAG912003 if appropriate. *[Note: This mitigation measure is superseded by SCA HYD-1, SCA HAZ-1, and SCA GEO-1, which more completely address the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan, soil and groundwater hazards, and erosion and sedimentation control.]*

For the potential impacts related to net changes in impervious surfaces the 2002 EIR identified the following mitigation measure to reduce impacts to a less-than-significant level:

Mitigation Measure 4.15-5: Post-construction controls of stormwater shall be incorporated into the design of new redevelopment elements to reduce pollutant loads.

For the potential impacts related to use of recycled water the 2002 EIR identified the following mitigation measure to reduce impacts to a less-than-significant level:

Mitigation Measure 4.15-6: Site-specific design and best management practices shall be implemented to prevent runoff of recycled water to receiving waters.

For the potential impact related to localized flooding the 2002 EIR identified the following mitigation measures to avoid the impact:

Mitigation Measure 4.15-7: New development shall conform with policies of the City of Oakland's Comprehensive Plan Environmental Health Hazards Element regarding flood protection. *[Note: The OARB sub-district is not included on FEMA flood hazard maps in the 2002 EIR or the 2012 IS/Addendum. Therefore, this mitigation measure does not apply to the 2012 Project.]*

Mitigation Measure 4.15-8: The City and the Port shall complete flood hazard mapping in the project area, where necessary and applicable, to delineate 100- and 500-year flood hazard zones. *[Note: The OARB sub-district is not included on FEMA flood hazard maps in the 2002 EIR or the 2012 IS/Addendum. Therefore, this mitigation measure does not apply to the 2012 Project.]*

For the potential impacts related to operation of wells causing saltwater intrusion the 2002 EIR identified the following mitigation measure to reduce impacts to a less-than-significant level:

Mitigation Measure 4.14-1: Installation of groundwater extraction wells into the shallow water-bearing zone or Merritt Sand aquifer for any purpose other than construction de-watering or remediation, including monitoring shall be prohibited.

For the potential impacts related to operation of wells causing migration of contaminants the 2002 EIR identified the following mitigation measure to reduce impacts to a less-than-significant level:

Mitigation Measure 4.14-2: Extraction of groundwater for construction de-watering or remediation, including monitoring shall be minimized where practicable; if extraction will penetrate into the deeper aquifers, then a study shall be conducted to determine whether contaminants of concern could migrate into the aquifer; if so, extraction shall be prohibited in that location.

3.9.2 STANDARD CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Since publication of the 2002 EIR, the City of Oakland has adopted Standard Conditions of Approval (SCA) that are applicable to all development projects within the City regardless of a project's environmental determination, pursuant in part to *CEQA Guidelines* Section 15183. The City's SCA serve to avoid or substantially reduce potentially significant impacts. The City's SCA that would apply to the 2012 Project are listed below. If the City approves the 2012 Project, the SCA would be adopted as

requirements of the 2012 Project to help ensure less-than-significant impacts. Generally, the SCA are more current, more detailed, and provide greater clarity regarding process and procedures than previously imposed mitigation measures; the SCA will not increase significant adverse effects, but rather will further reduce adverse impacts. The SCA would be incorporated and required as part of the 2012 Project and, therefore, are not listed as mitigation measures but will be included in the Standard Conditions of Approval and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (SCA/MMRP) for the 2012 Project. In cases of conflict or overlap between mitigation measures from the 2002 Redevelopment EIR and current City SCA, the more stringent requirements would apply.

SCA HYD-1: Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)

Prior to and ongoing throughout demolition, grading, and/or construction activities

The project applicant must obtain coverage under the General Construction Activity Storm Water Permit (General Construction Permit) issued by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). The project applicant must file a notice of intent (NOI) with the SWRCB. The project applicant will be required to prepare a stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP) and submit the plan for review and approval by the Building Services Division. At a minimum, the SWPPP shall include a description of construction materials, practices, and equipment storage and maintenance; a list of pollutants likely to contact stormwater; site-specific erosion and sedimentation control practices; a list of provisions to eliminate or reduce discharge of materials to stormwater; Best Management Practices (BMPs), and an inspection and monitoring program. Prior to the issuance of any construction-related permits, the project applicant shall submit to the Building Services Division a copy of the SWPPP and evidence of submittal of the NOI to the SWRCB. Implementation of the SWPPP shall start with the commencement of construction and continue through the completion of the project. After construction is completed, the project applicant shall submit a notice of termination to the SWRCB.

SCA HYD-2: Post-Construction Stormwater Management Plan

Prior to issuance of building permit (or other construction-related permit)

The applicant shall comply with the requirements of Provision C.3 of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit issued to the Alameda Countywide Clean Water Program. The applicant shall submit with the application for a building permit (or other construction-related permit) a completed Construction-Permit-Phase Stormwater Supplemental Form to the Building Services Division. The project drawings submitted for the building permit (or other construction-related permit) shall contain a stormwater management plan, for review and approval by the City, to manage stormwater run-off and to limit the discharge of pollutants in stormwater after construction of the project to the maximum extent practicable.

- a) The post-construction stormwater management plan shall include and identify the following:
 - i. All proposed impervious surface on the site;
 - ii. Anticipated directional flows of on-site stormwater runoff; and
 - iii. Site design measures to reduce the amount of impervious surface area and directly connected impervious surfaces; and
 - iv. Source control measures to limit the potential for stormwater pollution;
 - v. Stormwater treatment measures to remove pollutants from stormwater runoff; and
 - vi. Hydromodification management measures so that post-project stormwater runoff does not exceed the flow and duration of pre-project runoff, if required under the NPDES permit.
- b) The following additional information shall be submitted with the post-construction stormwater management plan:
 - i. Detailed hydraulic sizing calculations for each stormwater treatment measure proposed; and
 - ii. Pollutant removal information demonstrating that any proposed manufactured/mechanical (i.e., non-

landscape-based) stormwater treatment measure, when not used in combination with a landscape-based treatment measure, is capable of removing the range of pollutants typically removed by landscape-based treatment measures and/or the range of pollutants expected to be generated by the project.

All proposed stormwater treatment measures shall incorporate appropriate planting materials for stormwater treatment (for landscape-based treatment measures) and shall be designed with considerations for vector/mosquito control. Proposed planting materials for all proposed landscape-based stormwater treatment measures shall be included on the landscape and irrigation plan for the project. The applicant is not required to include on-site stormwater treatment measures in the post-construction stormwater management plan if he or she secures approval from Planning and Zoning of a proposal that demonstrates compliance with the requirements of the City's Alternative Compliance Program.

Prior to final permit inspection

The applicant shall implement the approved stormwater management plan.

SCA HYD-3: Maintenance Agreement for Stormwater Treatment Measures

Prior to final zoning inspection

For projects incorporating stormwater treatment measures, the applicant shall enter into the "Standard City of Oakland Stormwater Treatment Measures Maintenance Agreement," in accordance with Provision C.3.e of the NPDES permit, which provides, in part, for the following:

- i. The applicant accepting responsibility for the adequate installation/construction, operation, maintenance, inspection, and reporting of any on-site stormwater treatment measures being incorporated into the project until the responsibility is legally transferred to another entity; and
- ii. Legal access to the on-site stormwater treatment measures for representatives of the City, the local vector control district, and staff of the Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Region, for the purpose of verifying the implementation, operation, and maintenance of the on-site stormwater treatment measures and to take corrective action if necessary. The agreement shall be recorded at the County Recorder's Office at the applicant's expense.

SCA HYD-4: Stormwater and Sewer

Prior to completing the final design for the project's sewer service

Confirmation of the capacity of the City's surrounding stormwater and sanitary sewer system and state of repair shall be completed by a qualified civil engineer with funding from the project applicant. The project applicant shall be responsible for the necessary stormwater and sanitary sewer infrastructure improvements to accommodate the proposed project. In addition, the applicant shall be required to pay additional fees to improve sanitary sewer infrastructure if required by the Sewer and Stormwater Division. Improvements to the existing sanitary sewer collection system shall specifically include, but are not limited to, mechanisms to control or minimize increases in infiltration/inflow to offset sanitary sewer increases associated with the proposed project. To the maximum extent practicable, the applicant will be required to implement Best Management Practices to reduce the peak stormwater runoff from the project site. Additionally, the project applicant shall be responsible for payment of the required installation or hook-up fees to the affected service providers.

SCA GEO-1: Erosion and Sedimentation Control

(Please refer to Section 3.6, Geology and Soils.)

SCA HAZ-1: Best Management Practices Soil and Groundwater Hazards

(Please refer to Section 3.8, Hazards and Hazardous Materials.)

SCA HAZ-2: Hazards Best Management Practices

(Please refer to Section 3.8, Hazards and Hazardous Materials.)

3.9.3 UPDATED REGULATORY SETTING

The most substantive changes in the hydrology and water quality regulatory setting that have occurred since the 2002 EIR was certified are related to updates to the USEPA-approved 303(d) list, which identifies impaired water bodies. The current effective USEPA-approved 303(d) list is the 2008–2010 list approved on November 10, 2010 (USEPA 2010). Within the project area, beneficial uses of San Francisco Bay are identified as being impaired by mercury and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). The San Francisco Bay RWQCB has established two separate Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) to address excessive mercury and PCBs in the San Francisco Bay (described below).

San Francisco Bay TMDL for Mercury. In 2004, the San Francisco Bay RWQCB amended the *Water Quality Control Plan, San Francisco Bay Region* (Basin Plan) to establish mercury TMDL and implementation plan for San Francisco Bay (Resolution No. R2-2004-0082). The San Francisco Bay Mercury TMDL identifies sources of mercury, including runoff from historic mines, urban runoff, wastewater discharges, atmospheric deposition, and resuspension of historic deposits of mercury-laden sediment already in San Francisco Bay. The San Francisco Bay Mercury TMDL allocates allowable loads to each source. Specific numeric targets are established to protect beneficial uses, such as sport fishing, human health, wildlife and rare and endangered species, fish tissue and bird egg targets, among others. To meet numeric targets significant reductions to current and future mercury sources will need to be achieved. The San Francisco Bay Mercury TMDL is implemented using an adaptive management approach. As such, immediate actions were taken based on available information and the approach is adapted as new information becomes available. In 2006, the San Francisco Bay RWQCB amended the Basin Plan to establish new mercury water quality objectives and to amend the TMDL and Implementation Plan for mercury in San Francisco Bay (Resolution No. R2-2006-0052). In 2007, the San Francisco Bay RWQCB amended the Basin Plan to establish mercury fish tissue objectives and establish a TMDL for mercury in San Francisco Bay (Resolution No. 2007-0045). Water quality objectives are often managed through NPDES permits. For instance, the NPDES Municipal Regional Permit for all municipal stormwater programs in the Bay Area requires all mercury-related control measures and wasteload allocations required by the TMDL for stormwater sources.

San Francisco Bay TMDL for PCBs. In 2008, the San Francisco Bay RWQCB amended the Basin Plan to establish a TMDL and implementation plan for PCBs in the San Francisco Bay (Resolution No. R2-2008-0012). PCBs were manufactured in the United States and widely used from the late 1920s through the 1970s. They are of particular concern because they are toxic, persist in the environment, and accumulate in the tissue of fish, wildlife and humans. The San Francisco Bay PCBs TMDL is 10 kilograms per year (kg/yr) and represents the assimilative capacity of the Bay. The PCBs TMDL necessitates achieving a load reduction of about 24 kg/yr (2008/2009) to reduce total PCBs in the Bay active layer to 160 kg in about 30 years. External sources of PCBs include direct atmospheric deposition, sediment discharged to the bay from Central Valley watersheds, municipal and industrial wastewater discharges, and urban and non-urban stormwater runoff. The TMDL is allocated among existing external sources, and a portion is allocated to potential future municipal and industrial wastewater and stormwater discharges. Wasteload allocations apply to all NPDES permitted discharges to the Bay, including municipal and industrial wastewater dischargers, and municipal stormwater (urban and non-urban stormwater runoff) discharges. The total wasteload allocation for stormwater runoff is 2

kg/yr. Internal sources (within the Bay [e.g., active sediment layer]) of PCBs also exist, but are not assigned load allocations.

San Francisco Bay Plan. In October 2011, the San Francisco Bay Plan was updated to address the expected impacts of climate change in the San Francisco Bay. Sea level rise risk assessments are required within BCDC's jurisdiction (100-foot shoreline band) when planning shoreline areas or designing larger shoreline projects. If sea level rise and storms that are expected to occur during the life of the project would result in public safety risks, the project must be designed to cope with flood levels expected by mid-century (2050). If it is likely that the project will remain in place longer than mid-century, the applicant must have a plan to address the flood risks expected at the end of the century.

City of Oakland General Plan, Safety Element. The City of Oakland General Plan, Safety Element was updated in November 2004. The Safety Element contains the following policy and actions related to the proposed project:

- **Policy FL-1:** Enforce and update local ordinances, and comply with regional orders that would reduce the risk of storm-induced flooding.
 - **Action FL-1.3:** Comply with all applicable performance standards pursuant to the 2003 Alameda countywide National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System municipal stormwater permit that seek to manage increases in stormwater runoff flows from new-development and redevelopment construction projects.
 - **Action FL-1.4:** Continue to enforce the grading, erosion and sedimentation ordinance by prohibiting the discharge of concentrated stormwater flows by other than approved methods.

City of Oakland Draft Energy and Climate Action Plan. The City of Oakland issued its Draft Energy and Climate Action Plan on March 1, 2011. This plan discusses impacts of climate change that are already starting to be observed, including sea-level rise. The plan also identifies priority actions to explore adaptation strategies to ensure that impacts of climate change are minimized, as follows:

The City will continue to develop capacity around climate adaptation and resilience by exploring relevant issues with local partners and other experts. Where possible, the City will collaborate with local organizations such as BCDC, the Pacific Institute, Climate Bay Area, and other local governments, to develop a better understanding of projected local impacts of climate change and how those impacts will affect Oakland and strategies for moving forward to advance climate adaptation and increase community resilience. The City will monitor and advise major climate adaptation efforts of neighboring cities and entities operating within city boundaries as resources permit with consideration of impacts to Oakland neighborhoods and infrastructure. The City will also collaborate with other local governments to advocate for consideration of urban issues and coastal city issues in the context of regional adaptation discussions. Existing resources will enable the City to participate in occasional meetings of ongoing regional climate adaptation discussions.

Clean Water Program Alameda County (formerly Alameda Countywide Clean Water Program), C.3 Stormwater Technical Guidance (C.3 Handbook). The C.3 Handbook was issued on August 31, 2006, and updated in 2010 and 2011, by the Clean Water Program Alameda County as

part of the Alameda County municipal stormwater National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The NPDES permit requires participating municipalities, including the City of Oakland, to issue requirements for post-construction stormwater control. The C.3 Handbook assists developers, builders and project sponsors as they include post-construction stormwater controls in their projects in order to meet local municipal requirements.

3.9.4 EXISTING CONDITIONS

The project area is located at the Oakland Harbor adjacent to the San Francisco Bay. Stormwater from the project site is currently discharged to the San Francisco Bay. New information on existing conditions at the project site is available related to flood hazard mapping, anticipated future sea level rise, and mapping of tsunami inundation areas. Other than the information presented immediately below, existing regional and local setting information in the 2002 EIR related to hydrology and water quality has not substantially changed.

3.9.4.1 FEMA Flood Hazard Mapping

For the 2002 EIR, information was not available regarding mapped flood hazards in the project area. Since the 2002 EIR, information of flood hazards has been developed. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) completed flood hazard mapping of the project area in 2009. The project site is not mapped as being within an area subject to flooding hazards from a 100-year storm event.⁹⁷

3.9.4.2 Sea Level Rise

The San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) has recently completed an analysis of potential sea level rise in the San Francisco Bay. No information on anticipated future sea level rise was provided in the 2002 EIR. BCDC projects that by 2050, approximately 16 inches of sea level rise will occur within the San Francisco Bay; and by 2100, approximately 55 inches of sea level rise will occur within the San Francisco Bay.⁹⁸

3.9.4.3 Tsunami Inundation Areas

Since the 2002 EIR new tsunami inundation mapping has been completed for the project area. The California Department of Conservation (CDC) has also published updated tsunami inundation mapping of the project area. Updated CDC mapping indicates that the entire project site is located within a tsunami inundation area.⁹⁹ The CDC mapped tsunami inundation area does not represent inundation from a single scenario event. It was created by combining inundation results for a series of source events affecting a given region. As such, the entire inundation area would not likely be inundated during a single tsunami event. Comparison of updated CDC tsunami inundation maps with United

⁹⁷ Federal Emergency Management Agency, 2009. *Flood Insurance Rate Map, California*. Alameda County, City of Oakland. Website: hazards.fema.gov/wps/portal/mapviewer (accessed February 16, 2012). August 3.

⁹⁸ San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, 2011. *Living with a Rising Bay: Vulnerability and Adaptation in San Francisco Bay and on its Shoreline*. Website: www.bcdc.ca.gov/BPA/LivingWithRisingBay.pdf (accessed February 16, 2012). Revised October 6.

⁹⁹ California Department of Conservation, 2009. *Tsunami Inundation Map for Emergency Planning, Oakland West Quadrangle*. Prepared by: California Emergency Management Agency, California Geological Survey, and University of Southern California. Website: www.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/geologic_hazards/Tsunami/Inundation_Maps/Alameda/Documents/Tsunami_Inundation_OaklandWest_Quad_Alameda.pdf (accessed February 24, 2012). July 31.

States Geologic Survey topographic maps (1992) indicates the upper boundary of the tsunami inundation area within the immediate project area is approximately equivalent to contour line representing an elevation of 10 feet above mean sea level.

The tsunami inundation area delineated in the CDC maps is much greater than other available estimates of tsunami inundation for the project area. The City of Oakland General Plan (General Plan) has also been updated since the 2002 EIR was circulated. The General Plan indicates that the portion of the project site west of Maritime Street is subject to tsunami run-up (equivalent to a tsunami inundation). Other commonly accepted (earlier) calculations of tsunami run-up in the San Francisco Bay near the project area range from 4.7 to 5.5 feet above mean sea level.¹⁰⁰ In conclusion, comparison of available information on tsunami inundation indicates that 2009 CDC mapping presents a very conservative scenario of potential tsunami inundation at the project site.

3.9.5 SIGNIFICANCE CRITERIA AND IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The 2012 Project would have a significant impact on the environment if it would:

- a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements;
- b) Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or proposed uses for which permits have been granted);
- c) Result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site that would affect the quality of receiving waters;
- d) Result in substantial flooding on- or off-site;
- e) Create or contribute substantial runoff which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems;
- f) Create or contribute substantial runoff which would be an additional source of polluted runoff;
- g) Otherwise substantially degrade water quality;
- h) Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area, as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map, that would impede or redirect flood flows;
- i) Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows;
- j) Expose people or structures to a substantial risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding;
- k) Result in inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow;
- l) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course, or increasing the rate or amount of flow, of a creek, river or stream in a manner that would result in substantial erosion, siltation, or flooding, both on- or off-site; or
- m) Fundamentally conflict with elements of the City of Oakland Creek Protection (OMC Chapter

¹⁰⁰ Houston, J.R., and A.W. Garcia, 1975. *Type 16 Flood Insurance Study: Tsunami Predictions for Monterey and San Francisco Bays and Puget Sound, Technical Report H-75-17*. November.

13.16) ordinance intended to protect hydrologic resources. Although there are no specific, numeric/quantitative criteria to assess impacts, factors to be considered in determining significance include whether there is substantial degradation of water quality through (a) discharging a substantial amount of pollutants into a creek; (b) significantly modifying the natural flow of the water or capacity; (c) depositing substantial amounts of new material into a creek or causing substantial bank erosion or instability; or (d) substantially endangering public or private property or threatening public health or safety.

These criteria are discussed below.

a) Would the project violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?

In-Water Construction

The 2012 Project includes removal of the majority of the existing stormwater drainage system and development of a new stormwater drainage system (see Figure 3.9-1). Construction of new twin 54-inch outfall pipes would occur along the San Francisco Bay shoreline at Berth 10. As described in Section 3.4, Biological Resources, to construct the new twin 54-inch outfall pipes with tidal gates would require trenching, and bulkhead stabilization at the existing shoreline. To execute this construction work, dewatering would be necessary. A cofferdam would be build out of sheet piles to dewater the area to facilitate placement of culverts, tidal gates and bulkhead stabilization.

In-water construction activities would consist of installation of the sheet pile cofferdam. Once the cofferdam is installed and the area within the cofferdam dewatered, construction of the twin outfalls would occur outside of the water. The only other in-water construction activities expected to occur as a part of the 2012 Project are routine repairs to Wharves 7 and 6½.^{101,102}

In-water construction has the potential to create minor amounts of turbidity by introducing sediments during installation of the sheet pile coffer dam and/or release of sediments from disturbance of the bay bottom, from construction equipment or driving of the pile sheets into the bay bottom. Disturbance and release of sediments could also introduce other contaminants associated with sediments. This impact is considered potentially significant.

The 2012 Project includes in-water construction activities similar to those considered in the 2002 Project. In-water construction associated with the 2012 Project would not result in any new or more significant impacts to water quality than were described in the 2002 EIR. With implementation of Mitigation Measures 4.15-1 and 4.15-2 in the 2002 EIR, this impact would be reduced to a less-than-significant level.

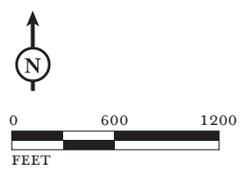
¹⁰¹ Wharves 7 and 6½ (also known as Berths 7 and 8, respectively) were evaluated to determine the extent of necessary repairs (and their associated cost) for their continued use as a working waterfront. The wharves have deteriorated over the past 60 years; however, the studies have shown that with routine repair the structures can continue to support the bulk shipping and rail uses.

¹⁰² Jacobs, 2010. Preliminary Conditions Assessment and Evaluation of Army Wharves 6½ and 7. Prologis/CCIG has selected Option 1/Limited Action is the proposed use and as such only repairs for safety and maintenance would be required.



FIGURE 3.9-1

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- PROPOSED STORM DRAIN LINE
- - - EXISTING STORM DRAIN LINE TO BE UPGRADED
- PROPOSED STORM DRAIN STRUCTURE
- PIPE SIZE AND MATERIAL
- - - EXISTING STORM DRAIN LINE TO REMAIN
-) EXISTING STORM DRAIN OUTFALL TO REMAIN
-) PROPOSED STORM DRAIN OUTFALL
- 1 AREA/ID
- 100 ACRES

SOURCE: RUGGERI-JENSEN-AZAR, 2011.

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2012 Oakland Army Base Project
Backbone Storm Drain Plan

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- 2002 Impact:** Less Than Significant
2012 Impact: Potentially Significant
2002 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measures 4.15-1 and 4.15-2
2012 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measures 4.15-1 and 4.15-2
Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

Encountering Shallow Groundwater During Construction

During construction shallow groundwater may be encountered that could be contaminated with sediment or chemicals. Discharge of contaminated groundwater to receiving waters (i.e., San Francisco Bay) could impair water quality.

Surcharging of soils at the project site would involve extraction of shallow groundwater from the project site. Extracted groundwater would be collected, treated and disposed of following already established protocols defined by the Remedial Action Plan accompanying the Risk Management Plan (as discussed in Chapter 2, Project Description). However, there is still the potential for extracted shallow groundwater to be discharged to receiving waters. Shallow groundwater is not expected to be encountered during construction activities occurring after the surcharging process is complete.

City of Oakland SCA HAZ-1 would be implemented throughout demolition, grading, and construction activities. Implementation of SCA HAZ-1 would provide additional procedures to contain extracted groundwater and likely prevent discharge of extracted groundwater to receiving waters. As a result, this impact is considered less than significant.

Encountering shallow groundwater during construction would not result in any new or more significant environmental impacts than were described in the 2002 EIR.

- 2002 Impact:** Less Than Significant
2012 Impact: Less Than Significant
2002 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measures 4.15-4
2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted; Mitigation Measure 4.15-4 is superseded by SCA HYD-1 and SCA HAZ-1

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

- b) Would the project substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or proposed uses for which permits have been granted)?**

The project does not propose the development or use of any wells for groundwater supplies. Site preparation would alter existing local groundwater conditions. Site preparation involves the process of deep dynamic compaction, import of soil, surcharging the project site and wicking of groundwater.

The deep dynamic compaction and surcharging and processes would condense the underlying soils. During the surcharging process numerous wick drains (vertical perforated pipes) would extract shallow groundwater from the project site, resulting in a lowering of the groundwater table. The depth of wick drains ranges from 35 to 75 feet. The groundwater table would only be lowered beneath the project site.

After the site preparation process described above, condensed soil conditions beneath the project site would prohibit liquid intrusion and likely prevent or reduce the natural horizontal flow of groundwater. As a result, the majority of groundwater would likely be impeded and would either be redirected around the project site or the groundwater level would increase at the area of impediment. A small amount of groundwater could still flow beneath the project site.

Lowering of groundwater levels could occur in areas down-gradient from where groundwater flows are interrupted. However, since the project site is located on the San Francisco Bay shoreline, interruption of groundwater flowing towards the ocean would not affect groundwater table below any land uses. In conclusion, it is anticipated adverse affects to other groundwater users would not occur or would be negligible. The production rate of any pre-existing nearby wells would not decrease.

Affects to groundwater table levels associated with the 2012 Project would not result in any new or more significant impacts to groundwater than were described in the 2002 EIR.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

c) Would the project result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site that would affect the quality of receiving waters?

Disturbance of soils during construction activities could result in erosion and mobilization of sediment, which could increase sediment loads discharged to receiving waters (i.e., San Francisco Bay).

The 2012 Project involves the demolition of existing buildings and infrastructure, import of a large quantity of soil, surcharging and grading activities, development of a new drainage plan, and future industrial development of the site. Use of a variety of construction techniques and equipment types could result in erosion and/or mobilization of sediment.

City of Oakland SCA GEO-1 would be implemented prior to and throughout grading activities and SCA HAZ-1 and SCA HYD-1 would be implemented throughout demolition, grading, and construction activities. Implementation of these SCA would control erosion and sediment during construction activities, contain contaminated soils, and minimize pollutants in stormwater. As a result, this impact is considered less than significant.

Disturbance of soils during construction activities would not result in any new or more significant environmental impacts than were described in the 2002 EIR.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measures 4.15-3 and 4.15-4

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted; Mitigation Measures 4.15-3 and 4.15-4 are superseded by SCA HYD-1, SCA HAZ-1, and SCA GEO-1

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

d) Would the project result in substantial flooding on- or off-site?

The project site is situated along the San Francisco Bay shoreline but is not located within a FEMA-designated 100-year flood hazard area.¹⁰³ Therefore, the 2012 Project does not have the potential to redirect flood flows during a 100-year storm event. As discussed in the 2002 EIR, the project area is not near any surface drainage channels and is therefore not subject to flooding from over-bank spillage.

The 2002 EIR identified that some localized flooding occurs at the project site due to problems with the existing stormwater drainage system. Specifically, soil subsidence has created pipe separations, reverse flows, and shallow ponding areas. Some localized flooding has been corrected with new catch basins and inlets. However, flooding appears to still occur, primarily as a result of outfalls located below the tide level.

The 2012 Project includes removal of the majority of the existing stormwater drainage system and development of a new stormwater drainage system on the project site, as well as construction of a new outfall along the San Francisco Bay shoreline at Berth 10 (see Figure 3.9-1). The new stormwater drainage system would redirect much of the site drainage to a new system, rather than continue drainage through the Port's Berths 20-24 marine terminals. The existing stormwater drainage system has reached its useful life and must be reconfigured to accommodate the new site layout. The existing stormwater drainage system is relatively low when compared to forecasted sea level rise and changes in the design criteria for new stormwater drainage systems. Through raising the site and improving drainage, the 2012 Project would reduce localized flooding at the project site compared to existing conditions.

The San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) sea level index map for the Central Bay area projects a 16-inch sea level rise by mid-century. The projection is published in the report *Living with a Rising Bay: Vulnerability and Adaptation in San Francisco Bay and on its Shoreline*, approved by BCDC on October 6, 2011. BCDC adopted the recommendation of the Report in Resolution No 11-8, Adoption of Bay Plan Amendment No. 1-08. BCDC's regulatory authority is limited to 100 feet landward of the mean high tide. BCDC encourages local agencies, including the City of Oakland, to adopt similar sea rise standards.

¹⁰³ Federal Emergency Management Agency, 2009. *Flood Insurance Rate Map, California*. Alameda County, City of Oakland. Website: hazards.fema.gov/wps/portal/mapviewer (accessed February 16, 2012). August 3.

To date, the City of Oakland has not officially adopted the 16-inch sea level rise parameter within drainage standards. However, they have stated that the BCDC sea level rise should be included in design calculations. The Living with a Rising Bay Report anticipates a 16-inch sea level rise by “mid-century” with a 55-inch sea level rise by “end of century”. For the project analyses, the 16-inch rise was added to the FEMA 100-year water tide (9 feet), or the mean higher high water tide (6.1 feet), and used as the basis of determining the starting water surface elevation or hydraulic grade line (HGL) in these hydraulic calculations. This impact is considered less than significant.

To the extent that the site work in the North Gateway area, including rail lines, results in creating a “berm-like” facility adjacent to EBMUD that may result in flooding, the City shall work with EBMUD to remedy the problem.

No new or more significant impacts would occur related to flooding than were described in the 2002 EIR.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measures 4.15-7 and 4.15-8 [*Note: These mitigation measures are not applicable to the 2012 Project.*]

2012 Mitigation: Mitigation Measure 3.9-1: The City shall coordinate and consult and if necessary design and build storm drain improvements resulting from increased elevation of the North Gateway area.

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

e) Would the project create or contribute substantial runoff which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems?

The 2012 Project includes removal of the majority of the existing stormwater drainage system and development of a new stormwater drainage system (see Figure 3.9-1). The new drainage system has been designed following the City of Oakland standards, including for starting surface water elevation of design features of the facilities. The starting water elevation is the height above sea level that surface water would be at during different storm event frequencies. Determining the water surface elevation helps determine the elevation for placement of drainage facilities. An additional 16 inches was added to the surface water elevation to account for expected sea level rise by 2050. (Further discussion of planning for sea level rise at the project site is provided in significance criteria.) The new stormwater system could manage stormwater runoff from the project site up to the following storm events:

- Primary Facilities (50 acres or more): A 25-year storm event occurring at the same time as the tide from a 100-year storm event (plus 16 inches of sea level rise)
- Secondary Facilities (less than 50 acres): A 10-year storm event occurring at the same time as the tide from a 100-year storm event (plus 16 inches of sea level rise)

The new stormwater drainage system has capacity to manage stormwater runoff from the project site during the vast majority of storms. Runoff from the project site could also be managed during storm

events with anticipated sea level rise of 16 inches by 2050. It would not be feasible for stormwater drainage systems to be designed to manage runoff from every possible storm event, specifically, very large, rare storm events. Therefore, due to the extreme infrequency of catastrophic storm events, this impact is considered less than significant. In addition, SCA HYD-2 requiring a post-construction stormwater management plan, SCA HYD-3 requiring a maintenance agreement for stormwater treatment measures, and SCA HYD-4 requiring confirmation of the stormwater system capacity would further reduce impacts to the stormwater drainage system.

2002 Impact: No Impact

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted; Implementation of SCA HYD-2 through HYD-4 would further reduce impacts to the stormwater drainage system

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

f) Would the project create or contribute substantial runoff which would be an additional source of polluted runoff?

Development of the 2012 Project would change (increase or decrease) impervious surfaces at the project site. Increases in impervious surfaces have the potential to result in additional stormwater runoff, higher velocities, and larger pollutant loads being conveyed to receiving waters.

After development of the 2012 Project, sources of stormwater runoff from the project site would be similar to existing sources of runoff from the project site. Sources of stormwater runoff are primarily associated with impervious surfaces including: parking lots, roads, railways, warehouses and other shipping/transportation type industrial facilities. Currently (at the time this Initial Study was prepared), several large buildings have been demolished southeast of Maritime Street and north of 7th Street. Much of the land formerly occupied by these buildings has been remediated as part of the RAP/RMP and is currently vacant (see Figure 3.8-1, Status of RMP/RAP). Most sites have been repaved, with the remaining areas soon to be restored to previously existing impervious/paved surfaces as part of the RAP/RMP, and therefore, are considered temporary. For the purposes of this analysis these areas are considered impervious because of their historic and intended future use. When compared to the baseline conditions in the 2002 EIR, the amount of impervious surface would be similar or decreased with implementation of the 2012 Project.

Under the 2012 Project, the stormwater drainage plan is designed to meet current state and local retention and filtration requirements. The drainage plan was prepared consistent with the Alameda County Clean Water Program Handbook Version 2.1 (ACCWP 2010). Accordingly, more than 4 percent of the project's impervious area is designed as filtration (bioretention) areas (see Figure 3.9-2). These bioretention areas will provide treatment of stormwater runoff throughout the project site, significantly reducing sediment and pollutant loads in runoff.

The portion of the Oakland Army Base owned by the City is currently covered under the San Francisco Bay Municipal Regional Stormwater NPDES Permit. The portion of the Oakland Army Base owned by the Port is listed to be permitted in the Draft Tentative Order for Waste Discharge

Requirements for Storm Water Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (SWRCB 2011). Depending on site-specific operations and practices within the project site, additional Industrial Storm Water General Permits may be required. Additional BMPs or SWPPPs to reduce pollutants in stormwater runoff would likely be required as part of any stormwater or water quality permits related to use of the project site.

Since the total amount of impervious surfaces at the project site may increase compared to existing conditions, and NPDES permits have not yet been obtained for the project site, this impact is considered potentially significant.

The 2012 Project includes changes in impervious surfaces similar to that considered in the 2002 Project. Changes in impervious surfaces associated with the 2012 Project would not result in any new or more significant impacts to water quality than were described in the 2002 EIR. With implementation of SCA HYD-1, HYD-2, HYD-3, and GEO-1, along with Mitigation Measure 4.15-5 in the 2002 EIR, this impact would be reduced to a less-than-significant level.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Potentially Significant

2002 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measures 4.15-5

2012 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measures 4.15-5, supplemented with SCA HYD-1 through SCA HYD-3 and SCA GEO-1

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

g) Would the project otherwise substantially degrade water quality?

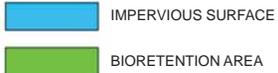
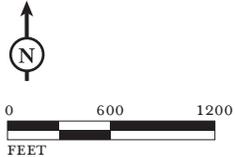
Use of Recycled Water

Recycled water would be used at the project site for evaporative cooling and landscape irrigation purposes. The stormwater system will include grassy swales to provide biological treatment and sediment removal from stormwater runoff. These grassy swales require irrigation during dry periods, and recycled water is proposed for these sites. An estimated 4 percent of the site will be used for stormwater treatment. For temperature controlled buildings, evaporative cooling with recycled water may be included. Recycled water would be allowed to evaporate, absorbing heat as it evaporates, and cooling the surrounding air. Runoff of recycled water applied for landscape irrigation purposes to receiving waters (i.e., San Francisco Bay) could result in water quality impairment. Recycled water would be used in compliance with Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations (Title 22). Accordingly, Title 22 does not allow runoff of recycled water to surface waters. Since management of recycled water applied for landscape irrigation at the project site is not currently known, this impact is considered potentially significant. Surface drainage within the landscape zones, irrigated by recycled water, will be designed such that no overland flow release will directly enter the piped drainage system.



FIGURE 3.9-2

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SOURCE: RUGGERI-JENSEN-AZAR, 2011.

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The 2012 Project includes use of recycled water similar to that considered in the 2002 Project. Use of recycled water associated with the 2012 Project would not result in any new or more significant impacts to water quality than were described in the 2002 EIR. With implementation of Mitigation Measure 4.15-6 in the 2002 EIR this impact would be reduced to a less-than-significant level.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Potentially Significant

2002 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measure 4.15-6

2012 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measure 4.15-6

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

Groundwater Quality

Surcharging of soils at the project site would involve extraction of shallow groundwater from the project site and condensing soil beneath the project site. Groundwater would be extracted from depths ranging from 35 to 70 feet. Extraction of shallow groundwater could result in local groundwater depressions. After surcharging of the project site, condensed soil conditions beneath the project site would likely prevent or reduce the natural horizontal flow of groundwater. As a result, the majority of groundwater would likely be impeded and would either be redirected around the project site or the groundwater level would increase at the area of impediment. A small amount of groundwater could still flow beneath the project site.

Groundwater depressions could draw saltwater into the aquifer (creating brackish or saline areas) or cause contaminants in groundwater to migrate to areas where contamination has not previously been detected.

Since shallow groundwater extraction during project construction would create a depression and surcharging of the project site would likely change local groundwater flows, this impact is considered potentially significant.

The 2012 Project includes the potential for extraction of shallow groundwater to result in migration of saltwater or other contaminants similar to that considered in the 2002 Project. Potential migration of saltwater and other contaminants from the 2012 Project would not result in any new or more significant impacts to water quality than were described in the 2002 EIR. With the implementation of Mitigation Measures 4.14-1 and 4.14-2 in the 2002 EIR this impact would be reduced to a less-than-significant level.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Potentially Significant

2002 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measures 4.14-1 and 4.14-2

2012 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measures 4.14-1 and 4.14-2

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

h) Would the project place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area, as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map, that would impede or redirect flood flows?

The project site is not located within a FEMA-designated 100-year flood hazard area.¹⁰⁴ Therefore, the 2012 Project does not have the potential to redirect flood flows during a 100-year storm event. Further, no housing is proposed as part of the 2012 Project. No new or more significant impacts would occur related to flooding than were described in the 2002 EIR.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measures 4.15-7 and 4.15-8 [*Note: These mitigation measures are not applicable to the 2012 Project.*]

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

i) Would the project place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?

The project site is not located within a FEMA-designated 100-year flood hazard area.¹⁰⁵ Therefore, the 2012 Project does not have the potential to redirect flood flows during a 100-year storm event. No new or more significant impacts would occur related to flooding than were described in the 2002 EIR.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measures 4.15-7 and 4.15-8 [*Note: These mitigation measures are not applicable to the 2012 Project.*]

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

j) Would the project expose people or structures to a substantial risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding?

The project site is situated along the San Francisco Bay shoreline but is not located within a FEMA-designated 100-year flood hazard area.¹⁰⁶ Therefore, the 2012 Project does not have the potential to redirect flood flows during a 100-year storm event. As discussed in the 2002 EIR, the project area is not near any surface drainage channels and is therefore not subject to flooding from over-bank spill-

¹⁰⁴ Ibid.

¹⁰⁵ Ibid.

¹⁰⁶ Ibid.

age. As discussed in criterion d) above, the 2012 Project would eliminate or reduce localized flooding at the project site compared to existing conditions. As discussed in criterion e) above, the new storm-water drainage system would have capacity to manage runoff from the project site during the vast majority of storm events. In conclusion, due to the infrequency of catastrophic storm events, the risk to people or structures from flooding at the project site is not considered significant.

The project site would potentially be subject to flooding in the future as a result of expected sea level rise. BCDC projects that by 2050 approximately 16 inches of sea level rise will occur within the San Francisco Bay, and by 2100 approximately 55 inches of sea level rise will occur within the San Francisco Bay. The project site is currently at low elevations due to years of settlement and an original design elevation that did not contemplate current drainage and sea level rise projections. For the 2012 Project, a large amount of soil would be imported to raise the project site to an elevation that accommodates the expected 16 inches of sea level rise by 2050. The project site, except for the new twin pipe outfall and existing outfalls that would be repaired, is located more than 100-feet from the San Francisco Bay shoreline. As such, the portions of the project site that could be impacted by sea level rise are located outside of BCDC's jurisdiction. Therefore, the project site is not subject to BCDC's requirements for protection from 16 inches of sea level rise by 2050, 55 inches of sea level rise in 2100, or preparation of a sea level rise risk assessment. However, the 2012 Project would still provide substantial flood protection compared to existing conditions by accommodating the expected 16 inches of sea level rise by 2050. The project site would be raised to a height of ranging from approximately 11 to 13 feet above mean sea level. As a result, with development of the 2012 Project, people or structures would not be exposed to risk from flooding associated with sea level rise.

No new or more significant impacts would occur related to flooding than were described in the 2002 EIR. Nonetheless, it is recommended that a Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan be prepared for the 2012 Project and submitted to the City of Oakland for review and approval prior to implementation. This plan will show in detail how the project site accommodates projected sea level rise and improves existing conditions at the project site. Approval of the Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan by the City of Oakland will further reduce this already less-than-significant impact.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measures 4.15-7 and 4.15-8 [*Note: These mitigation measures are not applicable to the 2012 Project.*]

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

Recommended Measure: A Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan to be prepared for the 2012 Project and submitted to the City of Oakland for review and approval prior to implementation

k) Would the project result in inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?

As discussed in the existing conditions section above, several calculations have been made of the potential for tsunami inundation of the project site. Recent CDC mapping presents the most conserva-

tive estimates. CDC mapping indicates the entire project site is located within a tsunami inundation area.¹⁰⁷ The upper boundary of the tsunami inundation area within the immediate project area appears to be approximately equivalent to contour line representing an elevation of 10 feet above mean sea level.

The project site is currently at low elevations due to years of settlement and an original design elevation that did not contemplate current drainage and sea level rise projections. As part of the 2012 Project, a large amount of soil would be imported to raise the project site to an elevation that accommodates the expected 16 inches of sea level rise. (Further discussion of planning for sea level rise at the project site is provided in significance criteria.) The project site would be raised to a height ranging from approximately 11 to 13 feet above mean sea level.

The post-project elevation of the project site is anticipated to be sufficient to prohibit inundation by tsunami because the height would be greater than 10 feet above mean sea level. If the upper boundary of the tsunami inundation area in CDC mapping is greater than the estimated 10 feet above mean sea level, the post-project elevation of the project site is still anticipated to be sufficient to prohibit inundation by tsunami. With the anticipated 16 inches of sea level rise by 2050, the tsunami inundation height would also increase. Based on CDC mapping the height of a tsunami plus 16 inches of sea level rise is expected to be slightly greater than 11 feet. This scenario represents an extremely conservative estimate of tsunami inundation.

The post-project elevation of the project site is anticipated to be sufficient to prevent inundation from all conservative scenarios of tsunami inundation; however, slight inundation could potentially occur during the most extreme scenario (i.e., very conservative estimate of tsunami inundation plus sea level rise). It would not be feasible for project sites to be designed to prevent flooding from every possible event, specifically, very large, rare events. Therefore, due to the infrequency of catastrophic storm events, this impact is considered less than significant.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

- l) Would the project substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course, or increasing the rate or amount of flow, of a creek, river or stream in a manner that would result in substantial erosion, siltation, or flooding, both on- or off-site?**

Refer to discussion for significance criteria d) and f) above.

¹⁰⁷ California Department of Conservation, 2009, op. cit.

- 2002 Impact:** Less Than Significant
- 2012 Impact:** Potentially Significant
- 2002 Mitigation:** 2002 EIR Mitigation Measures 4.15-5, 4.15-7, and 4.15-8 [Note: Mitigation Measures 4.15-7 and 4.15-8 are not applicable to the 2012 Project.]
- 2012 Mitigation:** 2002 EIR Mitigation Measures 4.15-5, supplemented with SCA HYD-1 through SCA HYD-3, and SCA GEO-1

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

- m) Would the project fundamentally conflict with elements of the City of Oakland Creek Protection (OMC Chapter 13.16) ordinance intended to protect hydrologic resources. Although there are no specific, numeric/quantitative criteria to assess impacts, factors to be considered in determining significance include whether there is substantial degradation of water quality through (a) discharging a substantial amount of pollutants into a creek; (b) significantly modifying the natural flow of the water or capacity; (c) depositing substantial amounts of new material into a creek or causing substantial bank erosion or instability; or (d) substantially endangering public or private property or threatening public health or safety?**

Water bodies at the project site are limited to the San Francisco Bay shoreline. No other water bodies or channels are located at the project site. The City of Oakland Creek Protection Ordinance (CPO)¹⁰⁸ defines a creek as:

“A watercourse that is a naturally occurring swale or depression, or engineered channel which carries fresh or estuarine water either seasonally or year round within the city boundaries, as identified on the “Watershed Map of Oakland and Berkeley Area” and the “Creek and Watershed Map of Hayward and San Leandro,” published by the Oakland Museum of California and as modified by the city and/or any area identified through field investigation by the Environmental Services Manager as meeting the above criteria.”

The “Creek and Watershed Map of Oakland and Berkeley Area”¹⁰⁹ designates the project site as “Original Bay and Lakes,” which is a separate designation from creeks. Further, certain physical features are required to classify a water body as a creek. The City of Oakland states a creek must include all of the following three physical features: 1) hydrologic connectivity; 2) presence of channel form; and 3) topographic position. A creek begins at the first point at which these features are met. Channel form is defined as “including a bed, bank, and features that indicate actual or potential sediment movement.”¹¹⁰ Waters in the project area do not have defined bed and bank features of a channel or creek. Hydrologic connectivity is defined as, “hydrologically connected to a waterway above and below the site or is connected to a

¹⁰⁸ Oakland, City of. Municipal Code Section 13.16.030 B.

¹⁰⁹ Sowers, Janet M., 2000. Oakland Museum of California. *Creek and Watershed Map of Oakland and Berkeley*. Website: museumca.org/creeks/MapOak.html (accessed April 12, 2012).

¹¹⁰ Oakland, City of, 2012. *Facilities and Environment, Permitting Guide*. Website: www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/PWA/o/FE/s/ID/OAK024749#what (accessed April 12, 2012).

spring, headwaters, lake, the Estuary, or the Bay.”¹¹¹ This definition indicates that the San Francisco Bay itself is not a creek but can provide water to creeks.

In conclusion, waters in the project area are not defined as a creek by the Creek Protection Ordinance. This finding is consistent with the 2002 EIR findings that there are no creeks in or near the project area, and conditions do not exist that could cause a conflict with the City’s Creek Protection Ordinance.

2002 Impact: No Impact

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

3.9.6 CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

Potential cumulative hydrology and water quality impacts are typically related to local and regional surface water bodies, such as San Francisco Bay, and groundwater conditions.

The 2002 EIR identified the San Francisco Bay, the receiving waters for the project site, as having cumulatively impaired water quality for CWA Section 303(d) list pollutants and toxics. The 2002 EIR also identified that increases in 303(d) list pollutants and toxics could represent a significant contribution to this impact. Since the 2002 EIR, the San Francisco Bay has been listed as impaired on the CWA Section 303(d) list, specifically for mercury and PCBs. Since the 2002 EIR, the San Francisco Bay RWQCB has also developed TMDLs and implementation plans for mercury and PCBs. The TMDLs have both identified stormwater runoff as a source of contamination in the San Francisco Bay. As such, stormwater runoff from the project site after implementation of the 2012 Project could increase mercury and PCBs in the San Francisco Bay. The 2012 Project could potentially result in a significant contribution to impairment of San Francisco Bay water quality. With implementation of Mitigation Measure 4.15-5 in the 2002 EIR, the 2012 Project’s contribution to this impact would be reduced to a less-than-significant level.

There is no evidence that significant cumulative impacts currently exist relative to risk from flooding, tsunami, seiche, or excessive runoff. However, the 2002 EIR found that construction along with other nearby construction or remediation projects could substantially increase turbidity, resulting in a cumulative significant impact. The 2002 EIR also identified that increases in erosion and sedimentation/turbidity could represent a significant contribution to this impact. SCA GEO-1, HAZ-1, and HYD-1 would be implemented to reduce erosion and sedimentation for construction related soil disturbances. However, in-water construction activities associated with the 2012 Project would still have the potential to result in a significant contribution to increased turbidity in the San Francisco Bay. With implementation of Mitigation Measures 4.15-1 and 4.15-2 in the 2002 EIR, the 2012 Project’s contribution to this impact would be reduced to a less-than-significant level.

¹¹¹ Ibid.

Local groundwater conditions are not anticipated to have significantly changed from those discussed in the 2002 EIR. As such, there is no evidence that significant cumulative impacts currently exist relative to depleted groundwater supplies. However, the 2002 EIR identified that concurrent operation of remediation or construction dewatering wells could result in migration of saltwater or other contaminants, resulting in a cumulative significant impact. The 2002 EIR also identified that increased migration of saltwater and contaminants from the 2012 Project could represent a significant contribution to this impact. As such, construction dewatering activities associated with the 2012 Project have the potential to result in a significant contribution to increased migration of saltwater and other contaminants in groundwater.

No new or more significant cumulative impacts would occur than were described in the 2002 EIR. In addition, the 2012 Project would not make any new contributions to any significant cumulative impacts other than those that were described in the 2002 EIR.

3.9.7 CONCLUSIONS

Redevelopment of the Oakland Army Base would not result in significant new impacts related to hydrology and water quality or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified impacts related to hydrology and water quality compared to the 2002 EIR. Thus, impacts would be similar to those addressed in the 2002 EIR, and would continue to be less than significant. Previously imposed mitigation measures from the 2002 EIR have been identified and, where appropriate, have been clarified, refined, revised, or deleted. This section also identifies the applicable provisions of the City's SCA. No new mitigation measures are required, although it is recommended that a Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan be prepared, which will further reduce an already less-than-significant impact.

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3.10 LAND USE AND PLANNING

This section evaluates the potential land use and planning impacts of the 2012 Project. This analysis specifically considers whether the 2012 Project would result in new significant land use and planning impacts not identified in the 2002 EIR or a substantial increase in the severity of the previously identified significant impacts. This section also discusses any pertinent new information or changes in circumstances that could result in new significant land use and planning impacts not identified in the 2002 EIR or a substantial increase in the severity of the previously identified significant impacts. Previously imposed mitigation measures from the 2002 EIR are identified and, where appropriate, are clarified, refined, revised, or deleted. This section also identifies the applicable provisions of the City's Standard Conditions of Approval and whether or not new mitigation measures are required.

3.10.1 PRIOR ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS

3.10.1.1 2002 EIR Impact Findings

The 2002 EIR concluded that: (1) there may be conflicts with existing plans or policies; and (2) there may be a potentially significant conflict between adjacent or nearby land uses, and specifically that dissimilar land uses may be located proximate to each other. The impacts identified in the 2002 EIR, which can be reduced to less-than-significant levels with mitigation measures, are listed below:

Impact 4.1-1: Fill to create fastland for New Berth 21 plus a nominal portion of the adjacent Gateway development area, and potential minor fill for Gateway Park shoreline stabilization may conflict with Bay Plan objectives and policies. *[Note: This impact is not applicable to the 2012 Project.]*

Impact 4.1-2: Proposed land uses in a portion of the 16th/Wood sub-district would be fundamentally inconsistent with Seaport and Bay plan Port Priority Use designations. *[Note: This impact is not applicable to the 2012 Project.]*

Impact 4.1-3: Loss of all structures contributing to a historic district, and loss of the district itself may conflict with Oakland General Plan Historic Preservation Element goals and policies.

Impact 4.2-1: Under proposed redevelopment, dissimilar land uses may be located proximate to one another.

3.10.1.2 2002 EIR Mitigation Measures

For potential conflicts with adopted plans and policies, the 2002 EIR identified the following mitigation measure:

Mitigation Measure 4.1-1: Amend the Bay and Seaport plans to eliminate, where necessary, Port Priority Use designations within the 16th/Wood sub-district. *[Note: This mitigation measure is not applicable to the 2012 Project.]*

For potential conflicts with adjacent or nearby land uses, the 2002 EIR identified the following mitigation measures:

Mitigation Measure 4.2-1: The City shall ensure that Gateway development area redevelopment activities adjacent to Port of Oakland industrial maritime facilities are designed to minimize any land use incompatibilities to the extent feasible. *[Note: This mitigation measure is not applicable to the 2012 Project.]*

Mitigation Measure 4.2-2: If any land use incompatibility is subsequently identified, the Port of Oakland shall use its best efforts, consistent with meeting cargo throughput demand, to locate maritime activities that could result in land use incompatibilities as far away from the property boundary as feasible. *[Note: This mitigation measure is not applicable to the 2012 Project.]*

Mitigation Measure 4.2-3: The City and Port shall coordinate to implement Mitigation Measures 4.2-1 and 4.2-2. The City and Port shall cooperatively coordinate regarding the types of land uses to be developed at the coterminous boundary of their respective jurisdictions. *[Note: This mitigation measure is not applicable to the 2012 Project.]*

3.10.2 STANDARD CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

There are no Standard Conditions of Approval relating to land use and planning policy that apply to this project.

3.10.3 UPDATED REGULATORY SETTING

Since adoption of the 2002 EIR, several State and local plans which guide land use development have been updated. The 2012 Project must comply with current regulations; a summary of updated regulations is presented below.

3.10.3.1 State/Regional

3.10.3.1.1 San Francisco Bay Plan

Developed by the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC), the San Francisco Bay Plan¹¹² (Bay Plan) serves as a guide to protection and development of the San Francisco Bay and its shoreline. Since its adoption in 1968, the Bay Plan has been updated several times, and has been updated since the 2002 EIR was certified.

The Bay Plan defines five special land use designations called “priority uses” that are appropriate at specific limited shoreline sites. These priority uses include ports, water-related industry, water-oriented recreation, airports, and wildlife refuges.

Water-related industry policies identified in the Bay Plan include the following:

1. Sites designated for both water-related industry and port uses in the Bay Plan should be reserved for those industries and port uses that require navigable, deep water for receiving materials or shipping products by water in order to gain a significant transportation cost advantage.
2. Linked industries, water-using industries, and industries which gain only limited economic benefits by fronting on navigable water, should be located in adjacent upland areas. However,

¹¹² San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, 2008. *San Francisco Bay Plan*.

pipeline corridors serving such facilities may be permitted within water-related industrial priority use areas, provided pipeline construction and use does not conflict with present or future water-transportation use of the site.

3. Land reserved for both water-related industry and port use will be developed over a period of years. Other uses may be allowed in the interim that, by their cost and duration, would not preempt future use of the site for water-related industry or port use.
4. Water-related industry and port sites should be planned and managed so as to avoid wasteful use of the limited supply of waterfront land. The following principles should be followed to the maximum extent feasible in planning for water-related industry and port use:
 - a. Extensive use of the shoreline for storage of raw materials, fuel, products, or waste should not be permitted on a long-term basis. If required, such storage areas should generally either be at right angles to the main direction of the shoreline or be as far inland as feasible, so other use of the shoreline may be made possible.
 - b. Where large acreages are available, site planning should strive to provide access to the shoreline for all future plants and port facilities that might locate in the same area. (As a general rule, therefore, the longest dimension of plant sites should be at right angles to the shoreline.) Marine terminals should also be shared as much as possible among industries and port uses.
 - c. Waste treatment ponds for water-related industry and port uses should occupy as little land as possible, be above the highest recorded level of tidal action, and be as far removed from the shoreline as possible.
 - d. Any new highways, railroads, or rapid transit lines in existing or future water-related industrial and port areas should be located sufficiently far away from the waterfront so as not to interfere with industrial use of the waterfront. New access roads to waterfront industrial and port areas should be approximately at right angles to the shoreline, topography permitting.
5. Water-related industry and port uses should be planned so as to make the sites attractive (as well as economically important) uses of the shoreline. The following criteria should be employed to the maximum extent possible:
 - a. Air and water pollution should be minimized through strict compliance with all relevant laws, policies and standards. Mitigation, consistent with the Commission's policy concerning mitigation, should be provided for all unavoidable adverse environmental impacts.
 - b. When bayfront hills are used for water-related industries, terracing should generally be required and leveling of the hills should not be permitted.
 - c. Important Bay overlook points, and historic areas and structures that may be located in water-related industrial and port areas, should be preserved and incorporated into the site design, if at all feasible. In addition, shoreline not actually used for shipping facilities should be used for some type of public access or recreation, to the maximum extent feasible. Public areas need not be directly accessible by private automobiles with attendant parking lots and driveways; access may be provided by hiking paths or by forms of public transit such as elephant trains or aerial tramways.
 - d. Regulations, tax arrangements, or other devices should be drawn in a manner that encourages industries and port uses to meet the foregoing objectives.

6. The Commission, together with the relevant local governments, should cooperatively plan for use of vacant and underutilized water-related industrial priority use areas. Such planning should include regional, state and federal interests where appropriate, as well as public and special interest groups. Resulting plans should include: (a) a program for joint use of waterfront facilities where this is beneficial and feasible; (b)-a regulatory or management program for reserving the entire waterfront site or parcel for water-related industrial and port use; and (c) a program for minimizing the environmental impacts of future industrial and port development. Such plans, if approved by the relevant local governments and by the Commission, could be amended into the Bay Plan as special area plans.
7. The Bay Plan water-related industrial findings, policies, and priority use areas, together with any detailed plans as described above in 6., should be included as the waterfront element of any Bay regional industrial siting plan or implementation program.

Port policies indentified in the Bay Plan include the following:

1. Port planning and development should be governed by the policies of the Seaport Plan and other applicable policies of the Bay Plan. The Seaport Plan provides for:
 - a. Expansion and/or redevelopment of port facilities at Benicia, Oakland, Redwood City, Richmond, and San Francisco, and development of new port facilities at Selby;
 - b. Further deepening of ship channels needed to accommodate expected growth in ship size and improved terminal productivity;
 - c. The maintenance of up-to-date cargo forecasts and existing cargo handling capability estimates to guide the permitting of port terminals; and
 - d. Development of port facilities with the least potential adverse environmental impacts while still providing for reasonable terminal development.
2. Some filling and dredging will be required to provide for necessary port expansion, but any permitted fill or dredging should be in accord with the Seaport Plan.
3. Port priority use areas should be protected for marine terminals and directly-related ancillary activities such as container freight stations, transit sheds and other temporary storage, ship repair-ing, support transportation uses including trucking and railroad yards, freight forwarders, govern-ment offices related to the port activity, chandlers, and marine services. Other uses, especially public access and public and commercial recreational development, should also be permissible uses provided they do not significantly impair the efficient utilization of the port area.

3.10.3.1.2 San Francisco Bay Area Seaport Plan

The San Francisco Bay Area Seaport Plan¹¹³ (Seaport Plan) is a cooperative planning effort between BCDC and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), and constitutes the maritime element of MTC's Regional Transportation Plan and is incorporated into BCDC's Bay Plan where it is the basis of the Bay Plan port policies. The Seaport Plan promotes the following goals:

¹¹³ San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission and Metropolitan Transportation Commission, 1996. *San Francisco Bay Area Seaport Plan*, April 18, 1996. Amended through June 2007.

1. Ensure the continuation of the San Francisco Bay port system as a major world port and contributor to the economic vitality of the San Francisco Bay region;
2. Maintain or improve the environmental quality of San Francisco Bay and its environs;
3. Provide for the efficient use of finite physical and fiscal resources consumed in developing and operating marine terminal through the year 2020;
4. Provide for integrated and improved surface transportation facilities between San Francisco Bay ports and terminals and other regional transportation systems; and
5. Reserve sufficient shoreline areas to accommodate future growth in maritime cargo, thereby minimizing the need for new Bay fill for port development.

To achieve these goals, the Seaport Plan employs land use designations and enforceable policies that MTC and BCDC use in their funding and regulatory decisions, and that local governments use in their land use and regulatory decisions. Areas determined to be necessary for future port development are designated as *port priority use areas* and are reserved for port-related and other uses that will not impede development of the site for port purposes. Within port priority use areas, *marine terminals* are identified and are reserved specifically for cargo handling operations.

The Seaport Plan includes a site-specific port priority use area discussion for the Port of Oakland. The Seaport Plan includes the following policies for the Port of Oakland:

1. By the year 2020, the Port of Oakland should have the annual cargo throughput capabilities shown in Table 11 (of the Seaport Plan).
2. Development of the Joint Intermodal Terminal and Vision 2000 berths at the former Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Oakland (FISCO), along with the planned relocation of the Joint Intermodal Terminal and subsequent expansion of the Port's container terminal areas, will accommodate the Port's projected growth in container cargo shipping through the year 2020 without significant Bay fill.
3. Schnitzer Steel is and should remain designated as an active dry bulk terminal as long as the facility is used for this purpose. At such times as the site is no longer needed for recycling scrap steel or other bulk shipping operations, it should first be considered for conversion to a container terminal. If Schnitzer Steel is converted to a container terminal, it should have an expected annual throughput capability of 1,520,000 metric tons.
4. Approximately 29 acres of Bay fill will be needed at Berths 20-21 to create a longer linear wharf and backland for efficient terminal operations at the Outer Harbor. This project will be implemented as part of the Port's phased program of relocating the JIT and expanding its container terminal areas.
5. Figure 4 (of the Seaport Plan) depicts the port priority use area at the Port of Oakland.

3.10.3.1.3 Long Term Management Strategy

The Long Term Management Strategy (LTMS) program was developed in 1990. The LTMS is a multi-agency (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers [Corps], EPA Region IX, Regional Water Quality Control Board [RWQCB], State Water Resources Control Board [SWRCB], and BCDC) regional organization with an objective to develop coordinated approaches to dredging programs, sediment

studies, and cost sharing. The LTMS program outlines a program for the disposal of dredged material from San Francisco Bay over 50 years. Dredging and disposal of Bay sediments, including those generated by the construction and maintenance of maritime facilities are reviewed for consistency with the LTMS program.

The LTMS program arose out of the San Francisco Estuary Project (SFEP), which was established through the 1987 amendments to the Clean Water Act of 1987. The SFEP was developed as a five-year cooperative effort between the EPA and State of California to promote more effective management of the San Francisco-Delta Estuary and to restore and maintain the Estuary's water quality and natural resources. The result of the effort was a Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) for the San Francisco Estuary (SFEP 1993). The CCMP addresses aquatic resources, wildlife, wetland management, water use, pollution prevention and reduction, dredging and waterway modification, land use, public involvement and education, and research and monitoring program areas. For each program area, goals, recommended approaches, objectives, and actions are provided. A preliminary implementation strategy is included that suggests ways in which state and federal agencies can contribute to financing CCMP actions.

3.10.3.1.4 The San Francisco Bay Trail Plan

The San Francisco Bay Trail Plan (Bay Trail Plan),¹¹⁴ prepared by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), proposes development of a regional hiking and bicycling trail around the perimeter of San Francisco and San Pablo bays. The Plan was prepared by ABAG pursuant to Senate Bill 100 (1987), which mandates the Bay Trail to:

- provide connections to existing park and recreation facilities;
- create links to existing and proposed transportation facilities; and
- be planned in such a way as to avoid adverse effects on environmentally sensitive areas.

The plan proposes an alignment for a 400-mile recreational “ring around the Bay.” Approximately one-third of the trail currently exists as either hiking-only paths, hiking and bicycling paths, or as on-street bicycle lanes. When complete, the Bay Trail will create connections between more than 90 parks and publicly accessible open-space areas around San Francisco and San Pablo bays. By providing access to a wide array of commercial ferries and public boat launches, the trail will establish connections to “water trails” that will enable outdoor enthusiasts to appreciate the Bay not only from the shoreline, but from the water as well. The Bay Trail maps identify a planned Bay Trail segment along Maritime Street.

3.10.3.1.5 Tidelands Trust Exchange Agreement

As part of implementation of the OARB Reuse and Redevelopment Plans, the City of Oakland and the California State Lands Commission (SLC) negotiated and settled issues related to the designation of lands subject to Tidelands Trust in the OARB through the recordation of the Oakland Army Base Title Settlement and Exchange Agreement (“Exchange Agreement”) dated August 7, 2006. The SLC has jurisdiction over “tidelands trust” lands, which are certain tidal and submerged lands granted by

¹¹⁴ Association of Bay Area Governments, 1989. *The San Francisco Bay Trail Plan*. July.

the state in trust to cities and counties to develop harbors in furtherance of state and national commerce. These grants require that granted lands be used consistent with the public trust and terms of the grant and require the grantee to use the revenues produced from these lands for trust purposes consistent with the grants. Section 6 of the Exchange Agreement requires that there be public access in the form of “permanent vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian access to the Public Trust lands” within the OARB Sub-district Gateway Development Area and to the adjoining proposed Gateway Park; prior to any approval of any proposed circulation plan in the area, a written determination from the Executive Officer of the Commission must be obtained that the plan meets the requirements of the Exchange Agreement. The City is coordinating with the SLC to review the proposed public access plan and obtain the required written determination, which the City believes satisfies the requirement stipulated by the Exchange Agreement.

3.10.3.2 Local

3.10.3.2.1 City of Oakland General Plan

The City of Oakland General Plan (General Plan) is a comprehensive plan for the growth and development of the City. The General Plan includes policies related to: land use and circulation; housing; recreation; conservation and open space; noise; environmental hazards; and historic resources. These topics are addressed within individual elements of the General Plan: Land Use and Transportation; Bicycle Master Plan; Open Space, Conservation and Recreation; Noise; Safety; Housing; Historic Preservation and Scenic Highway Element. Each are discussed separately below.

Regarding a project’s consistency with the General Plan in the context of CEQA, the Oakland General Plan states the following:

The General Plan contains many policies which may in some cases address different goals, policies and objectives and thus some policies may compete with each other. The Planning Commission and City Council, in deciding whether to approve a 2012 Project, must decide whether, on balance, the project is consistent (i.e., in general harmony) with the General Plan. The fact that a specific project does not meet all General Plan goals, policies and objectives does not inherently result in a significant effect on the environment within the context of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). (City Council Resolution No. 79312 C.M.S.; adopted June 2005)

The General Plan is comprised of several elements or chapters; these elements are described below.

(1) Land Use and Transportation Element. The Land Use and Transportation Element¹¹⁵ (LUTE), adopted in March 1998, addresses land use and transportation issues in a single document. In order to accomplish a more holistic planning process that incorporates City-wide infrastructural needs with a desire for neighborhood decision-making, the LUTE includes general development policies for the City, in addition to district-specific policies. The LUTE is bound by a vision for the City that includes creating: “clean and attractive neighborhoods rich in character and diversity, each with its own distinctive identity, yet well-integrated into a cohesive urban fabric” in addition to “a diverse and vibrant downtown with around-the-clock activity.”

¹¹⁵ Oakland, City of, 1998. Community and Economic Development Agency, *Envision Oakland, City of Oakland General Plan, Land Use and Transportation Element, Volume 1*. March, as updated through 2007.

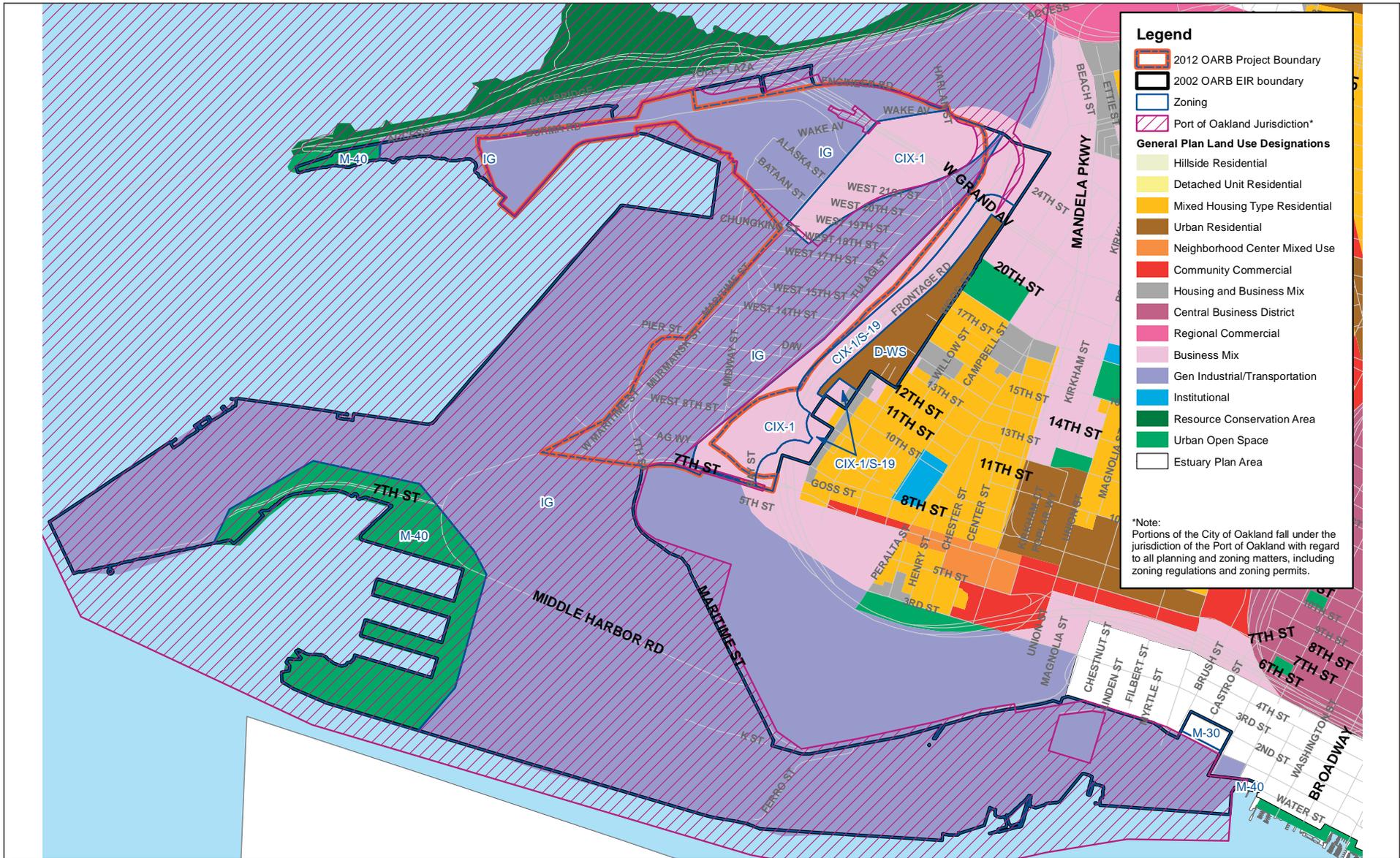
The LUTE includes land use designations for all land within the City's boundaries. Land use designations within the project site include General Industrial/Transportation and Business Mix. These General Plan land use designations are shown in Figure 3.10-1. These designations are further described below.

General Industrial/Transportation. The intent of this classification is to recognize, preserve and enhance areas of the City for a wide variety of businesses and related establishments that may have the potential to create off-site impacts such as noise, light/glare, truck traffic, and odor. These areas are characterized by sites with good freeway, rail, seaport and/or airport access. The maximum overall Floor Area Ratio (FAR) for this classification is 2.0.

Business Mix. The intent of this designation is to create, preserve and enhance areas of City that are appropriate for a wide variety of business and related commercial and industrial establishments. High impact industrial uses including those that have hazardous materials on-site may be allowed provided they are adequately buffered from residential area. These areas may accommodate a mix of businesses such as light industrial, manufacturing, food processing, commercial, bioscience and biotechnology, research and development, environmental technology, business and health services, air, truck and rail-related transportation services, warehouse and distribution facilities, office, and other uses of similar business character. The maximum FAR for this classification is 4.0.

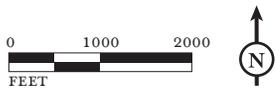
In order to accomplish a more holistic planning process that incorporates City-wide infrastructural needs with a desire for neighborhood decision-making, the LUTE includes general development policies for the City, in addition to district-specific policies. Policies related to the 2012 Project are listed below:

- Policy I/C1.5, Using City-Owned Property to Stimulate Economic Development: City-owned properties should, where feasible, be utilized to stimulate economic development activities or serve as catalysts to such efforts.
- Policy I/C1.9, Locating Industrial and Commercial Area Infrastructure: Adequate public infrastructure should be ensured within existing and proposed industrial and commercial areas to retain viable existing uses, improve the marketability of existing vacant or underutilized sites, and encourage future use and development of these areas with activities consistent with the goals of this Plan.
- Policy I/C1.10, Coordinating City and Port Economic Development Plans: The City and Port should mutually develop and implement a coordinated plan-of-action to support all airport and port related activities which expand the local or regional employment or revenue base.
- Policy I/C2.1, Pursuing Environmental Clean-Up: The environmental cleanup of contaminated industrial properties should be actively pursued to attract new users in targeted industrial and commercial areas.
- Policy I/C4.1, Protecting Existing Activities: Existing industrial, residential, and commercial activities and areas which are consistent with long term land use plans for the City should be protected from the intrusion of potentially incompatible land uses.
- Policy I/C4.2, Minimizing Nuisances: The potential for new or existing industrial or commercial uses, including seaport and airport activities, to create nuisance impacts on surrounding residential land uses should be minimized through appropriate siting and efficient implementation and enforcement of environmental and development controls.



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FIGURE 3.10-1



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- Policy I/C4.3, Reducing Billboards: Billboards should be reduced or eliminated in commercial and residential areas in Oakland neighborhoods through mechanisms that minimize or do not require the expenditure of city funds.
- Policy I/C5.1, Planning for Military Base Reuse: Plans for the reuse of military bases should encourage activities which provide economic development expansion opportunities for the City.
- Policy I/C5.3, Planning for the Army Base: Land reuse plans for the Oakland Army Base site shall encourage activities that will result in expanded employment opportunities and revenues for the city and West Oakland community.
- Policy T1.1, Supporting the Port: Support the Port of Oakland's effort to compete as a primary Port of Call for the West Coast shipping industry.
- Policy T1.5, Locating Truck Services: Truck services should be concentrated in areas adjacent to freeways and near the seaport and airport, which ensuring the attractiveness of the environment for visitors, local business, and nearby neighborhoods.
- Policy T1.6, Designating Truck Routes: An adequate system of roads connecting port terminals, warehouses, freeways and regional arterials, and other important truck destination should be designed. This system should rely upon arterial streets away from residential neighborhoods. (See the Truck Route Diagram in Volume II of the Land Use and Transportation Element).
- Policy T1.8, Re-routing and Enforcing Truck Routes: The City should make efforts to re-route truck traffic away from neighborhoods, wherever possible, and enforce truck route controls.
- Policy T3.5, Including Bikeways and Pedestrian Walks: The City should include bikeways and pedestrian walks in the planning of new, reconstructed, or realized streets, wherever possible.
- Policy T6.3, Making the Waterfront Accessible: The waterfront should be made accessible to pedestrians and bicyclists throughout Oakland.
- Policy W1.1, General Plan Conformance of Projects in the Seaport and Airport Areas: The Port shall make a written determination on General Plan conformity for each project, plan, and/or land use guideline it approves in the Port area. Prior to making such determination the Port will forward its proposed determination to the Director of City Planning, who may provide the Port with written comments within a specified time period. Any comments so provided shall be considered and responded to in writing by the Port in its conformity determination.

For projects in the Port Area outside the seaport and airport areas, the Port's determination of General Plan conformity may be appealed to the City Council within 10 days. If not appealed within 10 days, the Port's determination shall be deemed final. If appealed, the City Council, by a vote of at least 6 members, shall make a final determination on the appeal within 30 days. The City Planning Commission shall provide recommendation to the City Council for consideration in hearing on appeal of the Port's conformity determination.

For purposes of this policy, the Airport area shall be considered that portion of the Port area west of Doolittle Drive, and the Seaport area shall be considered the portion of the Port Area generally lying west of Maritime Street and northwest of the Estuary Plan area.

Projects appealable to the City Council under policy are those for which an Environmental Impact Report or Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act; new construction, additions, changes in use, or, expansion of use involving 20,000 square feet or more in floor area; and public improvements in transportation or public access valued at \$250,000 or more.

- Policy W1.2, Planning with the Port of Oakland: Plans for maritime and aviation operations as well as activities on all lands in Port jurisdiction should be coordinated with, and generally consistent with the Oakland General Plan.
- Policy W1.3, Reducing Land Use Conflicts: Land uses and impacts generated from Port or neighborhood activities should be buffered, protecting adjacent residential areas from the impacts of seaport, airport, or other industrial uses. Appropriate siting of industrial activities, buffering (e.g., landscaping, fencing, transitional uses, etc.), truck traffic management efforts, and other mitigation's should be used to minimize the impact of incompatible uses.
- Policy W2.2, Buffering of Heavy Industrial Uses: Appropriate buffering measures for heavy industrial uses and transportation uses on adjacent residential neighborhoods should be developed and implemented.
- Policy W2.3, Providing Public Access Improvements: Public access improvements to the waterfront and along the water's edge should be implemented as projects are developed. The access improvements should conform to the requirements of the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC).
- Policy W2.5, Improved Railroad Crossings: To create safe access to the water pedestrian, bicycle, and automobile railroad crossing should be provided where feasible. Crossings could include grade separations, at-grade crossings, skyway bridges, or connections between buildings.
- Policy W2.6, Providing Maritime and Aviation Viewing Access: Safe access to areas for viewing maritime and aviation activities without interfering with seaport and airport activities should be encouraged.
- Policy W2.9, Parking at Key Points: Parking should be developed at key points generally set back from the waterfront to minimize the impact of private automobile use in high-activity areas. Parking structures that incorporate ground floor uses, are available for day and night activities, and allow for shared use, are preferred.
- Policy W3.1, Requiring Consistency with Conservation Objectives and Policies: Waterfront objectives, policies, and actions regarding geology, land stability, erosion, soils, water quality, flood hazards, wetland plant and animal habitats, and air quality and pollutants, shall be consistent and in compliance with the 1996 Open Space, Conservation, and Recreation Element of the City's General Plan.
- Policy W3.2, Enhancing the Quality of the Natural and Built Environment: The function, design and appearance, and supplementary characteristics of all uses, activities, and facilities should enhance, and should not detract from or damage the quality of, the overall natural and built environment along the waterfront.
- Policy W3.4, Preserving Views and Vistas: Buildings and facilities should respect scenic viewsheds and enhance opportunities for visual access of the waterfront and its activities.
- Policy W4.1, Creating Coordinated and Comprehensive Approaches: Public agencies and jurisdictions involved in waterfront matters should work together in a cooperative and coordinated way and strive for consistency among general planning, strategic planning, and specific planning practices and programs.
- Policy W4.2, Considerations for the OBRA Process: The Oakland Base Reuse Authority (OBRA) process should consider issues affecting West Oakland including: public access and public safety to the waterfront, open space, and amenities; buffering of heavy industrial and transportation uses on residential neighborhoods; and potential job creation and other economic benefits generated as a result of the Army Base re-use (See also the Industry and Commerce Policy Framework section).
- Policy W4.3, Coordinating Permit Process Procedures: The City and Port should ensure that the permit process procedures for waterfront development are coordinated and efficient while providing the public notification and input.

- Policy W4.4, Public Access Plan: The City, Port, and Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) will complete a public access plan for the entire waterfront which will then be adopted by the City, Port and BCDC, as appropriate.
- Policy W5.1, Conserving Land for Airport and Seaport Use: Lands needed for maritime and aviation operations are of local, regional, national, and international importance and should be recognized as a valuable economic resource. The development of these lands to enhance maritime and aviation functions should be encouraged, and uses that would impair functional operation of the airport and seaport should not be permitted.
- Policy W5.2, Defining Seaport and Airport Uses: Pursuant to the Port of Oakland's mission and the 'Trust Provisions' established by the State of California, Port controlled property within the Seaport and Airport areas should be used primarily for purposes that are unique to a modern seaport or airport, require water frontage or access to regional airspace, relate to port operations and expansion, or are dependent on proximity to maritime and/or aviation facilities. Examples of such activities include:
 - Cargo handling; ship and airplane handling/building/repair; commercial fishing, etc.
 - Cargo industry services (e.g., warehousing, distribution, freight forwarding, container storage and repair, etc.)
 - Passenger services (e.g., ferry facilities, shuttle and car rental facilities, reservations and ticketing, flight catering, baggage handling, parking, hotels, etc.)
 - Ancillary and support services (e.g., truck and rail operations and associated services, administration, customs, education/training facilities, etc.)
- Policy W6.1, Maintaining a Competitive Edge: In order to maintain international stature and competitiveness, the Port should continue to develop, expand, or otherwise modernize facilities and/or support infrastructure to enhance its overall efficiency and capabilities to handle increasing amounts of cargo and passengers. Examples include:
 - Outer harbor terminals expansion and modernization
 - Channel deepening as necessary
 - Consolidation of rail services and facilities
 - Air passenger terminals expansion and modernization
 - Expansion of air cargo services and facilities
 - Improvement of BART/Airport access and other public transportation access
 - Continued development of ferry services
 - Expansion of telecommunications and utility networks
- Policy W7.1, Developing Lands In the Vicinity of the Seaport/Airport: Outside the seaport and airport, land should be developed with a variety of uses that benefit from the close proximity to the seaport and airport and that enhance the unique characteristics of the seaport and airport. These lands should be developed with uses which can buffer adjacent neighborhoods from impacts related to such activities.
- Policy W7.2, Encouraging Commercial and Industrial Uses: Other commercial and industrial uses should be encouraged at appropriate locations (Port-owned or not) where they can provide economic opportunity to the community at large.

(2) **Bicycle Master Plan.** The Bicycle Master Plan¹¹⁶ (BMP) is the official policy document addressing the development of facilities and programs to enhance the role of bicycling as a viable transportation choice in Oakland. The BMP is part of the LUTE Element of the General Plan. The BMP defines City policies and recommends actions that would encourage and support bicycle travel improvements.

To develop Oakland as a bicycle-friendly community, the BMP identifies the following goals:

- **Infrastructure:** Develop the physical accommodations, including a network of bikeways and support facilities, to provide for safe and convenient access by bicycle.
- **Education:** Improve the safety of bicyclists and promote bicycling skills through education, encouragement, and community outreach.
- **Coordination:** Provide a policy framework and implementation plan for the routine.
- **Accommodation:** Accommodation of bicyclists in Oakland's projects and programs.

The Bike Master Plan identifies a proposed Bike Path (Class 1) on Maritime Street within the project site. Bicycle Paths (Class 1) provide for bicycle travel on a paved right-of-way that is completely separated from the street. Bicycle paths are often located along waterfronts, creeks, railroad rights-of-way (active or abandoned), or freeways where there are a limited number of cross streets and driveways that create conflict points. They are typically shared with pedestrians and often called mixed-use paths. Bicycle-related issues are addressed in Section 3.16, Transportation/Traffic.

(3) **Open Space, Conservation and Recreation Element.** In the Open Space, Conservation and Recreation (OSCAR) Element,¹¹⁷ policies address the management of open land, natural resources, and parks in Oakland. The OSCAR Element defines 12 distinct planning areas, and sets forth a strategy for each that recommends specific priorities to be considered during decision making. The strategies are not binding, and they are flexible and fluid in nature, intended to change in response as future opportunities or constraints present themselves. The study area is located within two OSCAR planning areas: West Oakland and the Harbor. Relevant or potentially relevant recommended strategies include the following:

- Improve access to the shoreline, including construction of the Bay Trail, with spurs along Maritime Street and 7th Street/Middle Harbor Road.
- Continue street planting efforts and other programs to "green" West Oakland.
- Improve the eastbound Bay Bridge "gateway" to Oakland (that land within the OARB sub-district immediately south of the Bay Bridge touchdown).
- Establish visitor observation areas and promote public awareness of the economic importance of the Oakland shoreline.

(4) **Noise Element.** Adopted in 2005, the City's General Plan Noise Element is required to "analyze and quantify, to the extent practical, current and projected noise levels from the following noise sources: major traffic thoroughfares, passenger and freight railroad operations, commercial and

¹¹⁶ Oakland, City of, 2007. *Bicycle Master Plan*. December.

¹¹⁷ Oakland, City of, 1996. *Open Space, Conservation, and Recreation (OSCAR) Element*.

general aviation operations, industrial plants, and other ground stationary noise sources contributing to the community noise environment.”¹¹⁸ Noise from these sources is depicted on noise contour maps that are used to guide land use decisions to reduce noise impacts, especially on sensitive receptors. According to the Noise Element, sensitive receptors include “residences, schools, churches, hospitals, elderly-care facilities, hotels and libraries, and certain types of passive recreational open space.” The Noise Element also includes a land use-noise compatibility matrix that illustrates the degree of acceptability of exposing various sensitive land uses to noise. Noise is addressed in Section 3.12, Noise, of this Initial Study/Addendum document.

(5) Safety Element. Adopted in November, 2004, the City of Oakland’s Safety Element, Protect Oakland, is intended to “reduce the potential risk of death, injuries, property damage, and economic and social dislocation resulting from large-scale hazards.”¹¹⁹ This Element addresses public safety, geologic hazards, fire hazards, hazardous materials, and flooding hazards. Given the topics that are addressed in the Safety Element, most of its policies generally apply citywide.

The Safety Element includes maps identifying hazards within the City of Oakland. These maps identify some hazards within the project site, including a potential liquefaction area, within a Tsunami run-up zone, and the existence of hazardous materials. Hazards and hazardous materials are address in Section 3.8 of this Initial Study/Addendum document.

(6) The Housing Element. The Housing Element¹²⁰ of the General Plan was adopted by the City Council on December 21, 2010. California law requires that each city and county adopt a housing element that includes: an assessment of housing needs; a statement of the community’s goals, objectives and polices related to housing; and a five-year schedule of actions to implements the goals and objectives of the housing element.

The following goals are identified in the Housing Element:

- *Goal 1:* Provide adequate sites suitable for housing for all income groups.
- *Goal 2:* Promote the development of adequate housing for low- and moderate-income households.
- *Goal 3:* Remove constraints to the availability and affordability of housing for all income groups.
- *Goal 4:* Conserve and improve older housing and neighborhoods.
- *Goal 5:* Preserve affordable rental housing.
- *Goal 6:* Promote equal housing opportunity.
- *Goal 7:* Promote sustainable development and smart growth.
- *Goal 8:* Increase public access to information through technology.

Housing is not proposed as part of the 2012 Project.

¹¹⁸ Oakland, City of, 2005. *General Plan, Noise Element*. June.

¹¹⁹ Oakland, City of, 2004. *General Plan, Safety Element*. November.

¹²⁰ Oakland, City of, 2010. *Housing Element, 2007-2014*. November 17.

(7) **Historic Preservation Element.** The Historic Preservation Element of the General Plan was adopted in 1994 and amended in 1998. The element sets forth a historic preservation strategy that seeks to promote preservation of a wide range of properties and districts in a manner reasonably balanced with other concerns and consistent with other City goals and objectives. The Historic Preservation Element recognizes that Oakland is home to a rich array of significant older properties that set it apart from other California cities, and that preservation and enhancement of these properties could contribute positively to Oakland's economy affordable housing stock, image, and quality of life.

The Historic Element identifies two local landmarks within the 16th/Wood and Maritime sub districts: the Southern Pacific Railroad (SPRR) Station at 16th and Wood streets (also known as the Amtrak Station), and the Southern Pacific mole westerly terminus at the end of 7th Street. Development affecting either of these resources would be subject to policies of the Historic Element. It also identifies the OARB Historic District and former Fleet and Industrial Supply, Oakland (FISCO) site (no longer extant) as Areas of Primary Importance. Historic preservation is evaluated in Section 3.5, Cultural Resources.

(8) **Scenic Highways Element.** The Scenic Highways Element¹²¹ was adopted in 1974. The Scenic Highways Element includes: the identification of significant visual corridors; a discussion of the existing measures that protect the corridors; a survey of the problems which exist as a result of the shortcomings of past planning efforts, inadequate legislation or enforcement; policy statements to corroborate the City's commitment; and an action program to implement proposed improvements. Please see Section 3.1, Aesthetics, for a discussion of scenic highways.

3.10.3.2.2 City of Oakland OARB Redevelopment Area Plan

As discussed in Sections 1.2.2a and Section 2.1 of the Introduction and Project Description, respectively, in 2000 the City adopted and approved the *Oakland Army Base Redevelopment Area Plan*, establishing a 1800-acre redevelopment project area that included the former Oakland Army Base (OARB). The *OARB Redevelopment Area Plan* incorporated the program for the former OARB that was set forth in the *Final Reuse Plan for the OARB*, which comprises the bulk of the area of the 2012 Project.

3.10.3.2.3 City of Oakland Final Reuse Plan for the Oakland Army Base

Prior to the official closure of the OARB in September 1999, the Oakland Army Base Reuse Authority (OBRA) lead a community planning process to guide the future reuse of the OARB that resulted in a *Draft Final Reuse Plan for the Oakland Army Base* (OBRA 1998, amended in 2001 and 2002). The Reuse Plan put forth a "Conceptual Reuse Strategy" that identified a menu of intended land uses for future reuse of the former OARB or "Gateway Development Area" under the concept of what was called the "Flexible Alternative." The preferred menu of land uses focused on light industrial, research and development and flex office. The Conceptual Reuse Strategy and Flexible Alternative were predicated on the notion that actual development with the Gateway Development Area could change over time to reflect the prevalent market conditions and demands, in order to achieve the broader goals and objectives of the *Reuse Plan* and *Redevelopment Plan*.

¹²¹ Oakland, City of, 1974. *Scenic Highways, An Element of the Oakland General Plan*. September.

3.10.3.2.4 City of Oakland Planning Code

The City of Oakland Planning Code (Planning Code) implements the policies of the General Plan and other City plans, policies, and ordinances. The Planning Code divides the City into districts, each of which is assigned different regulations. These regulations direct the construction, nature, and extent of building use at the time of project application completeness. The project site is designated as Industrial General (IG) and Commercial Industrial Mix 1 (CIX-1). Figure 3.10-1 shows the zoning designations for the 2012 Project site. These designations are future described below.

- **IG Zone.** The IG zone is intended to create, preserve and enhance areas of the City that are appropriate for a wide variety of businesses and related commercial and industrial establishments that may have the potential to generate off-site impacts such as noise, light/glare, odor, and traffic. This zone allows heavy industrial and manufacturing uses, transportation facilities, warehousing and distribution, and similar and related supporting uses. This district is applied to areas with good freeway, rail, seaport, and/or airport access
- **CIX-1 Zone.** The CIX-1 zone is intended to create, preserve, and enhance the industrial areas of West Oakland that are appropriate for a wide variety of businesses and related commercial and industrial establishments. This zone is intended to accommodate existing older industries and provide flexibility in order to anticipate new technologies. Large-scale commercial and retail uses will be limited to sites with direct access to the regional transportation system.

3.10.3.2.5 Draft City of Oakland Energy and Climate Action Plan

The purpose of the Oakland Energy and Climate Action Plan¹²² (ECAP) of 2011 is to identify and prioritize actions the City of Oakland can take to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions associated with activities that occur in Oakland. The ECAP recommends GHG reduction actions and establishes a framework for coordinating implementation, as well as monitoring and reporting on progress.

The primary sources of Oakland's GHG emissions are transportation and land use, building energy use, and material consumption and waste. In July 2009, the Oakland City Council approved a preliminary GHG reduction target for the year 2020 of 36 percent below 2005 levels. The ECAP recommends over 150 actions to be implemented over a ten-year period that would enable the City of Oakland to achieve a 36 percent reduction in GHG. Implementation of renewable energy and energy efficiency measures include measures to reduce vehicle miles traveled annually by 20 percent, electricity consumption by 32 percent and natural gas consumption by 14 percent. These measures include the adoption of a green building ordinance for private development (which was completed in October 2010), the use of property-based financing for alternative energy systems, and advancing the use of transit.

A Draft ECAP was adopted in 2011 for the purposes of performing CEQA review, which is currently underway.

¹²² Oakland, City of, 2011. *Draft Energy and Climate Action Plan*. March 1.

3.10.3.2.6 Port of Oakland

A Port Building or Development Permit is issued for alteration of property within the Port Area. In accordance with the City of Oakland Charter, Article VII, the Port of Oakland has land use jurisdiction within the Port Area, which encompasses both Port-owned and privately-owned land and water areas in the seaport, airport, and Oakland Airport Business Park. The Port Building Permit is issued in lieu of the City Planning and Zoning Permit for properties within the Port Area. Development permits approved by the Port must comply with the City of Oakland General Plan. Any development or construction in the Port Area must be approved by the Port prior to start of work, and prior to submittal for a City of Oakland building permit.

3.10.4 EXISTING CONDITIONS

The approximately 360.5-acre project site is dominated by industrial and transportation uses. The project site contains truck parking, cargo container storage, maintenance facilities, rail yards, large warehouses, and vacant land. Table 2-2 in Chapter 2, Project Description, lists the existing tenants and uses on the project site. Figure 2-4 (included in the Project Description) provides an aerial of the project site and generally notes existing land uses.

3.10.5 SIGNIFICANCE CRITERIA AND IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The 2012 Project would have a significant impact on the environment if it would:

- a) Physically divide an established community;
- b) Result in a fundamental conflict between adjacent or nearby land uses;
- c) Fundamentally conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect and actually result in a physical change in the environment; or
- d) Fundamentally conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan.

These criteria are discussed below.

a) Would the project physically divide an established community?

The physical division of an established community typically refers to the construction of a physical feature (such as an interstate highway or railroad tracks) or removal of a means of access (such as a local road or bridge) that would impair mobility within an existing community, or between a community and outlying areas. For instance, the construction of an interstate highway through an existing community may constrain travel from one side of the community to another; similarly, such construction may also impair travel to areas outside of the community.

The location of the 2012 Project is within an existing industrial area, and includes several existing attributes which limit movement across the site, including active rail lines along the eastern border of the site.

The additional rail lines associated with the project would not physically divide a community; internal rail lines currently exist on site, and installation of the proposed lines would not significantly hinder movement within the site. The installation of the rail lines on the eastern border of the property would also not result in a significant impact as the West Grand Avenue overpass and 7th Street underpass currently allow access across the railroad tracks; the increase in the number of rail lines at these locations would not impede vehicle or pedestrian access to the site.

The 2012 Project would also result in the removal of some existing roadways within the project site (e.g., Tulagi Street, Warehouse Road, etc). However, these existing streets are internal roadways that facilitate movement within the project site, not roadways which facilitate movement from outside the site or across the site. As such, removal of these minor internal roadways would be considered a less-than-significant impact.

Furthermore, as part of the project, bike lanes and sidewalks would be provided along many of the major roadways within the project site (Maritime Street and West Burma Road). These improvements would result in improved circulation within and through the project site. For all of these reasons, the 2012 Project would result in a less-than-significant land use impact with regard to physical division of an established community. Proposed bike and pedestrian improvements are shown in Figure 2-5b.

2002 Impact: No Impact

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

b) Would the project result in a fundamental conflict between adjacent or nearby land uses?

As noted in the 2002 EIR, the project site is separated from residential land uses located to the south-east by the elevated I-880 freeway; the closest residential land uses are approximately 750 feet from the project site. Due to its industrial nature and potential for odors, the EBMUD Main Wastewater Treatment Plant (MWWTP), located north of the project site, represents a potential incompatibility with land uses that attract a significant amount of people.

For the 2012 Project, the portion of the project site that would include the greatest people-attracting uses (Research and Development (R&D)) is located on the western portion of the project site and is separated from the MWWTP by the elevated West Grand Avenue as well as intervening development. The portion of the 2012 Project site above Grand Avenue, nearest the EBMUD MWWTP, would include recycling facilities, which would not be anticipated to attract a large number of employees or people visiting the site. In addition, due to their industrial nature, the sensitivity of these uses to potential occasional odor events is low. While odor incidents may occasionally occur, such incidents are not expected to occur with such frequency that odors would result in a fundamental land use incompatibility, and the impact is considered less than significant.

As noted in the 2002 EIR, the project would include the expansion of the rail yard on the site. The new rail yard would be larger and more active than the former Knight rail yard. This new rail yard, an

industrial use, would be separated from incompatible residential uses located in West Oakland to the east and southeast by the elevated I-880 freeway and existing rail uses. The increased expansion of the rail yard associated with the 2012 Project is not expected to result in a fundamental land use incompatibility, and the impact would still be considered less than significant.

The 2002 EIR evaluated a site plan that included significantly more office and R&D development at the project site. These types of the uses are considered “people-attracting” uses, with employees and visitors coming to these locations. In comparison, industrial and warehouse uses are not considered a “people-attracting” use – the number of employees generated by these types of uses would be fewer than an office or R&D use.

The 2012 Project would result in significantly less office development and more warehouse development than evaluated in the 2002 EIR. Because of this change in the mix of land uses proposed at the project site, the potential for land use conflicts (between office/R&D and industrial/warehouse) would be reduced. R&D would potentially be located within two buildings on the project site and would be over 2,500 feet from the closest industrial/warehouse structure. As such, Impact 4.2-1 (dissimilar land uses located near each other) identified in the 2002 EIR would be reduced to a less-than-significant level, and Mitigation Measures 4.2-1, 4.2-2, and 4.2-3 would no longer be applicable.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measures 4.2-1 through 4.2-3. *[Note: These mitigation measures are not applicable to the 2012 Project.]*

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

c) Would the project fundamentally conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect and actually result in a physical change in the environment.

Policy conflicts, in and of themselves and in the absence of adverse physical impacts, are not considered to have significant effects on the environment and are differentiated from impacts identified in the other topical sections of this chapter. Physical impacts associated with policy conflicts are addressed in the appropriate technical sections (e.g., noise, traffic). Other local, regional or State plans and policies, such as those relating to air quality or water quality, are discussed in those sections of this IS/Addendum.

The 2002 EIR identified the following policy inconsistencies:

Impact 4.1-1: Fill to create fastland for New Berth 21 plus a nominal portion of the adjacent Gateway development area, and potential minor fill for Gateway Park shoreline stabilization may conflict with Bay Plan objectives and policies.

Impact 4.1-2: Proposed land uses in a portion of the 16th/Wood sub-district would be fundamentally inconsistent with Seaport and Bay plan Port Priority Use designations.

Impact 4.1-3: Loss of all structures contributing to a historic district, and loss of the district itself may conflict with Oakland General Plan Historic Preservation Element goals and policies.

Impact 4.1-1 would not be applicable as the 2012 Project does not include creating a fastland for Berth 21. Additionally, Impact 4.1-2 applies to the 16th/Wood sub-district, which is not included in the 2012 Project site.

Impact 4.1-3 would still apply to the project site. As noted in the 2002 EIR, the 2012 Project would result in a significant and unavoidable cultural resources impact related to the loss of all structures contributing to a historic district.

Consistency with the intent of key plans and policies is discussed below:

- **San Francisco Bay Plan:** Redevelopment of the Gateway and Port development areas of the OARB as proposed by the 2012 Project would be consistent with the intent of Bay Plan policies regarding water-related industry, ports, and public access.
- **San Francisco Bay Area Seaport Plan:** Redevelopment of the Port development area as proposed by the 2012 Project would be consistent with the intent of Seaport Plan policies regarding cargo forecasts, Port priority Use areas, and specific policies designated for the Port of Oakland.
- **San Francisco Bay Trail Plan:** Redevelopment of the project site as proposed by the 2012 Project would be consistent with the intent of Bay Trail Plan policies regarding trail alignment and transportation access.
- **State Lands Commission (SLC) Tidelands Trust Exchange Agreement:** As shown in Figure 2-5b, the project proposes permanent vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian access within OARB Sub-district Gateway Development Area and to the adjoining future Gateway Regional Park to the west of the project area. Per letter dated May 18, 2012, the SLC has approved that the 2012 Project satisfies the requirement stipulated by the Exchange Agreement (This letter is included in Appendix D.)
- **Long Term Management Strategy (LTMS) Program:** No dredging would be required for the continued operation of the wharf, beyond the occasional maintenance that already occurs. The 2012 Project would conform to the LTMS Program.
- **City of Oakland General Plan:**
 - Land Use and Transportation Element (LUTE). The 2012 Project would be consistent with the objectives and associated policies of the LUTE regarding the following: expansion and retention of the Oakland job base and economic strength; provision of adequate infrastructure; reduction of truck effects on local neighborhoods; encouragement of waterfront access; creation of a high-quality natural and built waterfront environment; promotion of the Port of Oakland; provision of commercial areas; and reduction or elimination of hazardous wastes. Although the proposed project is not expected to require new hazardous waste storage, treatment, or disposal facilities in the area, any such facilities shall comply with applicable requirements.

Nine billboards are proposed as part of the 2012 Project. LUTE Policy I/C4.3, which encourages but does not require billboard removal in commercial and residential zones, does not apply here because the project site is located in industrial zones. Moreover, the City has a billboard amortization program which has removed in excess of 148 billboards over the past 12 years. The amortization program is ongoing and is anticipated to remove more billboards in the future. In addition, about 70 billboards have been removed through billboard relocation agreements over the same time period.

- Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plans. The 2012 Project would be consistent with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plans, as it proposes to enhance bicyclist and pedestrian safety by providing designated bicycle facilities and sidewalks (where none currently exist) on Maritime Street and Burma Road, as discussed in detail in Section 3.16 Transportation/Traffic.
- Open Space, Conservation and Recreation Element (OSCAR). The 2012 Project would be consistent with objectives and associated policies of the OSCAR regarding the improving physical and visual access to the shoreline, including the Bay Trail and protecting and promoting the beneficial use of nearshore waters, as discussed further in Sections 3.1 Aesthetics, 3.15 Recreation, and 3.16 Transportation and Traffic.
- Noise Element. As noted in the noise analysis provided in Section 3.12 Noise, the increased noise resulting from the 2012 Project (traffic related, construction and operational) would result in a less-than-significant impact and mitigation is not warranted. Moreover, consistent with the City's Noise Ordinance and the Oakland Noise Element, the relevant SCA that would be required would further ensure that any potential impacts would be reduced to a less-than-significant level.
- Safety Element. The 2012 Project would not conflict with any of the above Safety Element policies. The project's specific effects regarding subjecting people and property to hazardous conditions are addressed in Sections 3.8 Hazards and Hazardous Materials and 3.9 Hydrology and Water Quality), all of which are less than significant or reduced to a less-than-significant level after implementation of mitigation measures or SCA.
- Historic Preservation Element (HPE). The policies from the Historic Preservation Element generally encourage, but do not mandate, the preservation of Oakland's historic resources, within the context of and consistent with other General Plan goals, objectives, and policies. There was one impact found to be potentially significant. Despite the imposition of a number of mitigation measures and SCA, it was still found to be significant and unavoidable, as it was for the project evaluated in the 2002 EIR. A more detailed discussion can be found in Section 3.5 Cultural Resources.
- Scenic Highways Element. The 2012 Project site is located within the MacArthur Freeway Scenic Corridor. As concluded in the 2002 EIR, development of the 2012 Project would eliminate visual evidence of a specific period in the history of West Oakland military transportation, and this impact would be considered significant and unavoidable. The 2012 Project would not result in any new or more significant impacts related to scenic resources than were described in the 2002 EIR, as discussed in detail in Section 3.1 Aesthetics.

Scenic Highways Element Policies 1-4: a) discourage new billboards or other obstructions within Scenic Corridors; b) provide that interesting views should not be "obliterated"; and c) new construction within the Scenic Corridor should have architectural merit and be harmonious with the surrounding landscape. None of these policies are fundamental, mandatory

policies, but are directive in nature; and, as such, must be balanced against other policies that may compete with them (such as economic development and reuse of former military bases). Although views will be somewhat obscured, no interesting views will be obliterated. Moreover, the surrounding area is mostly devoid of any landscaping and is industrial in nature. The billboards will be constructed of quality materials and will have architectural merit. As such, the proposed billboards do not fundamentally conflict with the General Plan.

- **City of Oakland OARB Redevelopment Plan and Final Reuse Plan for the Oakland Army Base.** The *OARB Redevelopment Plan* incorporated the program for the former Army Base set forth in the *Final Reuse Plan for the OARB*. While there are some differences between the 2012 Project and what was proposed for the same geographic location in the 2002 Project, as noted in Section 1.0 Introduction and Section 2.0 Project Description, the proposed uses would be consistent with the Conceptual Reuse Strategy and Flexible Alternative set forth in the *Final Reuse Plan*. As noted above, the intent of the Flexible Alternative was to establish a broad envelope of probable land uses/market activities that could change over time in order to reflect market and economic conditions.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

d) Would the project fundamentally conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?

The project site is not currently subject to any adopted habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan. There is no adopted City of Oakland habitat conservation plan.

2002 Impact: The 2002 EIR did not address this impact.

2012 Impact: No Impact

2002 Mitigation: The 2002 EIR did not address this impact.

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

Significance After Implementation: No Impact

3.10.6 CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

As described in this section, the 2012 Project would not result in significant land use impacts by potentially physically dividing an established community, or conflicting with surrounding land uses or a Habitat Conservation Plan. The 2012 Project is consistent with the City's General Plan Land Use designation for the site. The 2012 Project, in addition to any other proposed project included in the cumulative development, would not contribute to a significant cumulative land use impact.

3.10.7 CONCLUSIONS

Construction of the 2012 Project would result in a reduction in the amount of R&D/office development, which would reduce the land use conflict identified in the 2002 EIR. While General Plan policy generally encourages billboard removal in commercial and residential zones, installation of the billboards proposed as part of the 2012 Project would not conflict with the General Plan. In adopting the 2002 Base Plan, the City Council acknowledged the significant and unavoidable historical resource impact and where it was inconsistent with the General Plan, but nevertheless, adopted a Statement of Overriding Consideration. A policy conflict relating to loss of structures in a historic district would still apply to the 2012 Project; however, as noted above, the Planning Commission and City Council, in deciding whether to approve a proposed project, must decide whether, on balance, the project is consistent (i.e., in general harmony) with the General Plan. The fact that a specific project does not meet all General Plan goals, policies and objectives does not inherently result in a significant effect on the environment within the context of CEQA. The 2012 Project would not result in any new land use impacts not previously identified in the 2002 EIR.

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3.11 MINERAL RESOURCES

This section evaluates potential mineral resources impacts of the 2012 Project. Mineral resources were not addressed in the 2002 EIR and are addressed herein. This section also identifies the applicable provisions of the City's Standard Conditions of Approval and whether or not mitigation measures are required.

3.11.1 PRIOR ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS

The 2002 EIR did not address mineral resources.

3.11.2 STANDARD CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

There are no Standard Conditions of Approval relating to mineral resources that apply to this project.

3.11.3 UPDATED REGULATORY SETTING

As the 2002 EIR did not address mineral resources, there is no update to the regulatory setting. The State Mining and Geology Board identifies mineral resources of statewide importance and the City of Oakland General Plan identifies mineral resources of City or regional importance.^{123,124}

3.11.4 EXISTING CONDITIONS

The project site is located in an urban industrial setting. There are no areas of mineral mining located within or in the vicinity of the project site.

3.11.5 SIGNIFICANCE CRITERIA AND IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The 2012 Project would have a significant impact on the environment if it would:

- a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the State; or
- b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan.

These criteria are discussed below.

- a) **Would the project result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the State?**

The State Mining and Geology Board has not classified the project area as containing mineral deposits which are of statewide significance. Implementation of the 2012 Project would not result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource.

¹²³ California Department of Conservation, 2012. State Mining and Geology Board (SMGB). *Statutes and Regulations*. Website: www.conservation.ca.gov/smg/Regulations/Pages/regulations.aspx (accessed March 29).

¹²⁴ Oakland, City of, 1994. *City of Oakland General Plan: Open Space, Conservation, and Recreation (OSCAR) Element*. June.

2002 Impact: Mineral Resources Not Addressed in 2002 EIR

2012 Impact: No Impact

2002 Mitigation: Mineral Resources Not Addressed in 2002 EIR

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

Significance After Implementation: No Impact

b) Would the project result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?

The project site is not delineated as containing a locally-important mineral resource in any land use plan.

2002 Impact: Mineral Resources Not Addressed in 2002 EIR

2012 Impact: No Impact

2002 Mitigation: Mineral Resources Not Addressed in 2002 EIR

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

Significance After Implementation: No Impact

3.11.6 CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

The State Mining and Geology Board has designated the Leona Rhyolite deposits between Claremont Canyon and the San Leandro border as a Regionally Significant Resource. There are no active quarries in the City of Oakland. The State Mining and Geology Board has not classified any other area in Oakland as containing mineral deposits which are of statewide significance. Implementation of the 2012 Project would not result in any impacts to mineral resources; nor would the 2012 Project contribute to any cumulative mineral resources impact in the region.

3.11.7 CONCLUSIONS

As discussed above, there would be no impact to mineral resources and no mitigation measures are required. There are no changes in the project, change in circumstances, or new information that would result in new significant environmental effects on mineral resources, or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified significant environmental effect on mineral resources.

3.11.8 REFERENCES

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3.12 NOISE

This section evaluates the potential noise impacts of the 2012 Project. This analysis specifically considers whether the 2012 Project would result in new significant noise impacts not identified in the 2002 EIR or a substantial increase in the severity of the previously identified significant impacts. This section also discusses any pertinent new information or changes in circumstances that could result in new significant noise impacts not identified in the 2002 EIR or a substantial increase in the severity of the previously identified significant impacts. Previously imposed mitigation measures from the 2002 EIR are identified and, where appropriate, are clarified, refined, revised, or deleted. This section also identifies the applicable provisions of the City's Standard Conditions of Approval and whether or not new mitigation measures are required.

3.12.1 PRIOR ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS

3.12.1.1 2002 EIR Impact Findings

The 2002 EIR concluded a potentially significant impact related construction-related noise levels, which could be reduced to a less-than-significant level:

Impact 4.5-1: Construction could result in short-term noise levels in excess of established standards, or that violate the City of Oakland Noise Ordinance at and near the redevelopment project area, and along construction haul routes.

The 2002 EIR concluded that the 2002 Project would have a less-than-significant impact on operational ambient noise levels:

Impact 4.5-2: Operation of redevelopment facilities could result in a long-term increase in ambient noise levels.

3.12.1.2 2002 EIR Mitigation Measures

For the potentially significant impact related to short-term noise levels during construction and remediation activities on the project site, the 2002 EIR identified the following mitigation measure to reduce the impact to a less-than-significant level:

Mitigation Measure 4.5-1: Developers and/or contractors shall develop and implement redevelopment-specific noise reduction plans.

3.12.2 STANDARD CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Since publication of the 2002 EIR, the City of Oakland has adopted Standard Conditions of Approval (SCA) that are applicable to all development projects within the City regardless of a project's environmental determination, pursuant in part to *CEQA Guidelines* Section 15183. The City's SCA serve to avoid or substantially reduce potentially significant impacts. The City's SCA that would apply to the 2012 Project are listed below. If the City approves the 2012 Project, the SCA would be adopted as requirements of the 2012 Project to help ensure less-than-significant impacts. Generally, the SCA are more current, more detailed, and provide greater clarity regarding process and procedures than previously imposed mitigation measures; the SCA will not increase significant adverse effects, but rather will further reduce adverse impacts. The SCA would be incorporated and required as part of the 2012

Project and, therefore, are not listed as mitigation measures but will be included in the Standard Conditions of Approval and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (SCA/MMRP) for the 2012 Project. In cases of conflict or overlap between mitigation measures from the 2002 Redevelopment EIR and current City SCA, the more stringent requirements would apply.

SCA NOI-1: Days/Hours of Construction Operation¹²⁵

Ongoing throughout demolition, grading, and/or construction

The project applicant shall require construction contractors to limit standard construction activities as follows:

- a) Construction activities are limited to between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, except that barging and unloading of soil shall be allowed 24 hours per day, 7 days per week for about 15 months.
- b) Any construction activity proposed to occur outside of the standard hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday for special activities (such as concrete pouring which may require more continuous amounts of time) shall be evaluated on a case by case basis, with criteria including the proximity of residential uses and a consideration of resident's preferences for whether the activity is acceptable if the overall duration of construction is shortened and such construction activities shall only be allowed with the prior written authorization of the Building Services Division. The project applicant shall also submit an air quality report prepared by a qualified professional evaluating the air quality impacts of the special activities, if the duration of each activity exceeds 6 months.
- c) No construction activity shall take place on Sundays or Federal holidays, except as noted above.
- d) Construction activities include but are not limited to: truck idling, moving equipment (including trucks, elevators, etc) or materials, deliveries, and construction meetings held on-site in a non-enclosed area.
- e) Applicant shall use temporary power poles instead of generators where feasible.

SCA NOI-2: Noise Control

Ongoing throughout demolition, grading, and/or construction

To reduce noise impacts due to construction, the project applicant shall require construction contractors to implement a site-specific noise reduction program, subject to the Planning and Zoning Division and the Building Services Division review and approval, which includes the following measures:

- a) Equipment and trucks used for project construction shall utilize the best available noise control techniques (e.g., improved mufflers, equipment redesign, use of intake silencers, ducts, engine enclosures and acoustically-attenuating shields or shrouds, wherever feasible).
- b) Except as provided herein, Impact tools (e.g., jack hammers, pavement breakers, and rock drills) used for project construction shall be hydraulically or electrically powered to avoid noise associated with compressed air exhaust from pneumatically powered tools. However, where use of pneumatic tools is unavoidable, an exhaust muffler on the compressed air exhaust shall be used; this muffler can lower noise levels from the exhaust by up to about 10 dBA. External jackets on the tools themselves shall be used, if such jackets are commercially available and this could achieve a reduction of 5 dBA. Quieter procedures shall be used, such as drills rather than impact equipment, whenever such procedures are available and consistent with construction procedures.

¹²⁵ Typically, only limited construction activities are permitted on Saturdays; however, given the location of the project, the distance from the project construction areas to the nearest residential land uses, and the existing noise environment in the project vicinity, Saturday construction as well as use of barges at all times for a 15-month construction period, is appropriate.

- c) Stationary noise sources shall be located as far from adjacent receptors as possible, and they shall be muffled and enclosed within temporary sheds, incorporate insulation barriers, or use other measures as determined by the City to provide equivalent noise reduction.
- d) The noisiest phases of construction shall be limited to less than 10 days at a time. Exceptions may be allowed if the City determines an extension is necessary and all available noise reduction controls are implemented.

SCA NOI-3: Noise Complaint Procedures

Ongoing throughout demolition, grading, and/or construction

Prior to the issuance of each building permit, along with the submission of construction documents, the project applicant shall submit to the Building Services Division a list of measures to respond to and track complaints pertaining to construction noise. These measures shall include:

- a) A procedure and phone numbers for notifying the Building Services Division staff and Oakland Police Department; (during regular construction hours and off-hours);
- b) A sign posted on-site pertaining with permitted construction days and hours and complaint procedures and who to notify in the event of a problem. The sign shall also include a listing of both the City and construction contractor's telephone numbers (during regular construction hours and off-hours);
- c) The designation of an on-site construction complaint and enforcement manager for the project;
- d) Notification of neighbors and occupants within 300 feet of the project construction area at least 30 days in advance of extreme noise generating activities about the estimated duration of the activity; and
- e) A preconstruction meeting shall be held with the job inspectors and the general contractor/on-site project manager to confirm that noise measures and practices (including construction hours, neighborhood notification, posted signs, etc.) are completed.

SCA NOI-4: Interior Noise

Prior to issuance of a building permit and Certificate of Occupancy

If necessary to comply with the interior noise requirements of the City of Oakland's General Plan Noise Element and achieve an acceptable interior noise level, noise reduction in the form of sound-rated assemblies (i.e., windows, exterior doors, and walls), and/or other appropriate features/measures, shall be incorporated into project building design, based upon recommendations of a qualified acoustical engineer and submitted to the Building Services Division for review and approval prior to issuance of building permit. Final recommendations for sound-rated assemblies, and/or other appropriate features/measures, will depend on the specific building designs and layout of buildings on the site and shall be determined during the design phases. Written confirmation by the acoustical consultant, HVAC or HERS specialist, shall be submitted for City review and approval, prior to Certificate of Occupancy (or equivalent) that:

- a) Quality control was exercised during construction to ensure all air-gaps and penetrations of the building shell are controlled and sealed; and
- b) Demonstrates compliance with interior noise standards based upon performance testing of a sample unit.
- c) Inclusion of a Statement of Disclosure Notice in the CC&R's on the lease or title to all new tenants or owners of the units acknowledging the noise generating activity and the single event noise occurrences. Potential features/measures to reduce interior noise could include, but are not limited to, the following:

- i) Installation of an alternative form of ventilation in all units identified in the acoustical analysis as not being able to meet the interior noise requirements due to adjacency to a noise generating activity, filtration of ambient make-up air in each unit and analysis of ventilation noise if ventilation is included in the recommendations by the acoustical analysis.
- ii) Prohibition of Z-duct construction.

SCA NOI-5: Operational Noise-General

Ongoing

Noise levels from the activity, property, or any mechanical equipment on site shall comply with the performance standards of Section 17.120 of the Oakland Planning Code and Section 8.18 of the Oakland Municipal Code. If noise levels exceed these standards, the activity causing the noise shall be abated until appropriate noise reduction measures have been installed and compliance verified by the Planning and Zoning Division and Building Services.

SCA NOI-6: Pile Driving and Other Extreme Noise Generators

Ongoing throughout demolition, grading, and/or construction

To further reduce potential pier drilling, pile driving and/or other extreme noise generating construction impacts greater than 90dBA, a set of site-specific noise attenuation measures shall be completed under the supervision of a qualified acoustical consultant. Prior to commencing construction, a plan for such measures shall be submitted for review and approval by the Planning and Zoning Division and the Building Services Division to ensure that maximum feasible noise attenuation will be achieved. This plan shall be based on the final design of the project. A third-party peer review, paid for by the project applicant, may be required to assist the City in evaluating the feasibility and effectiveness of the noise reduction plan submitted by the project applicant. The criterion for approving the plan shall be a determination that maximum feasible noise attenuation will be achieved. A special inspection deposit is required to ensure compliance with the noise reduction plan. The amount of the deposit shall be determined by the Building Official, and the deposit shall be submitted by the project applicant concurrent with submittal of the noise reduction plan. The noise reduction plan shall include, but not be limited to, an evaluation of implementing the following measures. These attenuation measures shall include as many of the following control strategies as applicable to the site and construction activity:

- a) Erect temporary plywood noise barriers around the construction site, particularly along on sites adjacent to residential buildings;
- b) Implement “quiet” pile driving technology (such as pre-drilling of piles, the use of more than one pile driver to shorten the total pile driving duration), where feasible, in consideration of geotechnical and structural requirements and conditions;
- c) Utilize noise control blankets on the building structure as the building is erected to reduce noise emission from the site;
- d) Evaluate the feasibility of noise control at the receivers by temporarily improving the noise reduction capability of adjacent buildings by the use of sound blankets for example and implement such measure if such measures are feasible and would noticeably reduce noise impacts; and
- e) Monitor the effectiveness of noise attenuation measures by taking noise measurements.

3.12.3 UPDATED REGULATORY SETTING

Since adoption of the 2002 EIR, The City of Oakland has updated both the Noise Element of the General Plan¹²⁶ and the Noise Ordinances of the Municipal Code.¹²⁷ The 2012 Project must comply with current regulations; a summary of updated regulations is presented below.

Locally, the City of Oakland addresses noise in the City's General Plan Noise Element, the Municipal Code Noise Ordinances, and in the Standard Conditions of Approval.

City of Oakland's General Plan Noise Element. The City of Oakland adopted a revised Noise Element in June of 2005.

The City has also established normally acceptable exterior noise thresholds for new residential and new commercial land use development of 60 dBA L_{dn} and 65 dBA L_{dn} respectively. As shown in Table 3.12-1, for proposed industrial uses, noise levels exceeding 70 dBA L_{dn} but less than 80 dBA L_{dn} are considered conditionally acceptable; while noise levels exceeding 80 dBA L_{dn} are considered normally unacceptable for new industrial land uses.

The following are the noise policies and action steps of the Noise Element and other elements of the General Plan that are applicable to the proposed project.

- **Policy 1:** Ensure the compatibility of existing and, especially, of proposed development projects not only with neighboring land uses but also with their surrounding noise environment.
 - **Action 1.1:** Use the noise-land use compatibility matrix (Figure 6 of the Noise Element [Table 3.12-1 following]) in conjunction with the noise contour maps (especially for roadway traffic) to evaluate the acceptability of residential and other proposed land uses and also the need for any mitigation or abatement measures to achieve the desired degree of acceptability.
 - **Action 1.2:** Continue using the City's zoning regulations and permit processes to limit the hours of operation of noise-producing activities which create conflicts with residential uses and to attach noise-abatement requirements to such activities.
- **Policy 2:** Protect the noise environment by controlling the generation of noise by both stationary and mobile noise sources.
- **Policy 3:** Reduce the community's exposure to noise by minimizing the noise levels that are *received* by Oakland residents and others in the City. (This policy addresses the *reception* of noise whereas Policy 2 addresses the *generation* of noise.)
 - **Action 3.1:** Continue to use the building-permit application process to enforce the California Noise Insulation Standards regulating the maximum allowable interior noise level in new multi-unit buildings.

¹²⁶ Oakland, City of, 2005. *City of Oakland General Plan*. June.

¹²⁷ Oakland, City of, 2008. *Oakland Municipal Code*. Section 17.120 and Section 8.18.

Table 3.12-1: Noise Land Use Compatibility Matrix

Land Use Category	Community Noise Exposure in Decibels (Ldn or CNEL, dB)					
	55	60	65	70	75	80
Residential	Normally Acceptable	Normally Acceptable	Normally Unacceptable	Normally Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable
Transient Lodging – Motels, Hotels	Normally Acceptable	Normally Acceptable	Normally Unacceptable	Normally Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable
Schools, Libraries, Churches, Hospitals, Nursing Homes	Normally Acceptable	Normally Acceptable	Normally Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable
Auditoriums, Concert Halls, Amphitheaters	Normally Unacceptable	Normally Unacceptable	Normally Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable
Sports Arena, Outdoor Spectator Sports	Normally Unacceptable	Normally Unacceptable	Normally Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable
Playgrounds, Neighborhood Parks	Normally Acceptable	Normally Acceptable	Normally Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable
Golf Courses, Riding Stables, Water Recreation, Cemeteries	Normally Acceptable	Normally Acceptable	Normally Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable
Office Buildings, Business Commercial and Professional	Normally Acceptable	Normally Acceptable	Normally Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable
Industrial, Manufacturing, Utilities, Agriculture	Normally Acceptable	Normally Acceptable	Normally Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable

 **NORMALLY ACCEPTABLE**
Development may occur without an analysis of potential noise impacts *to the proposed development* (though it might still be necessary to analyze noise impacts that the project might have *on its surroundings*).

 **CONDITIONALLY ACCEPTABLE**
Development should be undertaken only after an analysis of noise-reduction requirements is conducted, and if necessary noise-mitigating features are included in the design. Conventional construction will usually suffice as long as it incorporates air conditioning or forced-air-supply systems, though it will likely require that project occupants maintain their windows closed.

 **NORMALLY UNACCEPTABLE**
Development should generally be discouraged; it may be undertaken only if a detailed analysis of the noise-reduction requirements is conducted, and if highly effective noise insulation, mitigation or abatement features are included in the design.

 **CLEARLY UNACCEPTABLE**
Development should not be undertaken.

Source: Oakland, City of, 2005. *City of Oakland General Plan, Noise Element, Figure 6.* June.

- Action 3.2: Review the City’s noise performance standards and revise them as appropriate to be consistent with City Council policy.
- Action 3.3: Demand that Caltrans implement sound barriers, building retrofit programs and other measures to mitigate to the maximum extent feasible noise impacts on residential and other sensitive land uses from any new, widened or upgraded roadways; any new sound barrier must conform with City policies and standards regarding visual and aesthetic resources and quality.
- Policy I/C4.2: Minimizing nuisances. The potential for new or existing industrial or commercial uses, including seaport and airport activities, to create nuisance impacts on surrounding residential land uses should be minimized through appropriate siting and efficient implementation and enforcement of environmental and development controls.

City of Oakland Municipal Code Noise Ordinances. The noise ordinances of the City’s Municipal Code,¹²⁸ updated in 2008, also regulate the maximum allowable daytime average receiving noise level for construction activity. These noise level thresholds are shown in Table 3.12-2 and are distinguished in terms of the duration of the exposure (i.e., less/more than 10 days).

Municipal Code 17.120.060 outlines the City of Oakland’s performance standards with regard to residential development exposed to groundborne vibration. The code restricts all activities outside of the M-40 and M-30 zones from creating a vibration that would be perceptible without instruments by the average person at or beyond any lot line of the lot containing such activities. Groundborne vibration caused by motor vehicles, trains, and temporary construction or demolition work is exempt from this standard.

The City’s maximum allowable operational noise level standards for residential and commercial land uses in terms of percentile exceedance are shown in Table 3.12-3.

3.12.4 EXISTING CONDITIONS

3.12.4.1 Location

The Oakland Army Base site is located in western Oakland, partially along the eastern shoreline of San Francisco Bay. This is the westernmost portion of West Oakland. The project area is located approximately two miles west of the central business district. The project area is bounded by the following:

- To the north is Interstate 80 (I-80), and the Bay Bridge touchdown and Bay Bridge Toll Plaza; beyond is the Bay.

Table 3.12-2: City of Oakland Construction Noise Standards at Receiving Property Line, dBA¹

Receiving Land Use	Maximum Allowable Noise Level (dBA)	
	Daily 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Weekends 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Less than 10 days^a		
Residential	80	65
Commercial, Industrial	85	70
More than 10 days^b		
Residential	65	55
Commercial, Industrial	70	60

¹ If the ambient noise level exceeds these standards, the standard shall be adjusted to equal the ambient noise level.

Source: City of Oakland.

¹²⁸ Oakland, City of, 2011. *Oakland Municipal Code*. Section 17.120 and Section 8.18. November 15.

- To the northeast is the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) Main Wastewater Treatment Plant (MWWTP), a large, region-serving industrial sewage treatment facility. Beyond the MWWTP are those portions of Interstates 80, 580 and 880 known as the “MacArthur maze”, and farther beyond is the City of Emeryville. To the east and southeast is the Union Pacific railyard.
- To the southwest is the Port’s Joint Intermodal Rail Terminal and farther beyond are Port marine terminals, Middle Harbor Shoreline Park, and the Oakland Estuary. Beyond the estuary is the former Naval Air Station Alameda in the City of Alameda, another closed military installation, which is now named Alameda Point.
- To the west is the Port of Oakland’s Berths 20-26 marine terminal and the site of the proposed New Berth 21 marine terminal.

Table 3.12-3: City of Oakland Operational Noise Standards at Receiving Property Line, dBA¹

Receiving Land Use	Cumulative No. of Minutes in a 1-Hr Period ²	Maximum Allowable Noise Level (dBA)	
		Daytime 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.	Nighttime 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
Residential and Civic ³	20 (L ₃₃)	60	45
	10 (L _{16.7})	65	50
	5 (L _{8.3})	70	55
	1 (L _{1.7})	75	60
	0 (L _{max})	80	65
Anytime			
Commercial	20 (L ₃₃)	65	
	10 (L _{16.7})	70	
	5 (L _{8.3})	75	
	1 (L _{1.7})	80	
	0 (L _{max})	85	
Manufacturing, Mining, and Quarrying	20 (L ₃₃)	70	
	10 (L _{16.7})	75	
	5 (L _{8.3})	80	
	1 (L _{1.7})	85	
	0 (L _{max})	90	

¹ These standards are reduced 5 dBA for simple tone noise, noise consisting primarily of speech or music, or recurring impact noise. If the ambient noise level exceeds these standards, the standard shall be adjusted to equal the ambient noise level.

² L_x represents the noise level that is exceeded X percent of a given period. L_{max} is the maximum instantaneous noise level.

³ Legal residence, schools and childcare facilities, health care or nursing home, public open space, or similarly sensitive land uses.

Source: City of Oakland.

The area around the Oakland Army Base Redevelopment Area is urbanized and generally industrial with some vacant or underdeveloped parcels. The closest off-site noise sensitive land uses are the residential and church land uses located on Pine Street and Goss Street east of the project site. These land uses are located approximately 750 feet from the nearest project boundary line (the southeast corner of the project area). Other nearby noise sensitive receptors to the project site include the multi-family residential land uses located in the southeast quadrant of Frontage Road and 14th Street, with the nearest façade located approximately 800 feet from the project’s eastern border. All of these noise sensitive land uses are located east of the intervening structures of Interstate 880 (I-880) and the existing sound barriers that are located along this portion of I-880.

The nearest airports to the project site are the Oakland International Airport and the San Francisco International Airport. These airports are located approximately 6.8 miles southeast and 15.3 miles southwest of the project site, respectively. As was noted in the 2002 EIR, while the project area is located within the General Referral Area of the ALUPP of the Oakland International Airport, it is not located within a Noise or Safety Referral Zone. The proposed project site is not located within the vicinity of a private airstrip.

3.12.4.2 Existing Noise Environment

The dominant noise sources on the project site are traffic, port operations, railroad, and BART noise sources. As documented in the 2002 EIR, the hourly daytime and evening noise levels on the project site ranged from 62 dBA to 68 dBA L_{eq}; nighttime hourly noise levels ranged from 49 dBA to 68

dBa L_{eq} . The 24-hour weighted average noise levels that were documented on the project site ranged from approximately 64 dBA to 68 dBA L_{dn} . The City's noise contours in the Noise Element of the General Plan show that traffic noise levels along I-880 adjacent to the project site ranges up to 80 dBA L_{dn} as measured at 150 feet from the roadway centerline. The noise contours for UPRR and BART rail lines is shown to attenuate to 70 dBA L_{dn} at 280 feet from the centerline of the tracks.

3.12.5 SIGNIFICANCE CRITERIA AND IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The 2012 Project would have a significant impact on the environment if it would:

- a) Generate noise in violation of the City of Oakland Noise Ordinance (Oakland Planning Code section 17.120.050) regarding construction noise, except if an acoustical analysis is performed that identifies recommend measures to reduce potential impacts:¹²⁹

During the hours of 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. on weekdays and 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. on weekends and federal holidays, noise levels received by any land use from construction or demolition shall not exceed the applicable nighttime operational noise level standard (shown in Table 3.12-3);
- b) Generate noise in violation of the City of Oakland nuisance standards (Oakland Municipal Code section 8.18.020) regarding persistent construction-related noise;
- c) Generate noise in violation of the City of Oakland Noise Ordinance (Oakland Planning Code section 17.120.050) regarding operational noise;
- d) Generate noise resulting in a 5 dBA permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project; or, if under a cumulative scenario where the cumulative increase results in a 5 dBA permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity without the project (i.e., the cumulative condition including the project compared to the existing conditions) and a 3 dBA¹³⁰ permanent increase is attributable to the project (i.e., the cumulative condition including the project compared to the cumulative baseline condition without the project);
- e) Expose persons to interior L_{dn} or CNEL greater than 45 dBA for multi-family dwellings, hotels, motels, dormitories and long-term care facilities (and may be extended by local legislative action to include single-family dwelling) per California Noise Insulation Standards (CCR Part 2, Title 24);
- f) Expose the project to a community noise in conflict with the land use compatibility guidelines of the Oakland General Plan after incorporation of all applicable Standard Conditions of Approval;
- g) Expose persons to or generate noise levels in excess of applicable standards established by a regulatory agency (e.g., occupational noise standards of the Occupation Health and Safety Administration (OSHA));
- h) Expose persons to or generate groundborne vibration that exceeds the criteria established by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) during either project construction or project operation;

¹²⁹ The acoustical analysis must identify at a minimum a) the types of construction equipment expected to be used and the noise levels typically associated with the construction equipment and b) the surrounding land uses including any sensitive land uses (e.g., schools and childcare facilities, health care and nursing homes, public open space). If sensitive land uses are present, the acoustical analysis must recommend measures to reduce potential impacts.

¹³⁰ Outside of a laboratory, a 3 dBA change is considered a just-perceivable difference. Therefore, a 3 dBA was used to determine if the project-related noise increases would be cumulative considerable.

- i) Be located within an airport land use plan and would expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels; or
- j) Be located within the vicinity of a private airstrip, and would expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels.

These criteria are discussed below.

a) Would the project generate noise in violation of the City of Oakland Noise Ordinance (Oakland Planning Code section 17.120.050) regarding construction noise, except if an acoustical analysis is performed that identifies recommend measures to reduce potential impacts?

The 2002 EIR concluded that noise levels would increase within the redevelopment project area and adjacent areas from operation of construction equipment. However, the 2002 EIR determined that construction noise impacts could not be fully quantified because details of redevelopment construction (such as equipment to be used, its proximity to receptors, etc.) were not fully defined. Because occurrence of this impact relied on details of construction not completely defined, the impact was considered potentially significant. The 2002 EIR concluded that, with implementation of Mitigation Measure 4.5-1, the project would meet the standards of the Noise Ordinance, and the residual impact would be considered less than significant.

The closest off-site sensitive land uses are the residential and church land uses located on Pine Street and Goss Street east of the project site. These land uses are located approximately 750 feet from the nearest project boundary line and east of the intervening structures of I-880 and the existing sound barriers that are located along this portion of I-880.

Table 3.12-4 lists typical maximum noise levels for various pieces of construction equipment, as measured at a distance of 50 feet from the operating equipment. Despite the variety in the type and size of construction equipment, similarities in the dominant noise sources and patterns of operation allow construction-related noise ranges to be categorized by work phase. As noted in the 2002 EIR, the site preparation phase would generate the highest noise levels because the noisiest construction equipment is earthmoving equipment. Demolition and excavation activities are anticipated to include the use of bulldozers, backhoes, draglines, and front loaders. Earthmoving and earth compacting activities are expected to include the use of crane-operated deep dynamic compactors, roller compactors, scrapers, and graders.

Table 3.12-4: Typical Construction Equipment Maximum Noise Levels, L_{max}

Type of Equipment	Range of Maximum Sound Levels (dBA at 50 feet)	Suggested Maximum Sound Levels for Analysis (dBA at 50 feet)
Pile Drivers	81 to 96	93
Rock Drills	83 to 99	96
Jackhammers	75 to 85	82
Pneumatic Tools	78 to 88	85
Pumps	74 to 84	80
Scrapers	83 to 91	87
Haul Trucks	83 to 94	88
Cranes	79 to 86	82
Portable Generators	71 to 87	80
Rollers	75 to 82	80
Dozers	77 to 90	85
Tractors	77 to 82	80
Front-End Loaders	77 to 90	86
Hydraulic Backhoe	81 to 90	86
Hydraulic Excavators	81 to 90	86
Graders	79 to 89	86
Air Compressors	76 to 89	86
Trucks	81 to 87	86

Source: Bolt, Beranek & Newman, 1987. *Noise Control for Buildings and Manufacturing Plants.*

Maximum noise levels associated with operation of multiple pieces of heavy construction equipment, including pile drivers or crane-operated deep dynamic compactors and earthmoving equipment, can range up to 96 dBA L_{max} at 50 feet from the operating equipment. Dynamic compaction consists of systematically lifting and dropping a heavy weight from a crane in pre-determined 10 to 25 foot on-center grids. The weights, generally weighing from 6 to 30 tons, are dropped onto a ground surface from heights of 30 to 80 feet in order to densify the underlying soils. The noise generated would be a low, deep "thud" of a heavy object being dropped on soil. It is not the higher pitched noise of pile driving where metal is striking metal. Maximum noise levels during operation of the crane-operated deep dynamic compactors can typically range up to 85 dBA L_{max} as measured at 50 feet from the operating equipment.

At a distance of 750 feet, noise levels from the operation of multiple pieces of heavy construction equipment, including crane-operated deep dynamic compactors, would attenuate to below 73 dBA L_{max} . Intervening structures of I-880 and existing sound barriers would be expected to reduce these noise levels even further by a minimum of 10 dBA at the nearest receiving sensitive land uses, thus resulting in maximum noise levels of up to 63 dBA L_{max} . The City's noise contours in the Noise Element of the General Plan show that traffic noise levels along I-880 adjacent to the project site ranges up to 80 dBA L_{dn} as measured at 150 feet from the roadway centerline; such noise levels are higher than the projected maximum construction noise levels from the project site during daytime construction hours. Therefore, due to the distance of these land uses from the project boundary and the presence of these intervening structures, construction noise levels would not be expected to result in a violation of the City's noise ordinance section 17.120.050 regarding construction noise.

The 2012 Project would be required to implement the noise related SCA listed above in section 3.12.2. Compliance with the SCA would ensure that construction noise impacts associated with build out of the project would be reduced to less-than-significant levels for all receiving land uses in the project vicinity. Therefore, implementation of the proposed project would not result in a violation of the City's Noise Ordinance (Oakland Planning Code section 17.120.050) regarding construction noise, and no mitigation would be required.

2002 Impact: Potentially Significant

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measure 4.5-1 [*Note: This mitigation measure is applicable to the 2012 Project, but is no longer required.*]

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted; Implementation of SCA NOI-1, SCA NOI-2, SCA NOI-3, and SCA NOI-6 would further reduce construction noise impacts.

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

b) Would the project generate noise in violation of the City of Oakland nuisance standards (Oakland Municipal Code section 8.18.020) regarding persistent construction-related noise?

As stated in the preceding impact criterion discussion, construction noise levels associated with build out of the 2012 Project could range up to a maximum of up to 63 dBA L_{max} as measured at the nearest off-site receiving noise sensitive land use, which is lower than existing maximum noise levels generated by area sources such as traffic. In addition, implementation of the City's SCA would be required.

Compliance with the SCA would ensure that construction noise impacts associated with build out of the project would be reduced to a less-than-significant level for all receiving land uses in the project vicinity. Therefore, implementation of the proposed project would not result in a violation of the City of Oakland nuisance standards (Oakland Municipal Code section 8.18.020) regarding persistent construction-related noise.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measure 4.5-1 [*Note: This mitigation measure is applicable to the 2012 Project, but is no longer required.*]

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted; Implementation of SCA NOI-1, SCA NOI-2, SCA NOI-3, and SCA NOI-6 would further reduce construction noise impacts.

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

c) Would the project generate noise in violation of the City of Oakland Noise Ordinance (Oakland Planning Code section 17.120.050) regarding operational noise?

The City's operational noise standards as measured at receiving property lines are summarized in Table 3.12-3 of this section. Noise sources associated with implementation of the 2012 Project would include operation of heavy-duty trucks, trains, ships, cargo equipment, and other cargo operations associated with off-loading, unloading, and loading of ships, trucks, and trains. Of the on-site stationary noise sources, noise generated by ship, rail, and truck loading and unloading activities would be anticipated to generate the highest maximum noise levels. Maximum noise levels from typical loading and unloading activities can range up to 85 dBA L_{max} at 50 feet. The project site is bordered to the north by I-80 and the EBMUD Main Wastewater Treatment Plant; to the east and south is the UPRR, which in turn is bordered to the east by I-880 and light-industrial land uses; to the southwest is the Port's Joint Intermodal Rail Terminal and farther beyond is the Oakland Estuary. These land uses are noise generators, and operation of the proposed project is not expected to result in exceedances of the ambient noise levels currently experienced at these properties. In addition, as shown in the operational noise impact analysis in the 2002 EIR, traffic noise associated with the 2002 Project would not result in an increase of 5 dBA or greater in traffic noise levels along any modeled roadway segment in the project vicinity. The City's roadway noise contours show that traffic noise levels along I-880 adjacent to the project site range up to 80 dBA L_{dn} as measured at 150 feet from the roadway centerline; these levels at the nearest off-site sensitive receptors would be higher than the noise levels from project operational noise sources. As noted previously, the 2012 Project would result in less development than that which was evaluated in the 2002 EIR. Therefore, it can conservatively be assumed that the resulting operational noise impacts would similarly result in a less-than-significant impact as measured at all adjacent receiving land uses.

The nearest residential land uses are located over 750 feet from the nearest project boundary line, beyond the intervening structures of I-880 and existing sound barriers. However, the nearest project operational facility would be over 1,000 feet from the nearest residential land uses. It should be noted that noise levels at these land uses are expected to continue to be dominated by noise from traffic and BART. Therefore, due to the distance attenuation, presence of intervening structures, and current noise sources, it is expected that operational noise associated with implementation and build out of

the 2012 Project would not result in a violation of the City of Oakland Noise Ordinance (Oakland Planning Code section 17.120.050) regarding operational noise as measured at all adjacent receiving land uses.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted; Implementation of SCA NOI-4 and SCA NOI-5 would further reduce operational noise impacts.

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

d) Would the project generate noise resulting in a 5 dBA permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project; or, if under a cumulative scenario where the cumulative increase results in a 5 dBA permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity without the project (i.e., the cumulative condition including the project compared to the existing conditions) and a 3 dBA permanent increase is attributable to the project (i.e., the cumulative condition including the project compared to the cumulative baseline condition without the project)?

As shown in the operational noise impact analysis in the 2002 EIR, traffic noise associated with the 2002 Project would not result in an increase of 5 dBA or greater in traffic noise levels along any modeled roadway segment in the project vicinity. As noted previously, the 2012 Project would result in less development than that which was evaluated in the 2002 EIR. Noise levels at land uses in the project vicinity are expected to continue to be dominated by noise from traffic, railroad, and BART, and project operational noise levels would not be anticipated to exceed existing ambient noise levels at the nearest off-site sensitive receptors. A doubling of a sound source with equal strength would be necessary to increase the noise level by 3 dBA. As implementation of the 2012 Project would not result in such a doubling of noise sources in the project vicinity, ambient noise levels would not be expected to exceed existing ambient noise levels by an amount that would be considered perceptible by the human ear in an outdoor environment (3 dBA or greater) as measured at adjacent receiving properties.

Therefore, implementation of the 2012 Project is not expected to result in a 5 dBA permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted; Implementation of SCA NOI-4 and SCA NOI-5 would further reduce operational noise impacts.

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

- e) **Would the project expose persons to interior L_{dn} or CNEL greater than 45 dBA for multi-family dwellings, hotels, motels, dormitories and long-term care facilities (and may be extended by local legislative action to include single-family dwelling) per California Noise Insulation Standards (CCR Part 2, Title 24)?**

The interior CNEL criterion does not apply to the 2012 Project because the project would not include the development of residential, lodging, or long-term care facilities land uses. In addition, SCA NOI-4 requires installation of an alternative form of ventilation in all units identified in the acoustical analysis as not being able to meet the interior noise requirements. Subsequent off-site redevelopment activities would be required to comply with State laws and regulations, and impacts would be avoided. Therefore, implementation of the 2012 Project would not expose persons to interior L_{dn} or CNEL greater than 45 dBA for multi-family dwellings, hotels, motels, dormitories and long-term care facilities.

2002 Impact: No Impact

2012 Impact: No Impact

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted; Implementation of SCA NOI-4 and SCA NOI-5 would further reduce potential impacts to multi-family dwellings, hotels, motels, dormitories, and long-term care facilities.

Significance After Implementation: No Impact (No New Impact)

- f) **Would the project be exposed to a community noise in conflict with the land use compatibility guidelines of the Oakland General Plan after incorporation of all applicable Standard Conditions of Approval?**

According to the City's land use compatibility standards shown in Table 3.12-1, community noise environments with ambient noise levels of up to 70 dBA L_{dn} are considered normally acceptable for new industrial land use development; while environments with ambient noise levels of up to 80 dBA L_{dn} are considered conditionally acceptable for new industrial land uses. The dominant noise sources on the project site include traffic, port operations, railroad operations, and BART trains. As documented in the 2002 EIR, the hourly daytime and evening noise levels on the project site ranged from 62 dBA to 68 dBA L_{eq} ; nighttime hourly noise levels ranges from 49 dBA to 68 dBA L_{eq} . The 24-hour weighted average noise levels that were documented on the project site ranged from approximately 64 dBA to 68 dBA L_{dn} . The City's noise contours in the Noise Element of the General Plan show that traffic noise levels along I-880 adjacent to the project site ranges up to 80 dBA L_{dn} as measured at 150 feet from the roadway centerline. The noise contours for UPRR and BART rail lines are shown to attenuate to 70 dBA L_{dn} at 280 feet from the centerline of the tracks. The nearest project border is located approximately 90 feet from the UPRR railroad centerline; thus, portions of the project site nearest the rail line would be exposed to noise levels ranging up to approximately 79 dBA L_{dn} .

These on-site documented noise levels are within the City's conditionally acceptable range for the 2012 project development of new industrial land uses. According to the City's guidelines shown in

Table 3.12-1, for conditionally acceptable noise environments, development should be undertaken only after an analysis of noise-reduction requirements is conducted, and if necessary noise-mitigating features are included in the design. The standards further note that conventional construction will usually suffice as long as it incorporates air conditioning or forced-air-supply systems, though it will likely require that project occupants maintain their windows closed. However, the proposed land uses that would be located within the 70 dBA L_{dn} noise contour of the rail line would be transload warehouse buildings, exterior parking and cargo storage areas. These uses would not be considered sensitive receptors or areas of frequent human use; thus implementation of the project would not result in exposure of persons to community noise levels in conflict with the land use compatibility guidelines. In addition, implementation of all applicable SCA would further reduce any potential conflicts with the land use compatibility guidelines to a less-than-significant level.

2002 Impact: No Impact

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted; Implementation of SCA NOI-4 and SCA NOI-5 would further reduce potential conflicts with land use compatibility guidelines.

Significance After Implementation: No Impact (No New Impact)

g) Would the project expose persons to or generate noise levels in excess of applicable standards established by a regulatory agency (e.g., occupational noise standards of OSHA)?

As discussed previously, due to the distance attenuation, presence of intervening structures, and existing noise sources, it is expected that operational noise associated with implementation and build out of the 2012 Project would not result in a violation of the City of Oakland Noise Ordinance (Oakland Planning Code section 17.120.050) regarding operational noise. Implementation of the 2012 Project would not expose persons to interior noise levels in excess of the State's Noise Insulation Standards (CCR Part 2, Title 24). The project would not be exposed to a community noise in conflict with the land use compatibility guidelines of the Oakland General Plan. Therefore, implementation of the 2012 Project would not result in an exceedance of the applicable standards of these regulatory agencies.

Adherence to required federal and State standards for on-road vehicles, including muffler regulations, would further ensure that noise from construction traffic will remain less than significant. In addition, SCA NOI-2 requires utilization of the best available noise control techniques for construction equipment, including, but not limited to, improved mufflers, equipment redesign, use of intake silencers, ducts, engine enclosures and acoustically-attenuating shields or shrouds, and where use of pneumatic tools is unavoidable, an exhaust muffler on the compressed air exhaust, wherever feasible. Therefore, implementation of this SCA would further ensure that noise from construction traffic and equipment would remain less than significant and not result in an exceedance of the City's applicable Noise Ordinance standards.

For avoiding adverse effects on human physical and mental health in the workplace or in communities, OSHA requires the protection of workers from hearing loss when the noise exposure equals or

exceeds an 8-hour time-weighted average of 85 dBA.¹³¹ Operations associated with build-out of the proposed project are not expected to exceed this standard and would be subject to the OSHA standards.

Noise generated by ship, rail, and truck loading and unloading activities would be expected to generate some of the highest maximum noise levels from stationary noise sources associated with the proposed land uses. Typical loading and unloading activities can result in maximum noise levels ranging up to 85 dBA L_{\max} at 50 feet. Such noise levels, when averaged over an 8-hour time period, would not result in exceedances of OSHA's standards. Therefore, implementation of the proposed project would not result in an exceedance of OSHA's applicable standards.

2002 Impact: No Impact

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted; Implementation of SCA NOI-5 would further reduce noise level impacts associated with applicable standards established by a regulatory agency.

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

h) Would the project, during either project construction or project operation, expose persons to or generate groundborne vibration that exceeds the criteria established by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA)?

Similar to the project evaluated in the 2002 EIR, the nearest redevelopment activity that could result in vibration due to operations of the 2012 Project would be the intermodal rail yard. The proposed location of this facility would be approximately 1,100 feet from the nearest residential land use, with intervening structures of I-880 and existing sound barriers. Due to the distance to any off-site sensitive receptor, vibration generated by operational activities at the rail yard would not be perceptible at the nearest residential receptors.

Construction activities can also be a source of groundborne vibration. The operation of heavy construction equipment is a potential source of groundborne vibration. Demolition and excavation activities are anticipated to include the use of bulldozers, backhoes, draglines, and front loaders. Earthmoving and earth compacting activities are expected to include the use of crane-operated deep dynamic compactors, roller compactors, scrapers, and graders. Construction-related groundborne vibration impacts on building structures are generally assessed in terms of peak particle velocity (PPV). The operation of deep dynamic compaction equipment would generate the highest groundborne vibration levels of the types of equipment and techniques anticipated to be used on the project site. Dynamic compaction consists of dropping a heavy weight onto a ground surface from heights of up to 80 feet to densify the underlying soils. At a distance of 200 feet, vibration levels from operation of deep dynamic compaction equipment would attenuate to below the construction vibration damage

¹³¹ Occupational Safety & Health Administration. *Regulations, Standards 29 CFR, Occupational Noise Exposure 1910.95.*

threshold of 0.2 PPV for buildings of typical non-engineered timber and masonry construction. As there are no existing off-site sensitive structures within 200 feet of proposed construction areas where deep dynamic compaction would occur, this potential impact would be considered less-than-significant and no mitigation would be required. In addition, implementation of SCA NOI-2, SCA NOI-5 and SCA NOI-6 would further ensure that any potential vibration impacts from construction activities would be reduced to a less-than-significant level.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted; Implementation of SCA NOI-1, SCA NOI-2, SCA NOI-3, and SCA NOI-6 would further reduce potential vibration impacts.

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impacts)

i) Would the project be located within an airport land use plan and expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?

The 2012 Project site is not located within or in the vicinity of an airport land use plan or within the 55 dBA CNEL noise contour of any airport. The nearest airports to the project site are the Oakland International Airport and the San Francisco International Airport. These airports are located approximately 6.8 miles southeast and 15.3 miles southwest of the project site, respectively. As was noted in the 2002 EIR, while the project area is located within the General Referral Area of the ALUPP of the Oakland International Airport, it is not located within a Noise or Safety Referral Zone. Therefore, implementation of the project would not expose persons residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels from aircraft noise sources. Therefore, project-related impacts from aircraft noise sources would be less-than-significant.

2002 Impact: No Impact

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impacts)

Table 3.12-5: Typical Vibration Source Levels for Construction Equipment

Equipment		PPV at 25 ft (in/sec)	Approximate VdB at 25 feet
Pile Driver (impact)	Upper range	1.518	112
	Typical	0.644	104
Pile Driver (sonic)	Upper range	0.734	105
	Typical	0.170	93
Vibratory roller		0.210	94
Hoe ram		0.089	87
Large bulldozer		0.089	87
Caisson drilling		0.089	87
Loaded trucks		0.076	86
Jackhammer		0.035	79
Small bulldozer		0.003	58

Source: Federal Transit Administration, 2006. *Transit Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment*. May.

j) Would the project be located within the vicinity of a private airstrip and expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?

The 2012 Project site is not located within the vicinity of a private airstrip. Therefore, implementation of the project would not expose persons residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels from aircraft noise sources. Therefore, project-related impacts from aircraft noise sources would be less than significant.

2002 Impact: No Impact

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impacts)

3.12.6 CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

Similar to the discussion above of project impacts under existing conditions, build out of the 2012 Project would result in a significant noise impact if the project-related noise levels would result in an exceedance of the City's normally acceptable standards or if it would result in a substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels compared to conditions without the project.

The project would not be exposed to community noise in conflict with the land use compatibility guidelines. In addition, implementation of all applicable Standard Conditions of Approval would further reduce any potential conflicts with the land use compatibility guidelines to a less-than-significant level. Similarly, implementation of the 2012 Project would not result in a doubling of noise sources in the project vicinity; therefore, ambient noise levels in the project vicinity would not be expected to result in a 5 dBA permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project.

The project would not result in a substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels compared to noise levels existing without the project. As stated in the impact criterion discussion 3.12.5b, construction noise levels associated with build out of the 2012 Project could range up to a maximum of up to 63 dBA L_{max} as measured at the nearest off-site receiving noise sensitive land use. As these noise levels are lower than existing maximum noise levels generated by area sources such as traffic, they would not contribute by any perceptible amount to cumulative noise levels associated with additional construction activities of other projects in the project vicinity. In addition, impacts from construction noise simultaneously occurring at two or more sites, would be reduced to less than significant with implementation of the City's SCA. Compliance with the SCA applicable to construction hours of operation, noise control, noise complaint procedures, and pile driving and other extreme noise generators, would ensure that all projects on the cumulative project list comply with the City's Noise Ordinance.

Therefore, implementation of the 2012 Project would not result in a significant contribution to the cumulative noise environment, and cumulative noise impacts would be considered less than significant. No mitigation would be required.

3.12.7 CONCLUSIONS

Similar to the 2002 EIR, the only significant noise impact identified for the 2012 Project would occur from construction activities associated with build out of the project. However, implementation of the Standard Conditions of Approval would ensure that construction noise impacts associated with build out of the project would be reduced to less-than-significant levels for all receiving land uses in the project vicinity. Therefore, implementation of the 2012 Project would not result in a violation of the City's Noise Ordinance (Oakland Planning Code section 17.120.050) regarding construction noise, and no mitigation would be required.

3.12.8 REFERENCES

- Federal Transit Administration, 2006. *Transit Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment*. May.
- Oakland, City of, 2005. *City of Oakland General Plan, Noise Element*. June.
- Oakland, City of, 2008. *Oakland Municipal Code*. Section 17.120 and Section 8.18.
- Oakland, City of, 2011. *Oakland Planning Code*. November 15.
- Occupational Safety & Health Administration. *Regulations, Standards 29 CFR, Occupational Noise Exposure 1910.95*.
- State of California. CCR Part 2, Title 24. Noise Insulation Standards.
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1974. "Information on Levels of Environmental Noise Requisite to Protect Public Health and Welfare with an Adequate Margin of Safety." March.

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3.13 POPULATION, HOUSING AND EMPLOYMENT

This section evaluates the potential population, housing and employment impacts of the 2012 Project. This analysis specifically considers whether the 2012 Project would result in new significant population, housing and employment impacts not identified in the 2002 EIR or a substantial increase in the severity of the previously identified significant impacts. This section also discusses any pertinent new information or changes in circumstances that could result in new significant population, housing and employment impacts not identified in the 2002 EIR or a substantial increase in the severity of the previously identified significant impacts. Previously imposed mitigation measures from the 2002 EIR are identified and, where appropriate, are clarified, refined, revised, or deleted. This section also identifies the applicable provisions of the City's Standard Conditions of Approval and whether or not new mitigation measures are required.

3.13.1 PRIOR ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS

The 2002 EIR did not identify any significant population, housing and employment impacts. The 2002 EIR concluded that the 2002 Project would have a less-than-significant impact on population growth:

Impact 4.8-1: Redevelopment could induce population growth in Oakland.

The 2002 EIR included a description of how redevelopment of the project area would occur under a tax increment financing framework, which could make additional money available for affordable housing in Oakland. Housing was proposed within the 16th/Wood sub-area (part of the 2002 Project area but not part of the 2012 Project area), but no housing was proposed in the OARB sub-area.

Redevelopment associated with the 2002 Project would increase the number of jobs in West Oakland; it was anticipated to generate 14,270 direct jobs, and 29,700 indirect/induced jobs. It was anticipated that 5,626 jobs would be located within the OARB sub-area, the 2002 EIR did not identify any significant impacts associated with employment.

The 2002 EIR anticipated that population growth associated with the 2002 Project would represent approximately 5.5 percent of the population growth anticipated in the City of Oakland by 2020, and would not be considered a significant impact.

3.13.2 STANDARD CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

There are no Standard Conditions of Approval related to population, housing and employment.

3.13.3 UPDATED REGULATORY SETTING

3.13.3.1 Dissolution of the Oakland Redevelopment Agency

As noted in the 2002 EIR, under California Community Redevelopment Law, 20 percent of the tax increment generated annually by redevelopment projects within a jurisdiction was to be used to increase, improve, and preserve the community's supply of affordable housing for persons of low and moderate income. The agency was obligated to dedicate at least 20 percent of the total annual increment to housing from all project areas within its jurisdiction (called the housing "set-aside"). In

addition, the Agency had discretion over the appropriate location of housing; units financed by the increment did not need to be located within a particular redevelopment project area.

However, in 2011 the State legislature voted to dissolve approximately 400 redevelopment agencies within the State, and on February 1, 2012, the Oakland Redevelopment Agency was eliminated. As such, tax increment financing is no longer applicable, and any low income housing funding benefits identified in the 2002 EIR would no longer be available.

3.13.3.2 Regional Housing Needs Allocation

In May 2008, the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) adopted the Final Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) for the period of 2007 to 2014, which designates housing objectives for different income levels among the jurisdictions within the nine-county Bay Area.¹³² Oakland's allocation is 14,629 units which includes 1,900 units for very low income households, 2,098 units for low income households, 3,142 units for moderate income households, and 7,489 units for above moderate income households.¹³³

As required by State law, the City of Oakland Housing Element¹³⁴ discusses the City's "fair share allocation" of regional housing by income group as projected and allocated by ABAG. ABAG's determination of the local share of regional housing needs takes into consideration the following factors: market demand for housing; employment opportunities; availability of suitable sites and public facilities; commuting patterns; type and tenure of housing need; loss of units contained in assisted housing that changed to non-low-income use; and special needs housing requirements. The Housing Element of the General Plan was adopted by the City Council on December 21, 2010.

3.13.4 EXISTING CONDITIONS

3.13.4.1 Population

Oakland is the most populous city in Alameda County and had an estimated total population of 420,900 in 2010.¹³⁵ This represents an increase of 21,416 residents since 2000. During this time period, the City grew by approximately 5.4 percent. Prior to that, between 1990 and 2000, the City grew from 372,242 to 399,484 persons, or approximately 7.3 percent across the decade.

ABAG projects moderate population growth in the City through 2020 due to significant infill and redevelopment potential. ABAG projects that the City's population will increase from 420,900 in 2010 to 470,900 in 2020, an increase of approximately 12 percent.¹³⁶

The project site currently contains industrial development, and there is no housing or residential population on the project site.

¹³² Association of Bay Area Governments, 2008. *Final Regional Housing Needs Allocation*. Website: www.abag.ca.gov/planning/housingneeds/pdfs/Final_RHNA.pdf. May 15.

¹³³ Ibid.

¹³⁴ Oakland, City of, 2010. *City of Oakland Housing Element, 2007 – 2014, Adopted December 21, 2010*.

¹³⁵ Association of Bay Area Governments, 2009. *Projections and Priorities 2009, San Francisco Bay Area Population, Household and Job Forecasts*.

¹³⁶ Ibid.

3.13.4.2 Housing

According to the California Department of Finance (DOF), the housing stock in Oakland is characterized by a nearly even mix of multi-family (52 percent) and single-family units (48 percent), and moderate vacancy rates (4.27 percent).¹³⁷ There are approximately 79,484 single family homes and 85,162 multi-family homes in the City.¹³⁸

As described above, Oakland's RHNA is 14,629 units which includes 1,900 units for very low income households, 2,098 units for low income households, 3,142 units for moderate income households, and 7,489 units for above moderate income households.¹³⁹

3.13.4.3 Employment

According to ABAG's sub-regional growth study data, in 2000 Oakland had 199,470 jobs, comprising approximately 27 percent of all of the jobs in Alameda County. The total number of jobs in Oakland fell to 188,590 in 2010. By 2020, ABAG projects that the total number of jobs in Oakland will be 229,720 and will be 281,900 in 2035.¹⁴⁰ The 2011 estimated employment at the project site was 702 employees.

3.13.5 SIGNIFICANCE CRITERIA AND IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The 2012 Project would have a significant impact on the environment if it would:

- a) Induce substantial population growth in a manner not contemplated in the General Plan, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extensions of roads or other infrastructure), such that additional infrastructure is required but the impacts of such were not previously considered or analyzed;
- b) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere in excess of that contained in the City's Housing Element; or
- c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere in excess of that contained in the City's Housing Element.

These criteria are discussed below:

- a) **Would the project induce substantial population growth in a manner not contemplated in the General Plan, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extensions of roads or other infrastructure), such that additional infrastructure is required but the impacts of such were not previously considered or analyzed?**

As with the 2002 Project, the 2012 Project would not include residential development within the OARB sub-area; as such, it would not directly generate population growth through residential development.

¹³⁷ California Department of Finance, 2009. *City/County Population and Housing Estimates*. January 1.

¹³⁸ Ibid.

¹³⁹ Ibid.

¹⁴⁰ ABAG, 2009, op. cit.

New jobs would be associated with the redevelopment, and could induce population growth. As noted in the 2002 EIR, redevelopment was anticipated to generate 14,270 new jobs, with approximately 5,420 new jobs at the OARB sub-area.

Due to a different mix of land uses, the 2012 Project would result in 2,635 jobs in 2020 for the project site (as compared to 5,420 jobs under the 2002 Project). Table 3.13-1 shows the estimated employment by use type. This is fewer jobs than anticipated in the 2002 EIR, and would result in a less-than-significant population growth impact.

Table 3.13-1: Estimated Employment By Land Use Type

Land Use Type	Square Footage/ Acreage ^a	Job Density Multiplier ^b	Total Employees
Warehouse	1,825,650 sq. ft.	0.8	1,461
R&D	175,000 sq. ft.	2.5	438
Recycling Facilities	379,610 sq. ft.	0.8	304
Truck Services	37,680 sq. ft.	0.8	31
Rail	64 ac.	N/A	401
Total			2,635

^a For purposes of the employment generation included in Table 13.3-1, it is assumed that Variant B is implemented. See Chapter 2, Project Description, for a discussion of Variant B.

^b Please note that the job density multiplier is per 1,000 square foot gross building space. These numbers were adapted from information used in the 2002 EIR. Recycling facilities and truck services were not included in the 2002 EIR analysis. For these uses, a 0.8 job density multiplier is used. Rail use is anticipated to generate 401 employees.

sq. ft. = square feet

ac. = acres

Source: LSA Associates, Inc., 2012.

The 2012 Project includes several utility and infrastructure improvements. However, these improvements would directly serve the project site, or facilitate the movement of products within the project site, and would not foster development at other sites. As such, the 2012 Project would not indirectly result in substantial population growth.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

b) Would the project displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere in excess of that contained in the City's Housing Element?

Similar to the project analyzed in 2002, the 2012 Project does not include demolishing existing residential units within the OARB sub-area. As such, development of the 2012 Project would not displace any existing housing, and there would be no impact related to this significance criterion.

2002 Impact: No Impact

2012 Impact: No Impact

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

Significance After Implementation: No Impact (No New Impact)

c) Would the project displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere in excess of that contained in the City's Housing Element?

As noted in the 2002 EIR, there are no residential units within the OARB sub-area. As such, development of the 2012 Project would not displace any residents, and there would be no impact related to this significance criterion.

2002 Impact: No Impact

2012 Impact: No Impact

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

Significance After Implementation: No Impact (No New Impact)

3.13.6 CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

As noted previously, no housing would be demolished or constructed as part of the 2012 Project. The 2012 Project would result in a total of 2,635 jobs at the project site. This would represent approximately 1.1 percent of Oakland jobs anticipated by 2020, and would not be considered a significant cumulative impact.

3.13.7 CONCLUSIONS

Implementation of the 2012 Project would not result in new significant population, housing and employment impacts. Impacts would be similar to those identified in the 2002 EIR, and would continue to be less than significant. No new mitigation measures are required.

3.13.8 REFERENCES

Association of Bay Area Governments, 2008. *Final Regional Housing Needs Allocation*. Website: www.abag.ca.gov/planning/housingneeds/pdfs/Final_RHNA.pdf. May 15.

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California Department of Finance, 2009. *City/County Population and Housing Estimates*. January 1.

Oakland, City of, 2010. *City of Oakland Housing Element, 2007 – 2014, Adopted December 21, 2010*.

3.14 PUBLIC SERVICES

This section evaluates the potential public services impacts of the 2012 Project. This analysis specifically considers whether the 2012 Project would result in new significant public services impacts not identified in the 2002 EIR or a substantial increase in the severity of the previously identified significant impacts. This section also discusses any pertinent new information or changes in circumstances that could result in new significant public services impacts not identified in the 2002 EIR or a substantial increase in the severity of the previously identified significant impacts. Previously imposed mitigation measures from the 2002 EIR are identified and, where appropriate, are clarified, refined, revised, or deleted. This section also identifies the applicable provisions of the City's Standard Conditions of Approval and whether or not new mitigation measures are required.

3.14.1 PRIOR ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS

3.14.1.1 2002 EIR Impact Findings

The 2002 EIR concluded that the 2002 Project would have potentially significant impacts related to fire protection and emergency response/evacuation routes, which could be reduced to less-than-significant levels:

Impact 4.9-1: Construction activities and increases in employees and residents, as well as increased building density would increase demand for fire and first-responder medical emergency services, resulting in a significant impact for long-term fire and first-responder medical emergency response.

Impact 4.9-6: Redevelopment construction could interfere with operation of the Maritime Street emergency response staging area, or with the West Grand Avenue and 7th Street evacuation routes, resulting in a potentially significant impact.

The 2002 EIR concluded that the 2002 Project would have less-than-significant impacts related to the hazardous material (HAZMAT) response, police protection services, school services, library services and hospital:

Impact 4.9-1: Construction activities and increases in employees and residents, as well as increased building density, would increase demand for HAZMAT response, resulting in a less-than-significant impact.

Impact 4.9-2: Construction activities and increases in employees and residents, as well as increased building density, would increase demand for police protection services, resulting in a less-than-significant impact.

Impact 4.9-3: Increases in residential population could increase school enrollment in the Oakland Unified School District, resulting in a less-than-significant impact. (*Note: This impact is not applicable to the 2012 Project.*)

Impact 4.9-4: Increases in residential population could increase demand for library services, resulting in a less-than-significant impact. (*Note: This impact is not applicable to the 2012 Project.*)

Impact 4.9-5: Increases in employee and residential population could increase demand for hospital services, resulting in a less-than-significant impact.

The 2002 EIR also noted that while new or altered physical police facilities are not expected to be required as a result of redevelopment, it is possible that, due to increases in both daytime and full-time populations, as well as increased traffic levels, existing equipment and staffing may not be adequate to serve the redevelopment project area. The 2002 EIR also noted that while new or altered physical school facilities are not expected to be required as a result of redevelopment, it is possible that due to increases in student population, existing equipment and staffing may not be adequate to serve the redevelopment project area. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65595, fees, charges, dedications, or other requirements imposed on development in amounts not to exceed those established by that code section are considered full and complete mitigation for any school-related impacts.

3.14.1.2 2002 EIR Mitigation Measures

For the impact related to long-term fire and first responder medical emergency response, the 2002 EIR identified the following mitigation measure to reduce the impact to a less-than-significant level:

Mitigation Measure 4.9-1: The City and Port shall cooperatively investigate the need for, and, if required, shall fund on a fair-share basis, development and operation of increased firefighting and medical emergency response services via fireboat to serve the OARB sub-district.

For the potential impact related to interfering with the operation of the Maritime Street emergency response staging area, or with the West Grand Avenue and 7th Street evacuation routes, the 2002 EIR identified the following mitigation measures to reduce impacts to a less-than-significant level:

Mitigation Measure 4.9-2: The Port and City shall work with the Office of Emergency Services (OES) to ensure changes in local area circulation are reflected in the revised Response Concept.

Mitigation Measure 4.9-3: The Port and City shall require developers within their respective jurisdiction to notify OES of their plans in advance of construction or remediation activities.

3.14.2 STANDARD CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Since publication of the 2002 EIR, the City of Oakland has adopted Standard Conditions of Approval (SCA) that are applicable to all development projects within the City regardless of a project's environmental determination, pursuant in part to *CEQA Guidelines* Section 15183. The City's SCA serve to avoid or substantially reduce potentially significant impacts. The City's SCA that would apply to the 2012 Project are listed below. If the City approves the 2012 Project, the SCA would be adopted as requirements of the 2012 Project to help ensure less-than-significant impacts. Generally, the SCA are more current, more detailed, and provide greater clarity regarding process and procedures than previously imposed mitigation measures; the SCA will not increase significant adverse effects, but rather will further reduce adverse impacts. The SCA would be incorporated and required as part of the 2012 Project and, therefore, are not listed as mitigation measures but will be included in the Standard

Conditions of Approval and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (SCA/MMRP) for the 2012 Project. In cases of conflict or overlap between mitigation measures from the 2002 Redevelopment EIR and current City SCA, the more stringent requirements would apply.

SCA PSU-1: Underground Utilities

Prior to issuance of a building permit

The project applicant shall submit plans for review and approval by the Building Services Division and the Public Works Agency, and other relevant agencies as appropriate that show all fire alarm conduits and similar facilities placed underground. The new facilities shall be placed underground along the project applicant's street frontage and from the project applicant's structures to the point of service. The plans shall show all fire water service and fire alarm facilities installed in accordance with standard specifications of the serving utilities.

SCA PSU-2: Fire Safety Phasing Plan

Prior to issuance of a demolition, grading, and/or construction and concurrent with any p-job submittal permit

The project applicant shall submit a separate fire safety phasing plan to the Planning and Zoning Division and Fire Services Division for their review and approval. The fire safety plan shall include all of the fire safety features incorporated into the project and the schedule for implementation of the features. Fire Services Division may require changes to the plan or may reject the plan if it does not adequately address fire hazards associated with the project as a whole or the individual phase.

3.14.3 UPDATED REGULATORY SETTING

The following discussion reviews federal and State regulations and provisions of the Oakland General Plan that are relevant to public services for the 2012 Project.

3.14.3.1 Federal

As identified in the 2002 EIR, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), provides direction and assistance to State and local governments, but does not regulate approaches to emergency planning or response.

The Transportation Worker Identification Credential Program (TWIC) was established by Congress through the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) of 2002 and is administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and U.S. Coast Guard. TWICs are tamper-resistant biometric credentials issued to workers who require unescorted access to secure areas of ports, vessels, outer continental shelf facilities and all credentialed merchant mariners. Over one million workers including longshoremen, truckers, port employees and others are required to obtain a TWIC.¹⁴¹

3.14.3.2 State

The 2002 EIR acknowledged California Government Code Section 8607(a), which authorizes the establishment of the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS). SEMS is intended to

¹⁴¹ U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 2012. Transportation Security Administration. *Security Program: Transportation Worker Identification Credential Program Information*. Website: www.tsa.gov/what_we_do/layers/twic/program_info.shtm (accessed April 11).

standardize responses to emergencies involving multiple jurisdictions or multiple agencies. Local government must use SEMS in order to be eligible for State funding of response-related personnel costs occurring in response to an emergency incident.

3.14.3.3 Local

According to the 2002 EIR, the Land Use and Transportation Element (LUTE) of the Oakland General Plan did not include specific goals or policies regarding public service systems relevant to the Oakland Army Base redevelopment program. Since adoption of the 2002 EIR, the City General Plan has been updated; the following policies and action items from the Safety Element of the City of Oakland General Plan specifically address public services and are applicable to the 2012 Project.¹⁴²

Policy Statements Related to Emergency and Fire Protection Services

- Policy PS-1: Maintain and enhance the city's capacity to prepare for, mitigate, respond to and recover from disasters and emergencies.
- Policy FI-1: Maintain and enhance the city's capacity for emergency response, fire prevention and fire-fighting.
 - Action FI-1.1: Periodically assess the need for new or relocated fire stations and other facilities, changes in staffing levels, and additional or updated supplies, equipment, technologies and in-service training classes.
 - Action FI-1.2: Strive to meet a goal of responding to fires and other emergencies within seven minutes of notification 90 percent of the time.
- Policy FI-2: Continue, enhance or implement programs that seek to reduce the risk of structural fires.
 - Action FI-2.1: Adopt and amend as needed updated versions of the California building and fire codes so that optimal fire-protection standards are used in construction and renovation projects.
 - Action FI-2.3: Continue to review development proposals to ensure that they incorporate required and appropriate fire-mitigation measures, including adequate provisions for occupant evacuation and access by fire-fighting personnel and equipment.

3.14.4 EXISTING CONDITIONS

3.14.4.1 Fire Protection

The Oakland Fire Department (OFD) provides fire protection (prevention and suppression), and local emergency response (rescue, hazardous materials response, and first responder emergency medical services) services to the project site and vicinity. The Alameda County Medical Services District contracts with American Medical Response Ambulance Company and OFD to respond to medical emergencies.

Facilities and Staffing. The OFD operates 25 fire stations, including one at Oakland International Airport. One station (Station 3) is staffed by highly trained Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) specialists and technicians.¹⁴³ The OFD is organized into four divisions and three

¹⁴² Oakland, City of, 2004. *City of Oakland General Plan, Safety Element, Protect Oakland*. November.

¹⁴³ Oakland, City of, 2009. Oakland Fire Department (OFD), *Special Operations*. Website: www.oaklandnet.com/fire/operations/special_operations.asp (accessed January 26, 2012).

battalions that provide requested fire and emergency medical services. The battalions are organized by the following geographic areas: Battalion 2 serves West Oakland and North Oakland; Battalion 3 serves the area from Seminary Boulevard, east to the City of San Leandro; and Battalion 4 serves central Oakland. Beginning in July 2012, OFD stations will be closed for several consecutive days on a rotating basis, in order to respond to a budgetary shortfall citywide.

The OFD maintains 24 engine companies with approximately 4 personnel per engine, 4 truck companies with 4 personnel per truck, and 3 truck companies with 5 personnel per truck. The OFD is a part of the State of California Master Mutual Aid agreement where OFD provides mutual aid to other cities and communities throughout the State.¹⁴⁴

Fire Station 3, located at 1445 14th Street, approximately 0.5 mile east of the 2012 Project site, would provide primary fire protection, HAZMAT response, and emergency response services to the project area.¹⁴⁵ Station 3 is staffed daily by eight firefighters, two of which are paramedics and the remaining emergency response technicians (EMT). Station 3 has an engine and truck for fire suppression, and as previously described, houses OFD's primary HAZMAT response team.

Fire Station 5, located at 934 34th Street, approximately 2 miles northeast of the 2012 Project site, or Fire Station 1, located at 1605 Martin Luther King Way, approximately 2 miles southeast of the 2012 Project site, would provide secondary response to the project area. Station 5 is staffed daily by four fire fighters (one paramedic and three EMTs) and has one engine, and Station 1 is staffed daily with nine firefighters (two paramedics and seven EMTs) and has one engine and one truck.¹⁴⁶

Service Demand. The OFD Dispatch Center is located in downtown Oakland and is responsible for fire and medical emergency coordination and response. In 2011, the Dispatch Center received approximately 62,659 calls for response of which 81 percent were medical emergencies.¹⁴⁷ The OFD's response time goal is 7 minutes, 90 percent of the time. Currently, the OFD's average citywide response time is 7 minutes, 86 percent of the time.¹⁴⁸

Emergency Response and Access. As described in the 2002 EIR, the OFD Office of Emergency Services (OES) is responsible for coordinating responses to a widespread emergency. The OES prepares, maintains, and updates the City's Response Concept, a written plan that describes how OES intends to respond to widespread incidents. The Response Concept, prepared in accordance with State requirements under SEMS, describes the structure and role of the City's emergency management organization. Annex H of the Response Concept includes maps of routes that would serve as the main entry to areas by emergency response personnel, as well as the main exits from areas for evacuees. As described in the 2002 EIR, West Grand Avenue and 7th Street would serve as first responder and

¹⁴⁴ Hoffmann, Mark, 2012. Interim Fire Chief, City of Oakland Fire Department. Personal communications with LSA Associates, Inc. February 8.

¹⁴⁵ The 2002 EIR identified Fire Station 2, located at 100 Jack London Square, immediately east of the project area (at the base of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt pier) as the primary responder to the project site. However, Fire Station 2 closed in August 2003.

¹⁴⁶ Hoffmann, Mark, 2012, op. cit.

¹⁴⁷ Ibid.

¹⁴⁸ Ibid.

evacuation routes to and from both sides of Maritime Street, and Maritime Street would serve as the emergency response staging area. The Response Concept and Annex H are periodically updated to accommodate changes to the area proposed by redevelopment.

3.14.4.2 Police

The Oakland Police Department (OPD) provides police services throughout the City, including the 2012 Project site and vicinity.

Facilities and Staffing. The OPD is headquartered at 455 7th Street in Downtown Oakland, approximately 2.5 miles southeast of the 2012 Project site. The OPD also operates from the Eastmont Substation at 73rd and Bancroft Avenues. The OPD has approximately 660 sworn police officers, approximately 297 support staff, and 10 reserve officers.¹⁴⁹ The OPD has reduced its staffing level from last year by approximately 60 sworn police officers and currently anticipates a monthly reduction of 4 sworn police officers until January 2013. After this date, the OPD plans to hire approximately 35 sworn police officers.¹⁵⁰

The OPD has divided the City into 3 command areas and 35 community policing beats. The 2012 Project site is located within the Bureau of Field Operations One (BFO1), which is comprised of West and North Oakland and consists of 3 Police Service Areas (PSAs) and 21 beats. Patrol beats have one officer assigned 24 hours per day. The 2012 Project site is located within patrol Beats No. 2Y, 2X, 1X, 5Y, and the lower part of 7X.¹⁵¹ The OPD also operates three police boats from the Public Safety Dock near Fire Station 2 where several officers and a sergeant maintain the boats and patrol the Oakland Inner and Outer Harbor area, the Port of Oakland, the Bay Bridge, the Ferry terminals (both Oakland in Alameda), the BART under water vent tube, and the airport.¹⁵²

Service Demand. All emergency (911) and non-emergency calls for police services are received through OPD's communications center located at 1701 Edgewater Drive. Calls for fire and medical services are routed to the OFD for dispatching. Priorities for responding to police calls are set by a computer-aided dispatch system that may be overridden by dispatchers. Police officers are dispatched from the police communications center by radio and/or laptop computers mounted in police vehicles.

In 2011, the OPD received approximately 9 emergency calls from the 2012 Project area.¹⁵³ City-wide average response times for Priority 1, 2, and 3 calls are 10.4 minutes, 22.8 minutes, and 23.5 minutes,

¹⁴⁹ Oakland, City of, 2012a. Oakland Police Department (OPD). Personnel Distribution Report. February 17.

¹⁵⁰ Garcia, Gilbert 2012. Deputy Director, Bureau of Services. Oakland Police Department. Personal communications with LSA Associates, Inc. February 21 and March 22.

¹⁵¹ Oakland, City of, 2012b. Oakland Police Department (OPD). Community Policing. *Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council Map*. Website: www2.oaklandnet.com/oakca/groups/police/documents/image/oak025561.pdf (accessed March 22).

¹⁵² Gordon, James, 2012. Oakland Police Department. Personal communications with LSA Associates, Inc. February 9.

¹⁵³ Garcia, Gilbert 2012, op. cit.

respectively.¹⁵⁴ The estimated average response time to the project site is 17 minutes. The OPD has not experienced any difficulties with emergency access to the project vicinity.¹⁵⁵

Project Site Security. The majority of the 2012 Project site is within the OARB sub-district, and the southern portion of the project site extends into the Maritime sub-district. The 2002 EIR noted that the OPD provided police services to the Maritime and 16th/Wood sub-districts, and contracted private guard services patrolled the OARB sub-district as the first responder while OPD provided addition support. According to the OPD, private security services do not currently patrol the entire project area. According to the Port, private security is only provided at its truck parking facility. The Port pays for City services, including police services, through annual payments to the City. In accordance with a memorandum of understanding between the City and the Port, the Port funds 2 full-time OPD officers to enforce truck-related regulations in West Oakland.¹⁵⁶ Primary law enforcement issues in the project area include property crimes, assaults, drug dealing and prostitution.¹⁵⁷

3.14.4.3 Schools

The Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) manages and operates elementary, middle, and high schools in the City of Oakland. According to the 2002 EIR, the 2002 Project site is within the boundaries of two OUSD public schools: Prescott Elementary School and McClymonds High School. In 2005, Prescott Elementary School changed to the Preparatory Literary Academy of Cultural Excellence (PLACE) @ Prescott, and served 208 students during the 2010-2011 school year.¹⁵⁸ During the 2010-2011 school year, McClymonds High School served 254 students in grades 9 through 12.¹⁵⁹

The OUSD charter schools closest to the project site include: Oakland Charter High School (Grades 9-12), located at 345 12th Street, 3 miles east of the project site; KIPP Bridge Charter School (Grades 5-8), located at 991 14th Street, approximately 2 miles east of the project site; Oakland School of the Arts (Grades 6-8), located at 530 18th Street, approximately 3 miles east of the project site; and the American Indian Public Charter School II (Grades 6-8), located at 171 12th Street, approximately 3 miles east of the project site.¹⁶⁰

As described in the 2002 EIR, the Oakland Military Institute College Preparatory Academy was located in the OARB sub-district. Since May 2007, the Oakland Military Institute College Preparatory Academy (an OUSD charter school) has relocated to 3877 Lusk Street in Northwest Oakland.

¹⁵⁴ Ibid.

¹⁵⁵ Allison, Darren, 2012. Interim Deputy Chief of Police, Bureau of Field Operations, West. Oakland Police Department. Personal communications with LSA Associates Inc., February 13.

¹⁵⁶ Ibid.

¹⁵⁷ Ibid.

¹⁵⁸ California Department of Education, 2012. Dataquest, Enrollment of California Public Schools by Grade, 2010-2011. Website: dq.cde.ca.gov/Dataquest (accessed January 23).

¹⁵⁹ Oakland Unified School District, 2011. *Executive Summary School Accountability Report Card, 2010-2011 for McClymonds High*. December.

¹⁶⁰ Oakland Unified School District, 2012. Office of Charter Schools. Website: www.ousdcharters.net (accessed April 11).

3.14.4.4 Other Public Facilities

As described in the 2002 EIR, the West Oakland branch library, located at 1801 Adeline Street, is the closest library to the project site, and Summit Medical Center, located at 350 Hawthorne Avenue, is the nearest hospital to the project site.

3.14.5 SIGNIFICANCE CRITERIA AND IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The 2012 Project would have a significant impact on the environment if it would:

- a) 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:
 - i) Fire protection;
 - ii) Police protection;
 - iii) Schools; or
 - iv) Other public facilities.

These criteria are discussed below.

i) Fire protection

The 2012 Project would not result in increased demand for fire protection services beyond that identified in the 2002 EIR and would also not create a need for new OFD facilities.

As noted in the 2002 EIR, redevelopment was anticipated to generate 14,270 new jobs, with approximately 5,420 new jobs at the OARB sub-area. The 2012 Project would result in the development of new primarily warehouse buildings and infrastructure, and would increase employment by approximately 2,635 persons. As a result, the 2012 Project could increase the need for fire protection and emergency response services, but at a reduced level from that anticipated in the 2002 EIR. The 2012 Project would be subject to SCA PSU-1, SCA PSU-2, and 2002 EIR Mitigation Measures 4.9-1, 4.9-2, and 4.9-3. With implementation and compliance with these SCA and mitigation measures, potential impacts related to increased demand for fire protection and emergency response services would be less than significant.

Mitigation Measure 4.9-1 would require the City and the Port to cooperatively investigate the need for, and if required, fund on a fair-share basis development and operation of increased firefighting and medical emergency response services via fireboat to serve the OARB sub-district. The City and Port would also be allowed to develop fee formulae (to recoup initial investment from future development or tenants), as well as a long-term cost-sharing formula (to equitably distribute the cost of continuing operations). Mitigation Measures 4.9-2 and 4.9-3 would require the Port and City to work with OES to ensure changes in local area circulation are reflected in the 2012 Project's "Response Concept" and to require developers within their respective jurisdiction to notify OES of their plans before construction or remediation activities. Implementation of these mitigation measures would ensure adequate emergency access routes and response staging areas to serve the project site.

The 2012 Project also would be subject to State and local Fire Code requirements, and SCA PSU-1 and SCA PSU-2, which require: 1) the project applicant to install fire water service and fire alarm facilities in accordance with standard specifications; 2) the Fire Services Division to review and approve fire crew and apparatus access, water supply availability and distribution to current codes and standards; and 3) the project applicant to submit a separate fire safety phasing plan that includes all of the fire safety features incorporated into the 2012 Project and the schedule for implementation of the features.

State and local regulatory requirements and these Standard Conditions of Approval required by the City, would reduce the impact of the 2012 Project on OFD to a less-than-significant level, and ensure that no new OFD facilities are required to serve the 2012 Project.

The 2012 Project includes redevelopment of the Army Base at a similar scale as the 2002 Project. The 2012 Project would not result in any new or more significant impacts related to fire protection facilities than were described in the 2002 EIR.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Potentially Significant

2002 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measures 4.9-1, 4.9-2, and 4.9-3

2012 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measures 4.9-1, 4.9-2, and 4.9-3, supplemented with SCA PSU-1 and SCA PSU-2, 2012 EIR Mitigation Measures 3.16-15a and 3.16-15b (address emergency response)

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant

ii) Police protection

The 2012 Project would not result in increased demand for police services beyond that identified in the 2002 EIR and would not create a need for new OPD facilities.

As noted in the 2002 EIR, redevelopment was anticipated to generate 14,270 new jobs, with approximately 5,420 new jobs at the OARB sub-area. The 2012 Project would result in the development of new primarily warehouse buildings and infrastructure, and would increase employment by approximately 2,635 persons. As a result, the 2012 Project could increase the need for police protection services, but at a reduced level from that anticipated in the 2002 EIR.

The 2012 Project includes redevelopment of the Army Base at a similar scale as the 2002 Project. The 2012 Project would not result in any new or more significant impacts related to police protection facilities than were described in the 2002 EIR.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

iii) Schools

No residential uses are proposed as part of the 2012 Project and as such, the project would not directly impact school population. The 2012 Project would not directly affect the existing school population or increase school enrollment at PLACE @ Prescott and McClymonds High School, such that new school facilities would have to be physically altered or newly constructed. Therefore, the 2012 Project would have no school impacts.

The 2012 Project includes redevelopment of the Army Base at a similar scale as the 2002 Project. The 2012 Project would not result in any new or more significant impacts related to school facilities than were described in the 2002 EIR.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: No Impact

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

Significance After Implementation: No Impact

iv) Other public facilities

No residential uses are proposed as part of the 2012 Project and as such, the project would not directly impact other public facilities such as libraries and community centers. The 2012 Project would not directly affect the existing public facilities such that new facilities would have to be physically altered or newly constructed. Therefore, implementation of the 2012 Project would have no impact on other public facilities.

The 2012 Project includes redevelopment of the Army Base at a similar scale as the 2002 Project. The 2012 Project would not result in any new or more significant impacts related to other public facilities than were described in the 2002 EIR.

- 2002 Impact:** Less Than Significant
2012 Impact: No Impact
2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted
2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted
Significance After Implementation: No Impact

3.14.6 CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

The geographic scope for assessing the potential for cumulative public services impacts consists of the service areas of the agencies providing services to the 2012 Project area. The increased employee population and primarily warehouse and infrastructure development resulting from the 2012 Project, in conjunction with population and development of past, present, existing, pending, and reasonably foreseeable future development in the City, would result in a cumulative increase in the demand for fire and police protection services. This cumulative increase could result in the need for new or physically altered governmental facilities in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives. Because no residential uses are proposed as part of the 2012 Project, the project would not directly impact school and other public facilities (e.g., libraries and community centers) and services. The following discussion evaluates the potential for cumulative impacts.

3.14.6.1 Fire Protection

For fire protection services, the geographic area for assessing cumulative impacts is the City of Oakland. The 2012 Project, in conjunction with other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future projects, could result in a cumulative increase in demand for fire protection services. The 2012 Project would increase employment at the project site by approximately 2,240 persons. However, as discussed in the above project-specific analysis, demand from the 2012 Project would not result in a significant impact on OFD services or create the need for new or expanded facilities.

The 2012 Project would allow for adequate access of emergency vehicles. West Grand Avenue and 7th Street would continue to serve as first responder/evacuation routes to the project area. The 2012 Project would be subject to Mitigation Measures 4.9-1, 4.9-2, and 4.9-3 included in the 2002 EIR, Mitigation Measure 3.16-15 in the 2012 Addendum, and SCA PSU-1 and PSU-2. These measures and standards, in addition to State and local regulatory requirements associated with fire protection and prevention would reduce the cumulative contribution of the 2012 Project to fire protection services impacts to a less-than-significant level. Other cumulative projects in the City would also be subject to similar measures. The effect of the 2012 Project on fire protection services, in combination with other past, present, and foreseeable projects, would not be cumulatively considerable.

The 2012 Project includes redevelopment of the Army Base at a similar scale as the 2002 Project and would not result in any new or more significant impacts related to fire protection services than were described in the 2002 EIR. Therefore, the 2012 Project would not result in or contribute to any significant cumulative fire protection service impacts.

3.14.6.2 Police

For police services, the geographic area for assessing cumulative impacts is the City of Oakland. The 2012 Project, in conjunction with other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future projects, could result in a cumulative increase in demand for police services. As previously discussed, demand from the 2012 Project would not result in a significant impact on OPD services or create the need for new or expanded facilities.

The 2012 Project would increase the number of employees at the project site by approximately 2,240. Cumulative development in the City would generally be expected to increase demand for police services, although some new development in the City (e.g., the development of infill parcels in urban areas) could have beneficial effects on police services if it increases informal surveillance of areas prone to criminal activities. In August 2010, OPD released a working draft of its Strategic Plan, which outlines ways in which OPD plans to provide service to the City's residential and employee population, in the context of a high workload and budget constraints. The Strategic Plan identifies several ways to increase the efficiency of OPD through the expansion of partnerships with other law enforcement agencies; the use of more sophisticated intelligence-gathering mechanisms; and upgrading critical Police Department facilities. The Strategic Plan would enable OPD to more effectively serve cumulative development without the immediate need to develop more OPD facilities¹⁶¹.

Therefore, the 2012 Project would not make a significant contribution to a cumulative increase in demand for police services and would not contribute to any cumulative need for new OPD facilities. The 2012 Project includes redevelopment of the Army Base at a similar scale as the 2002 Project and would not result in any new or more significant impacts related to police protection services than were described in the 2002 EIR. Therefore, the 2012 Project would not result in or contribute to any significant cumulative police service impacts.

3.14.6.3 Schools and Other Public Facilities

The 2012 Project would not directly affect the existing school and other public facilities such that new facilities would have to be physically altered or newly constructed. The 2012 Project would not make a significant contribution to a cumulative increase in demand for school and other public services and would not contribute to any cumulative need for new school and other public facilities. The 2012 Project would not result in any new or more significant impacts related to school and other public facilities than were described in the 2002 EIR.

3.14.7 CONCLUSIONS

Redevelopment of the Army Base would not result in significant new public services impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified public services impacts compared to the 2002 EIR. Therefore, impacts would be similar to those addressed in the 2002 EIR, and would continue to be less than significant. Previously imposed mitigation measures from the 2002 EIR have been identified and, where appropriate, have been clarified, refined, revised, or deleted. Two new mitigation measures, Mitigation Measures 3.16-15a and 3.16-15b relating to emergency response are further discussed in Section 3.16, Transportation/Traffic.

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3.15 RECREATION

This section evaluates the potential recreation impacts of the 2012 Project. This analysis specifically considers whether the 2012 Project would result in new significant recreation impacts not identified in the 2002 EIR or a substantial increase in the severity of the previously identified significant impacts. This section also discusses any pertinent new information or changes in circumstances that could result in new significant recreation impacts not identified in the 2002 EIR or a substantial increase in the severity of the previously identified significant impacts. Previously imposed mitigation measures from the 2002 EIR are identified and, where appropriate, are clarified, refined, revised, or deleted. This section also identifies the applicable provisions of the City's Standard Conditions of Approval and whether or not new mitigation measures are required.

3.15.1 PRIOR ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS

3.15.1.1 2002 EIR Impact Findings

The 2002 Base Reuse Plan EIR identified 29 acres of "Park, Public Access", which included 19-acres for Gateway Park and approximately 10 acres of public (shoreline) access in the Gateway Development Area.¹⁶² The 2002 EIR concluded that the 2002 Project would have potentially significant impacts that could be reduced to less-than-significant levels due to construction and/or operation of the Gateway Park having an adverse physical effect on the environment:

Impact 4.10-2: Construction and/or operation of the Gateway Park could have an adverse physical effect on the environment. *(Note: This impact is not applicable to the 2012 Project.)*

The 2002 EIR concluded that the 2002 Project would have a less-than-significant impact on Raimondi Park or other nearby parks:

Impact 4.10-1: Raimondi Park or other nearby parks could experience increased use potentially leading to or accelerating their physical deterioration. *(Note: This impact is not applicable to the 2012 Project.)*

Construction activities, recreational uses and potential Bay fill also could affect surface water quality; these potential physical impacts and measures to mitigate them to a less-than-significant level were discussed in Chapters 4.15: Surface Water. In addition, the consistency of this potential fill with policies of the Bay Plan is addressed in Section 4.1: Consistency with Plans and Policies.

3.15.1.2 2002 EIR Mitigation Measures

For the potential impact related to construction and/or operation of the Gateway Park having an adverse physical effect on the environment, the 2002 EIR identified the following mitigation measures to reduce the impact to a less-than-significant level (Also, see Chapter 3.9, Hydrology and Water Quality):

¹⁶² The 19 acres for a Gateway Park to be developed by EBRPD includes 15 acres from the US Army and 4 acres from Caltrans as a mitigation measure for the Bay Bridge East Span Replacement Project. Gateway Park is not part of the 2012 Project.

Mitigation Measure 4.15-1: Prior to in-water construction, the contractor shall prepare a water quality protection plan acceptable to the RWQCB, including site-specific best management practices for protection of Bay waters, and shall implement this plan during construction. *[Note: This mitigation measure is not applicable to the 2012 Project.]*

Mitigation Measure 4.15-2: Contractors and developers shall comply with all permit conditions from the RWQCB, Corps, and BCDC. *[Note: This mitigation measure is not applicable to the 2012 Project.]*

This Gateway Park is not part of 2012 Project area and therefore these mitigation measures do not apply.

3.15.2 STANDARD CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

There are no Standard Conditions of Approval relating to Recreation that apply to the 2012 Project.

3.15.3 UPDATED REGULATORY SETTING

3.15.3.1 Federal

As discussed in the 2002 EIR, there are no relevant federal laws, regulations, or policies regarding recreation.

3.15.3.2 State

The 2002 EIR identified findings and policies from the San Francisco Bay Plan, and the City of Oakland General Plan relevant to recreation. While the San Francisco Bay Plan recreation policies were amended in September 2006, which post-dates the certification of the 2002 EIR, the general findings and policies identified from the San Francisco Bay Plan are still consistent and no update to the regulatory setting is necessary.

As discussed in the 2002 EIR, the McAteer-Petris Act directs BCDC to exert its land use authority (among other authorities) within its jurisdiction, and BCDC does so in part through preparation and implementation of the *San Francisco Bay Plan* (the “Bay Plan”). The Bay Plan addresses recreation and public access, among other issues. The Bay Plan contains specific findings and policies concerning recreation on and around the Bay (see Section 4.1 of the 2002 EIR: Consistency with Plans and Policies, for discussion of these policies). The Bay Plan recognizes the Bay and its shoreline as a valuable recreational resource, and finds that recreational uses of the Bay and shoreline should be planned as far into the future as possible. Bay Plan policies for recreation focus on active recreational facilities, such as fishing piers and marinas. The Bay Plan states that concentrations of waterfront recreational facilities should generally be located as close to major population centers as feasible, and should not preempt sites needed for ports, waterfront industry, or airports; rather, efforts should be made to integrate recreation into such facilities, to the extent they might be compatible. In addition, the Bay Plan encourages waterfront recreation facilities to the extent they do not have significant adverse effects on water quality and circulation, would not destroy valuable marshes or mudflats, and would not harm identified valuable fish and wildlife resources.

In 2000, BCDC amended the San Francisco Bay Area Seaport Plan and the San Francisco Bay Plan to remove the port priority use and marine terminal designation from approximately 189 acres of the

Army Base and retain 15 acres of land on the Base for port ancillary uses.¹⁶³ The Bay Plan specifically includes the following policy and a map that shows the proposed Gateway Park at the western spit of land, west of the Gateway Development Area:

- Gateway Shoreline Park - Develop gateway park at Bay Bridge touchdown with gracious pedestrian and bicycle access to the Bay Bridge. Incorporate viewing, picnicking, non-motorized small boat launching and interpretation of current and historic transportation infrastructure and natural and cultural factors. Protect eelgrass beds and nearby endangered species habitats.

The Bay Plan does not address the 10 acres of public (shoreline) access in the Gateway Development Area provided for in the 2002 Base Reuse Plan.

As part of implementation of the OARB Reuse and Redevelopment Plans, the City of Oakland and the California State Lands Commission (SLC) negotiated and settled issues related to the designation of lands subject to Tidelands Trust in the OARB through the recordation of the Oakland Army Base Title Settlement and Exchange Agreement (“Exchange Agreement”) dated August 7, 2006. The SLC has jurisdiction over “tidelands trust” lands, which are certain tidal and submerged lands granted by the state in trust to cities and counties to develop harbors in furtherance of state and national commerce. These grants require that granted lands be used consistent with the public trust and terms of the grant and require the grantee to use the revenues produced from these lands for trust purposes consistent with the grants. Section 6 of the Exchange Agreement requires that there be public access in the form of “permanent vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian access to the Public Trust lands” within the OARB Sub-district Gateway Development Area and to the adjoining proposed Gateway Park; prior to any approval of any proposed circulation plan in the area, a written determination from the Executive Officer of the Commission must be obtained that the plan meets the requirements of the Exchange Agreement. The City is coordinating with the SLC to review the proposed public access plan and obtain the required written determination, which the City believes satisfies the requirement stipulated by the Exchange Agreement.

3.15.3.3 Local

As discussed in the 2002 EIR, the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) manages regional parks for Alameda and Contra Costa counties. While EBRPD’s Master Plan (1996) does not identify lands within the study area as under current or planned management of EBRPD, the EBRPD has expressed interest in acquiring through Public Benefit Conveyance approximately 19 acres at the tip of the Gateway peninsula from the Army to manage as a park. Gateway Park is in the early planning stages being led by EBRPD and a consortium of agencies. The 2012 Project boundary does not include Gateway Park.

The *Open Space Conservation and Recreation* Element of the Oakland General Plan inventories existing open space, conservation, and recreation resources of the City; proposes standards; puts forth goals, objectives, and policies; and recommends actions. Themes of the OSCAR include increasing and protecting these resources, and bringing them into neighborhoods where they currently do not exist. Policies relating to the 2012 Project include:

¹⁶³ Bay Conservation and Development Commission, 1968. *San Francisco Bay Plan*, as amended through 2001 Resolution No 00-10: Adoption of Bay Plan Amendment No. 4-00, Deletion and Addition of Port Priority Use Area Designation at the Oakland Army Base and Port of Oakland in the Seaport and Bay Plan. April.

- Policy OS-3.2: Military Base Open Space: When the FISC or OARB become available for redevelopment, opportunities to provide recreational facilities should be studied. Improved shoreline access should be pursued, provided that it does not interfere with the development and operation of new maritime and transportation facilities.
- Policy OS-7.2: Dedication of Shoreline Public Access: Support BCDC requirements which mandate that all new shoreline development designate the water's edge as publicly accessible open space where safety and security are not compromised, and where access can be achieved without interfering with waterfront industrial and maritime uses. Where such conflicts or hazards would result, support the provision of off-site access improvements in lieu of on-site improvements.

The 2002 OARB Reuse Plan includes a goal to promote development of a public access shoreline park. In support of this goal, the Reuse Plan also includes a recommendation that the US Army convey the 15-acre spit along the eastern touchdown of the Bay Bridge to EBRPD through a Public Benefit Conveyance. This transfer will occur after environmental remediation of the land is completed. As noted above, the 2012 Project boundary does not include the Gateway Park area. The 2002 Reuse Plan proposed 29 acres of "Park, Public Access" which included 19 acres for Gateway Park and approximately 10 acres of public (shoreline) access in the Gateway Development Area.¹⁶⁴ These areas are generally depicted in Figures 2-5a and 2-5b in Chapter 2, Project Description.

3.15.4 EXISTING CONDITIONS

Locally, a major change in existing conditions relating to recreation was the opening in 2004 of the Port's 40-acre Middle Harbor Shoreline Park at the western end of 7th Street. Other than that, existing conditions relating to recreation have not changed substantially from the regional and local setting identified in the 2002 EIR, including the fact that the 19-acre Gateway Park and the 10 acres of public (shoreline) access in the Gateway Development Area have not been developed. Existing uses at the 2012 Project site include truck parking, cargo container storage, maintenance facilities, rail yards, large warehouses, and vacant land (see Section 3.10, Land Use and Planning, for more detailed information about existing uses). Thus, the analysis in this section of this Initial Study/Addendum analyzes the existing conditions with respect to the open space and public access project uses in Variants A: Working Waterfront and B: R&D/Open Space, which would result in approximately 2.7 acres and 12.2 acres of open space/public access, respectively (see Chapter 2, Project Description, and Figures 2-5a and 205b for more detail).

3.15.5 SIGNIFICANCE CRITERIA AND IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The 2012 Project would have a significant impact on the environment if it would:

- a) Increase the use of existing neighborhood or regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated; or
- b) Include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have a substantial adverse physical effect on the environment;

These criteria are discussed below.

¹⁶⁴ The 19 acres for a Gateway Park to be developed by EBRPD includes 15 acres from the US Army and 4 acres from Caltrans as a mitigation measure for the Bay Bridge East Span Replacement Project.

a) Would the 2012 Project increase the use of existing neighborhood or regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?

The 2012 Project includes warehouse and distribution, light industrial, research and development, a railyard, and truck parking and servicing uses on the project site at a scale similar to that considered in the 2002 EIR. Redevelopment of the Army Base would not include residential uses and would not result in an increase in a resident population that would use existing parks or recreational facilities. The 2012 Project includes two variants: Variant A: Working Waterfront which would result in approximately 2.7 acres of public access along the Gateway development area shoreline, and; Variant B: R&D/Open Space which would result in approximately 12.2 acres of public access and open space along the Gateway development area shoreline, as shown in Figures 2-5a and 2-5b. This is generally consistent with what was proposed in the same geographic area in the 2002 Project, although Variant A would result in a decrease of 7 acres of shoreline access. As noted above, the waterfront Gateway Park at the Gateway peninsula is not a part of the 2012 Project. In the 2002 impact analysis of the Recreation section, these were listed as a "Benefit."

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

b) Does the 2012 Project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have a substantial adverse physical effect on the environment?

The 2002 EIR noted that construction of the Gateway Park may require shoreline stabilization that would require Bay fill.

The 2012 Project includes either 2.7 acres (Variant A) or 12.2 acres (Variant B) for public access in the Gateway Development Area. In 2002, the proposed public access considered shoreline stabilization that would require Bay fill. For the 2002 Project, construction activities, recreational uses and potential Bay fill could affect biological resources and surface water quality. The recreation facilities contemplated in the 2012 Project do not include shoreline stabilization. Open space would be provided on an existing wharf.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant (Construction and/or operation of Gateway Park)

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measures 4.15-1 and 4.15-2.

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

3.15.6 CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

Redevelopment of the Army Base would not include residential uses and would not result in an increase in a resident population that would use existing parks or recreational facilities. The 2012 Project includes 2 acres for Variant A and 10-12 acres for Variant B for open space and public access, which would be a benefit. Implementation of the 2012 Project would not result in any significant impacts to recreation; nor would the 2012 Project contribute to any cumulative recreation impact in the region.

3.15.7 CONCLUSIONS

Redevelopment of the Army Base would not result in significant new recreation impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified recreation impacts compared to the 2002 EIR. Thus, impacts would be similar to those addressed in the 2002 EIR, and would continue to be less than significant. Previously imposed mitigation measures from the 2002 EIR have been identified and, where appropriate, have been clarified, refined, revised, or deleted. No new mitigation measures are required.

3.15.8 REFERENCES

Bay Conservation and Development Commission, 1968. *San Francisco Bay Plan*, as amended through 2001 Resolution No 00-10: Adoption of Bay Plan Amendment No. 4-00, Deletion and Addition of Port Priority Use Area Designation at the Oakland Army Base and Port of Oakland in the Seaport and Bay Plan. April.

3.16 TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC

This section evaluates the potential transportation impacts of the 2012 Project. This analysis specifically considers whether the 2012 Project would result in new significant transportation impacts not identified in the 2002 EIR or a substantial increase in severity of the previously identified significant impacts. This section also discusses any pertinent new information or changes in circumstances that could result in new significant transportation impacts not identified in the 2002 EIR or a substantial increase in the severity of the previously identified significant impacts. Previously imposed mitigation measures from the 2002 EIR are identified and, where appropriate, are clarified, refined, revised, or deleted. This section also identifies the applicable provisions of the City's Standard Conditions of Approval and whether or not new mitigation measures are required.

3.16.1 PRIOR ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS

3.16.1.1 2002 EIR Impact Findings

The 2002 EIR concluded that the 2002 Project would have residual significant and unavoidable impact related to roadway segment operations on the Metropolitan Transportation System (MTS):

Impact 4.3-2: Redevelopment would cause some roadway segments on the MTS to operate at LOS F and increase the volume-to-capacity (V/C) ratio by more than three percent on segments that would operate at LOS F without redevelopment.

The 2002 EIR concluded that significant impacts related to intersection level of service, which could be reduced to less-than-significant levels:

Impact 4.3-1: Redevelopment could cause the level of service to degrade to worse than LOS D at three intersections located outside the Downtown area:

- West Grand Avenue/Maritime Street (#1)
- West Grand Avenue/I-880 Frontage Road (#2)
- 7th Street/Maritime Street (#10) (*Note: This impact would not occur for the 2012 Project.*)

The 2002 EIR concluded that potentially significant impacts related to traffic hazard, emergency access, policies, plans and programs supporting alternative transportation, parking supply, wait time at BART station fare gates, and activities during construction phase, which could be reduced to less-than-significant levels:

Impact 4.3-3: Redevelopment could result in traffic hazards to motor vehicles, bicycles, or pedestrians due to inadequate design features or incompatible uses.

Impact 4.3-4: Due to site constraints, it may not be possible to provide two emergency access routes to the western portion of the Gateway development area, which would be in excess of 1,000 feet from the nearest major arterial.

Impact 4.3-5: Redevelopment could fundamentally conflict with adopted policies, plans, or program supporting alternative transportation.

Impact 4.3-6: Redevelopment could result in an inadequate parking supply at the Gateway development area, the 16th/Wood sub district, or for trucks serving the Port of Oakland.

Impact 4.3-9: Redevelopment would increase the peak hour average ridership at the West Oakland BART station by three percent where average waiting time at fare gates could exceed one minute. *(Note: This impact is not applicable because 1) average ridership on BART is no longer a CEQA threshold; 2) the Project area is not directly served by BART; and 3) the 2012 Project would generate much lower number of employment than the 2002 Project.)*

Impact 4.3-11: Remediation, demolition/deconstruction, and construction activities within the redevelopment project area would utilize a significant number of trucks and could cause significant circulation impacts on the street system.

The 2002 EIR concluded that the 2002 Project would have a less-than-significant impact related to AC Transit ridership, standing capacity of BART trains, and construction delay:

Impact 4.3-7: Redevelopment would increase the average ridership on AC Transit lines by more than three percent on transit lines serving the redevelopment project area, but the average load factor with the project in place would not exceed 125 percent over a peak 30-minute period. Therefore, the project impact is considered less than significant. *(Note: This impact is not applicable because 1) average ridership on AC Transit is no longer a CEQA threshold; 2) the Project area is not directly served by AC Transit; and 3) the 2012 Project would generate much lower number of employment than the 2002 Project.)*

Impact 4.3-8: Redevelopment would increase passenger volume exceeding the standing capacity of BART trains, but would not increase peak hour average ridership by three percent. Therefore, the project impact is considered less than significant. *(Note: This impact is not applicable because 1) standing capacity on BART is no longer a CEQA threshold; 2) the Project area is not directly served by BART; and 3) the 2012 Project would generate much lower number of employment than the 2002 Project.)*

Impact 4.3-10: Construction of New Berth 21 could cause minor delays to commercial vessels plying their trade. However, the delays would not be frequent and would be within normally accepted practices for a busy port complex. Therefore, the project impact is considered less than significant. *(Note: This impact is not applicable because it is located outside the Project area.)*

Cumulative Transportation Impacts

The 2002 EIR concluded that the 2002 Project would have residual cumulative significant and unavoidable impact related to intersection level of service and the MTS network:

Impact 5.3-1: Increased congestion at intersections exceeding the cumulatively significant threshold. Redevelopment, in combination with past, other current and probable future projects as described in the description of methodology, above, would cause the level of service to degrade to worse than D at the West Grand Avenue/Maritime Street intersection.

Impact 5.3-2: Increased congestion on the MTS exceeding the cumulatively significant threshold. Redevelopment, in combination with past, other current, and probable future projects, would cause some roadway segments on the MTS to operate at LOS F and increase the V/C ratio by more than three percent on segments that would operate at LOS F without redevelopment. Significant cumulative impacts would occur on the following freeway segments:

- I-80 from the Bay Bridge to east of I-80/I-580 split (*Note: This impact would not occur for the 2012 Project.*)
- I-880 from I-980 to the segment south of I-238
- I-580 from west of I-980/SR-24 to I-238 (*Note: This impact would not occur for the 2012 Project.*)
- SR-24 east of I-580 (*Note: This impact would not occur for the 2012 Project.*)

Impact 5.3-5: Inadequate truck-related parking. Redevelopment, in combination with past, other current, and probable future projects, including the Vision 2000 Program could result in inadequate parking supply for trucks serving the Port of Oakland.

The 2006 Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for The Oakland Army Base Auto Mall Project (Lamphier-Gregory) concluded that the Army Base Auto Mall Project would have residual cumulative significant and unavoidable impact related to the intersection level of service at the West Grand Avenue/I-880 Frontage Road intersection. Likewise, the December 2010 Housing Element EIR, the 2004 Wood Street (Central Station) EIR and the 2003 Uptown EIR have all identified this intersection as significant and unavoidable.

Impact Traf-7: At the West Grand Avenue/I-880 Frontage Road intersection, both the Project and Option B would increase traffic in 2025 and both development options would cause the average vehicle delay to increase by more than two (2) seconds where the future baseline level of service would be LOS F during the AM peak, PM peak, and Saturday peak hours. The costs of the mitigation measures described in the 2002 EIR were so prohibitively high that the mitigation measures were not considered feasible and the impacts were considered significant and unavoidable.

The 2002 EIR concluded that significant cumulative impacts related to intersection level of service, traffic hazard, and emergency access, which could be reduced to less-than-significant levels:

Impact 5.3-1: Increased congestion at intersections exceeding the cumulatively significant thresholds:

- West Grand Avenue/I-880 Frontage Road (#2)
- 7th Street/Maritime Street (#10) (*Note: This impact would not occur for the 2012 Project.*)
- 7th Street/I-880 Northbound Ramps (#12)
- 3rd Street/Adeline Street (#25) (*Note: This impact would not occur for the 2012 Project.*)
- 3rd Street/Market Street (#26) (*Note: This impact would not occur for the 2012 Project.*)

- 12th Street/Brush Street (#28)
- Powell Street/I-80 Northbound Ramps (#35) (*Note: This impact would not occur for the 2012 Project.*)

Impact 5.3-3: Increased traffic hazards. Redevelopment, in combination with past, other current, and probable future projects, could result in traffic hazards to motor vehicles, bicycles, or pedestrians due to inadequate design features, incompatible transportation modes, or increase in transport trucks on neighborhood streets.

Impact 5.3-4: Inadequate emergency access. Construction of the access roadway from Maritime Street through the center of the Gateway development area to the Gateway peninsula could result in less than two emergency access routes for this street which would exceed 1000 feet in length.

The 2002 EIR concluded that potentially significant cumulative impacts related to BART standing capacity and BART fare gate wait time, which could be reduced to less-than-significant levels:

Impact 5.3-7: Increased ridership on BART trains. Redevelopment, in combination with past, other current, and probable future projects, including projects of the West Oakland Cumulative Growth Scenario Update, could increase peak hour average ridership by three percent where the passenger volume would exceed the standing capacity of BART trains. (*Note: This impact is not applicable because 1) average ridership on BART is no longer a CEQA threshold; 2) the Project area is not directly served by BART; and 3) the 2012 Project would generate much lower number of employment than the 2002 Project.*)

Impact 5.3-8: Increased waiting time during peak weekday hours at BART fare gates. Redevelopment, in combination with past, other current, and probable future projects, including projects of the West Oakland Cumulative Growth Scenario Update, would increase the peak hour average ridership at the West Oakland BART station by three percent where average waiting time at fare gates could exceed one minute. (*Note: This impact is not applicable because 1) BART fare gate waiting time is no longer a CEQA threshold; 2) the Project area is not directly served by BART; and 3) the 2012 Project would generate much lower number of employment than the 2002 Project.*)

The 2002 EIR concluded that the 2002 Project would have a less-than-significant cumulative impact related to AC Transit ridership, and increased vessel delay:

Impact 5.3-6: Increased ridership on AC Transit during peak weekday hours. Redevelopment, in combination with past, other current, and probable future projects, including the West Oakland Cumulative Growth Scenario Update, would increase the average ridership on AC Transit lines by more than three percent on transit lines serving the redevelopment project area, but the average load factor with the project in place would not exceed 125 percent over a peak 30-minute period. Therefore, the project impact is considered less than significant. (*Note: This impact is not applicable because 1) average ridership on AC Transit is no longer a CEQA threshold; 2) the Project area is not directly served by AC Transit; and 3) the 2012 Project would generate much lower number of employment than the 2002 Project.*)

Impact 5.3-9: Increased delays to commercial vessels. Increased vessel calls due to the redevelopment, in combination with past, other current, and probable future projects, including the Vision 2000 Program, could increase minor delays to commercial vessels plying their trade.

3.16.1.2 2002 EIR Mitigation Measures

For the residual significant and unavoidable impact related to roadway segment operations on the MTS, the 2002 EIR identified the following mitigation measure, which would reduce traffic demand on the MTS but the impact would remain significant:

Mitigation 4.3-4: The City and Port shall jointly create and maintain a transit access plan(s) for the redevelopment project area designed to reduce demand for single-occupant, peak hour trips, and to increase access to transit opportunities. Major project area developers shall fund on a fair share basis the plan(s). *(Note: This mitigation measure has been superseded by SCA TRANS-1 for the 2012 Project.)*

For the significant impacts related to intersection level of service, the 2002 EIR identified the following mitigation measures to reduce the impacts to less-than-significant levels:

Mitigation 4.3-1: West Grand Avenue/Maritime Street (#1). As part of the design for the realignment of Maritime Street, the Port shall also provide modifications to the West Grand Avenue/Maritime Street intersection. *(Note: This mitigation measure has been updated for the 2012 Project.)*

Mitigation 4.3-2: West Grand Avenue/I-880 Frontage Road (#2). Project area developers shall fund, on a fair-share basis, modifications to the West Grand Avenue/I-880 Frontage Road intersection. *(Note: This mitigation measure has been updated for the 2012 Project.)*

Mitigation 4.3-3: 7th/Maritime Street (#10). As part of the design for the realignment of Maritime Street, the Port shall also provide modifications to the 7th/Maritime Street intersection. *(Note: This mitigation measure has been updated for the 2012 Project.)*

For the potentially significant impacts related to traffic hazard, the 2002 EIR identified the following mitigation measures to reduce the impacts to less-than-significant levels:

Mitigation 4.3-5: Redevelopment elements shall be designed in accordance with standard design practice and shall be subject to review and approval of the City or Port design engineer.

Mitigation 4.3-6: The Port shall fund signage designating through transport truck prohibitions through the interior of the Gateway development area. *(Note: This mitigation measure is no longer applicable because port support services and compatible uses would be provided adjacent to the rail and marine terminals.)*

Mitigation 4.3-7: The City and the Port shall continue to work together and shall create a truck management plan designed to reduce the effects of transport trucks on local streets. The City and Port shall fund on a fair share basis implementation of this plan.

For the potentially significant impacts related to emergency access, the 2002 EIR identified the following mitigation measures to reduce the impacts to less-than-significant levels:

Mitigation 4.3-8: Construct an emergency vehicle access to the western portion of the Gateway development area or provide an emergency service program and emergency evacuation plan using waterborne vessels.

For the potentially significant impacts related to policies, plans and programs supporting alternative transportation, the 2002 EIR identified the following mitigation measures to reduce the impacts to less-than-significant levels:

Mitigation 4.3-9: Redevelopment plans shall conform to City of Oakland or Port development standards with facilities that support transportation alternatives to the single-occupant automobile.

Mitigation: Measure 4.3-4, described above.

For the potentially significant impacts related to parking supply, wait time at BART station fare gates, and activities during construction phase, the 2002 EIR identified the following mitigation measures to reduce the impacts to less-than-significant levels:

Mitigation 4.3-10: The number of parking spaces provided in the project area shall comply with City code or Port requirements and/or with recommendations of a developer funded parking demand analysis.

Mitigation 4.3-11: During both construction and operation, the Port shall provide truck parking within the Port development area or Maritime sub-district, at a reasonable cost to truck operators and provide advance information to operators where the parking is located.

For the potentially significant impacts related to waiting time at BART station fare gates, the 2002 EIR identified the following mitigation measures to reduce the impacts to less-than-significant levels:

Mitigation 4.3-12: The City and Port shall provide detailed information regarding redevelopment to BART to enable BART to conduct a comprehensive fare gate capacity assessment at the West Oakland BART station. Pending the results of this assessment, the City and the Port may need to participate in funding the cost of adding one or more fare gates at the West Oakland BART station. (*Note: This impact is not applicable because 1) BART fare gate waiting time is no longer a CEQA threshold; 2) the Project area is not directly served by BART; and 3) the 2012 Project would generate much lower number of employment than the 2002 Project.*)

For the potentially significant impacts related to activities during construction phase, the 2002 EIR identified the following mitigation measures to reduce the impacts to less-than-significant levels:

Mitigation 4.3-13: Prior to commencing hazardous materials or hazardous waste remediation, demolition, or construction activities, a Traffic Control Plan (TCP) shall be implemented to control peak hours trips to the extent feasible, assure the safety on the street

system and assure that transportation activities are protective of human health, safety, and the environment. *(Note: This mitigation measure has been superseded by SCA TRANS-2 for the 2012 Project.)*

Cumulative Transportation Mitigation Measures

For the residual cumulative significant and unavoidable impact related to inadequate truck parking, the 2002 EIR identified the following mitigation measures but the impact would remain significant:

Mitigation 5.3-7: The City and Port shall cooperatively develop a program that combines multiple strategic objectives and implementation tools designed to reduce cumulative truck parking and other AMS impacts. *(Note: This mitigation measure is no longer applicable because port support services and compatible uses would be provided adjacent to the rail and marine terminals and 40.8 acres of truck parking is included as a part of the Project.)*

For the significant cumulative impacts related to intersection level of service, the 2002 EIR identified the following mitigation measures to reduce the impacts to less-than-significant levels:

Mitigation 5.3-1: 7th/Maritime Street. Project area developers shall fund a fair share of additional modifications at the 7th/Maritime Street intersection. *(Note: This mitigation measure is no longer needed; other measure was identified.)*

Mitigation 5.3-2: 7th Street/I-880 Northbound Ramps. Project area developers shall fund a fair share of modifications at the 7th Street/I-880 Northbound ramp. *(Note: This mitigation measure is no longer needed; other measure was identified.)*

Mitigation 5.3-3: 3rd/Adeline Street. Project area developers shall fund a fair share of the modifications at the 3rd/Adeline Street intersection. *(Note: This mitigation measure is no longer needed.)*

Mitigation 5.3-4: 3rd/Market Street. Project area developers shall fund a fair share of modifications at the 3rd/Market Street intersection. *(Note: This mitigation measure is no longer needed.)*

Mitigation 5.3-5: 12th/Brush Street. Project area developers shall fund a fair share of modifications to the 12th/Brush Street intersection to increase the signal cycle length to 16 seconds. Implementation of this mitigation measure would reduce cumulative impacts at the 12th/Brush Street intersection to a less-than-significant level. *(Note: This mitigation measure is no longer needed; other measure is identified.)*

Mitigation 5.3-6: Powell Street/I-80 Northbound Ramps. Project area developers shall fund a fair share of modifications at the Powell Street/I-80 northbound ramps intersection. *(Note: This mitigation measure is no longer needed.)*

For the significant cumulative impacts related to traffic hazard and emergency access, the 2002 EIR stated the mitigation measures identified for related project impacts in Chapter 4.3 Transportation

(Mitigation Measures 4.3-5 -6, -7, and -8) would reduce the impacts to less-than-significant levels. No additional mitigation is warranted.

For the potentially significant cumulative impacts related to BART standing capacity, the 2002 EIR identified the following mitigation measures to reduce the impacts to less-than-significant levels:

Mitigation 5.3-8: The City and Port shall work with BART to ensure adequate BART train capacity will be available for riders to and from the redevelopment project area, and possibly fund, on a fair share basis, BART train capacity improvements. *(Note: This mitigation measure is not applicable because 1) average ridership on BART is no longer a CEQA threshold; 2) the Project area is not directly served by BART; and 3) the 2012 Project would generate much lower number of employment than the 2002 Project.)*

For the potentially significant cumulative impacts related to BART fare gates, the 2002 EIR stated that Mitigation Measure 4.3-12 identified for related project impact in Chapter 4.3 Transportation would reduce the impacts to less-than-significant levels. No additional mitigation is warranted.

3.16.2 STANDARD CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Since publication of the 2002 EIR, the City of Oakland has adopted Standard Conditions of Approval (SCA) that are applicable to all development projects within the City regardless of a project's environmental determination, pursuant in part to *CEQA Guidelines* Section 15183. The City's SCA serve to avoid or substantially reduce potentially significant impacts. The City's SCA that would apply to the 2012 Project are listed below. If the City approves the 2012 Project, the SCA would be adopted as requirements of the 2012 Project to help ensure less-than-significant impacts. Generally, the SCA are more current, more detailed, and provide greater clarity regarding process and procedures than previously imposed mitigation measures; the SCA will not increase significant adverse effects, but rather will further reduce adverse impacts. The SCA would be incorporated and required as part of the 2012 Project and, therefore, are not listed as mitigation measures but will be included in the Standard Conditions of Approval and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (SCA/MMRP) for the 2012 Project. In cases of conflict or overlap between mitigation measures from the 2002 Redevelopment EIR and current City SCA, the more stringent requirements would apply.

SCA TRANS-1: Parking and Transportation Demand Management

For construction: Prior to issuance of first permit related to construction (e.g., demolition, grading, etc.)

For operation: Prior to issuance of a final building permit

The project sponsor shall pay for and submit for review and approval by the City a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) plan containing strategies to:

1. Reduce the amount of traffic generated by new development and the expansion of existing development, pursuant to the City's police power and necessary in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare.
2. Ensure that expected increases in traffic resulting from growth in employment and housing opportunities in the City of Oakland will be adequately mitigated.
3. Reduce drive-alone commute trips during peak traffic periods by using a combination of services, incentives, and facilities.
4. Promote more efficient use of existing transportation facilities and ensure that new developments are designed in ways to maximize the potential for alternative transportation usage.

5. Establish an ongoing monitoring and enforcement program to ensure that the desired alternative mode use percentages are achieved.

The project sponsor shall implement the approved TDM plan. The TDM plan shall include strategies to increase pedestrian, bicycle, transit, and carpool/vanpool use. All four modes of travel shall be considered, and parking management and parking reduction strategies should be included.

Actions to consider include the following:

- a) Inclusion of additional long term and short term bicycle parking that meets the design standards set forth in chapter five of the Bicycle Master Plan, and Bicycle Parking Ordinance, and shower and locker facilities in commercial developments that exceed the requirement.
- b) Construction of and/or access to bikeways per the Bicycle Master Plan; construction of priority bikeways, onsite signage and bike lane striping.
- c) Installation of safety elements per the Pedestrian Master Plan (such as cross walk striping, curb ramps, count down signals, bulb outs, etc.) to encourage convenient and safe crossing at arterials.
- d) Installation of amenities such as lighting, street trees, trash receptacles per the Pedestrian Master Plan and any applicable streetscape plan.
- e) Construction and development of transit stops/shelters, pedestrian access, way finding signage, and lighting around transit stops per transit agency plans or negotiated improvements.
- f) Direct onsite sales of transit passes purchased and sold at a bulk group rate (through programs such as AC Transit Easy Pass or a similar program through another transit agency).
- g) Employees or residents can be provided with a subsidy, determined by the project sponsor and subject to review by the City, if the employees or residents use transit or commute by other alternative modes.
- h) Provision of ongoing contribution to AC Transit service to the area between the development and nearest mass transit station. If that is not available, an ongoing contribution to an existing area shuttle service between the development and nearest mass transit station. The last option is establishment of a new shuttle service between the development and nearest mass transit station may be developed. The contribution required for the service (any option) will be based on the cost of the last option.
- i) Guaranteed ride home program for employees, either through 511.org or through separate program.
- j) Pre-tax commuter benefits (commuter checks) for employees.
- k) Free designated parking spaces for on-site car-sharing program (such as City Car Share, Zip Car, etc.) and/or car-share membership for employees or tenants.
- l) On-site carpooling and/or vanpool program that includes preferential (discounted or free) parking for carpools and vanpools.
- m) Distribution of information concerning alternative transportation options.
- n) Parking spaces sold/leased separately for residential units. Charge employees for parking, or provide a cash incentive or transit pass alternative to a free parking space in commercial properties.
- o) Parking management strategies; including attendant/valet parking and shared parking spaces.
- p) Requiring tenants to provide opportunities and the ability to work off-site.
- q) Allow employees or residents to adjust their work schedule in order to complete the basic work requirement of five eight-hour workdays by adjusting their schedule to reduce vehicle trips to the worksite.
- r) Provide or require tenants to provide employees with staggered work hours involving a shift in the set work hours of all employees at the workplace or flexible work hours involving individually determined work hours.

The project sponsor shall submit an annual compliance report for review and approval by the City. This report will be reviewed either by City staff (or a peer review consultant, chosen by the City and paid for by the project

sponsor). If timely reports are not submitted, the reports indicate a failure to achieve the stated policy goals, or the required alternative mode split is still not achieved, staff will work with the project sponsor to find ways to meet their commitments and achieve trip reduction goals. If the issues cannot be resolved, the matter may be referred to the Planning Commission for resolution. Project sponsors shall be required, as a condition of approval, to reimburse the City for costs incurred in maintaining and enforcing the trip reduction program for the approved project.

SCA TRANS-2: Construction Traffic and Parking

Prior to the issuance of a demolition, grading or building permit

The project sponsor and construction contractor shall meet with appropriate City of Oakland agencies to determine traffic management strategies to reduce, to the maximum extent feasible, traffic congestion and the effects of parking demand by construction workers during construction of this project (see also SCA TRANS-1, especially “h”) and other nearby projects that could be simultaneously under construction. The project sponsor shall develop a construction management plan. The plan shall be submitted to EBMUD and Caltrans for their review and comment ten (10) business days before submittal to the City. The project sponsor shall consider in good faith such comments and revise the plan as appropriate. The revised plan shall be submitted for review and approval by the Planning and Zoning Division, the Building Services Division, and the Transportation Services Division. The plan shall include at least the following items and requirements:

- a) A set of comprehensive traffic control measures, including scheduling of major truck trips and deliveries to avoid peak traffic hours, detour signs if required, lane closure procedures, signs, cones for drivers, and designated construction access routes.
- b) Notification procedures for adjacent project sponsors and public safety personnel regarding when major deliveries, detours, and lane closures will occur.
- c) Location of construction staging areas for materials, equipment, and vehicles at an approved location.
- d) A process for responding to, and tracking, complaints pertaining to construction activity, including identification of an onsite complaint manager. The manager shall determine the cause of the complaints and shall take prompt action to correct the problem. Planning and Zoning shall be informed who the Manager is prior to the issuance of the first permit issued by Building Services.
- e) Provision for accommodation of pedestrian flow.
- f) Provision for parking management and spaces for all construction workers to ensure that construction workers do not park in on-street spaces (see also SCA TRANS-1, especially “h”).
- g) Any damage to the street caused by heavy equipment, or as a result of this construction, shall be repaired, at the applicant's expense, within one week of the occurrence of the damage (or excessive wear), unless further damage/excessive wear may continue; in such case, repair shall occur prior to issuance of a final inspection of the building permit. All damage that is a threat to public health or safety shall be repaired immediately. The street shall be restored to its condition prior to the new construction as established by the City Building Inspector and/or photo documentation, at the applicant's expense, before the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.
- h) Any heavy equipment brought to the construction site shall be transported by truck, where feasible.
- i) No materials or equipment shall be stored on the traveled roadway at any time.
- j) Prior to construction, a portable toilet facility and a debris box shall be installed on the site, and properly maintained through project completion.
- k) All equipment shall be equipped with mufflers.
- l) Prior to the end of each work day during construction, the contractor or contractors shall pick up and properly dispose of all litter resulting from or related to the project, whether located on the property, within the public rights-of-way, or properties of adjacent or nearby neighbors.

Specifically, to further implement SCA TRANS-2, a traffic construction management analysis was performed which recommended certain improvements to the Adeline/5th and Adeline/3rd Street and Adeline Street intersection, which is discussed under construction impacts of this section.

SCA TRANS-3: Railroad Crossings

Action required prior to railroad crossing construction

Any proposed new or relocated railroad crossing improvements must be coordinated with California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) and affected railroads and all necessary permits/approvals obtained, including a GO 88-B Request (Authorization to Alter Highway Rail Crossings), if applicable. Appropriate safety-related design features and measures should be incorporated, including without limitation:

- a) Installation of grade separations at crossings, i.e., physically separating roads and railroad tracks by constructing overpasses or underpasses.
- b) Improvements to warning devices at existing highway rail crossings that are impacted by project traffic.
- c) Installation of additional warning signage.
- d) Improvements to traffic signaling at intersections adjacent to crossings, e.g., signal preemption.
- e) Installation of median separation to prevent vehicles from driving around railroad crossing gates.
- f) Where soundwalls, landscaping, buildings, etc. would be installed near crossings, maintaining the visibility of warning devices and approaching trains.
- g) Prohibition of parking within 100 feet of the crossings to improve the visibility of warning devices and approaching trains.
- h) Construction of pull-out lanes for buses and vehicles transporting hazardous materials.
- i) Installation of vandal-resistant fencing or walls to limit the access of pedestrians onto the railroad right-of-way.
- j) Elimination of driveways near crossings.
- k) Increased enforcement of traffic laws at crossings.
- l) Rail safety awareness programs to educate the public about the hazards of highway-rail grade crossings.

3.16.3 UPDATED REGULATORY SETTING

Since the adoption of the 2002 EIR, the City of Oakland has updated the Land Use and Transportation Element of the City's General Plan. Changes to the Regulatory Setting since the adoption of the 2002 EIR are described in this section.

3.16.3.1 Federal

Since the approval of the 2002 EIR, a new transportation bill to provide the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funding was passed to replace Transportation Equity Act of the 21st Century (TEA-21). The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act, A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) authorized transportation spending through September 2009. Since then, transportation funding has been authorized through a series of SAFETEA-LU extensions with the latest set to expire on June 30, 2012. A new transportation bill is being considered by Congress.

3.16.3.2 State/Regional

The Metropolitan Transportation System (MTS) was updated in 2005 to include rural major collector streets and higher based on the Federal Functional Classification System.

The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) was formed in 2010 from a merger of the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (ACCMA) and the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA). Alameda CTC is responsible for planning, funding and implementing a broad array of transportation projects and programs in Alameda County and for preparation of the Alameda Countywide Transportation Plan (CWTP). It assumes the responsibility of ACCMA in ensuring local government conformance with the Congestion Management Program (CMP) and in reviewing EIRs for proposed development actions. The Alameda CTC has recently updated its Countywide Transportation Demand model, which uses Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Projections 2009 land use projections.

3.16.3.3 Local

The City adopted the Pedestrian Master Plan in 2002 and the Bicycle Master Plan in 2007. These two documents are considered to be parts of the Land Use and Transportation Element of the General Plan. The Pedestrian Master Plan includes polices, design standards and implementation plan to create a pedestrian friendly environment within the city; while the Bicycle Master Plan includes policies and implementation measures to create safe bicycling opportunities (also see discussion in Section 3.16.4.3 below and in Land Use chapter).

3.16.4 EXISTING CONDITIONS/UPDATE TO REGIONAL AND LOCAL SETTING

Changes to the Regional and Local Setting since the certification of the 2002 EIR are described in this section.

3.16.4.1 Local Roadway System

Since the development of the 2002 EIR, roadways in the project vicinity have been modified. Specifically, 7th Street loops southeastward at the Middle Harbor Shoreline Park to continue as a new extension of Middle Harbor Road and connect to the existing Middle Harbor Road soon after it turns northward towards Maritime Street. The existing Middle Harbor Road segment between this new connection and 7th Street was renamed as Maritime Street. This new roadway provides access to the Shoreline Park and Berth 55 to Berth 59. Furthermore, West Grand Avenue has been modified from three travel lanes per direction to two travel lanes per direction with the addition of a bicycle lane.

3.16.4.2 Level of Service Analysis

The morning (AM) and afternoon (PM) peak hour operations at all 45 intersections included in the 2002 EIR were assessed for this analysis. In addition, four intersections that would be created as a part of the Project were also evaluated. The study intersections are graphically depicted in Figure 3.16-1. The 3rd Street/Adeline Street intersection, which was evaluated as an all-way stop controlled intersection, currently functions as a fully signalized intersection; while the 3rd Street/Market Street intersection remains a stop-controlled intersection with stop sign facing Market Street traffic. Eighteen freeway mainline segments on the Metropolitan Transportation System (MTS) and the Congestion Management Program (CMP) networks were selected for analysis.

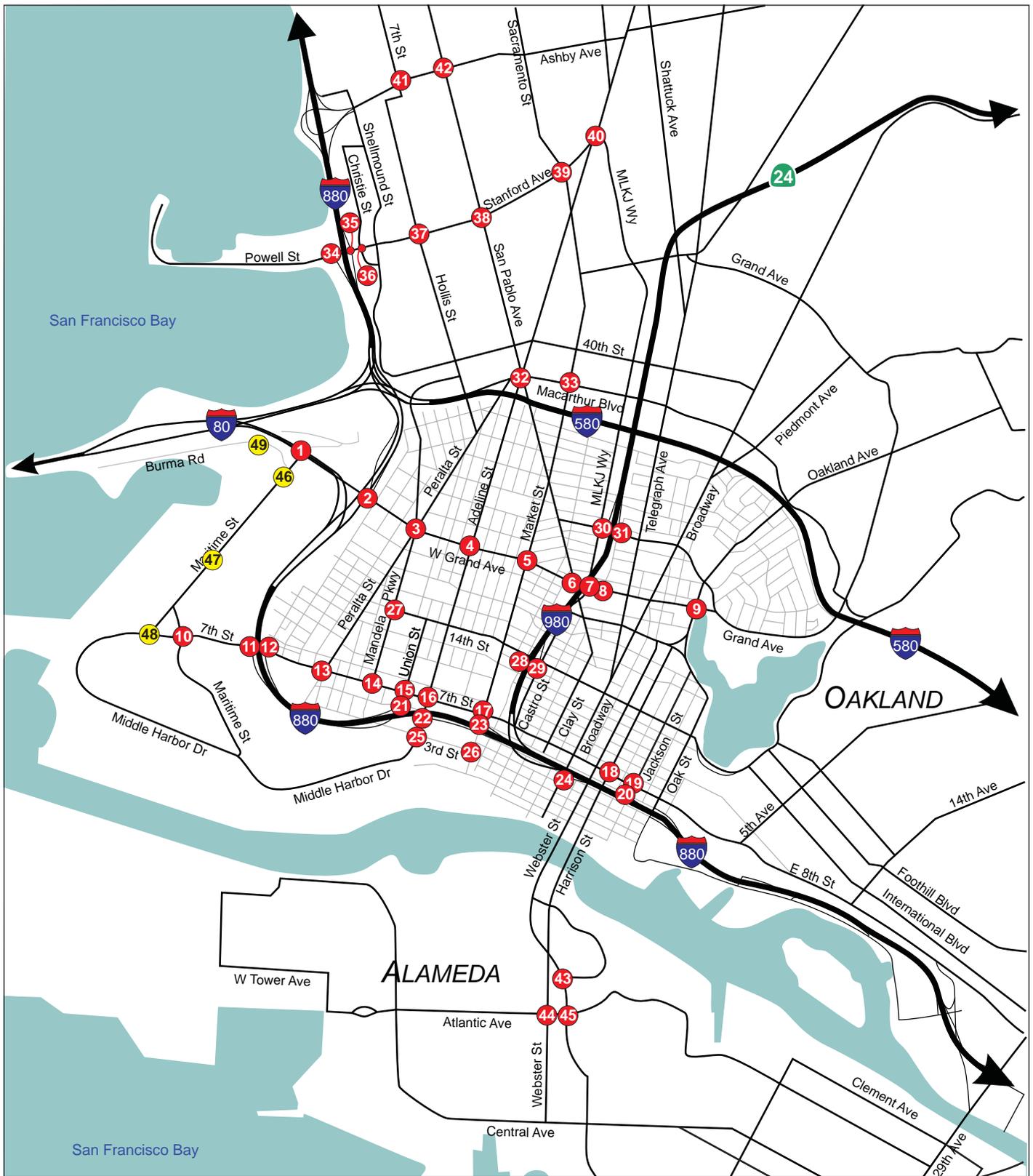


FIGURE 3.16-1

LSA



 Study Intersection

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SOURCES: KITTELSON & ASSOCIATES, INC./DOWLING, 2012

2012 Oakland Army Base Project
Study Intersections

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3.16.4.3 Traffic Conditions, Setting

Existing AM and PM peak hour traffic turning movement counts, dated between 1998 and 2001, were compiled from the 2002 EIR. New turning movement counts were collected in August 2011 at selected intersections, where significant impacts were identified in the 2002 EIR. A detailed comparison of the 2002 EIR and the 2011 count data was conducted. The comparison results indicated that the traffic volumes from the 2002 EIR data set were in general higher than the 2011 volumes. Therefore, the use of the 2002 EIR data set for locations where 2011 data were not collected would yield conservative results. The detailed traffic volume comparison is provided in Appendix B-1. The existing intersection geometry and traffic volumes at the study intersections are provided in Appendix B-2. The existing peak hour level of service at the study area intersections are presented in Table 3.16-1.

AM and PM peak hour traffic volumes used to assess the Project's impact on freeways were the higher of the traffic volumes taken directly from the 2002 EIR or from the most recent data reported by Caltrans (2010 Traffic Volumes on the California State Highway System). The existing peak hour volumes and level of service at the study segments are presented in Table 3.16-2.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities. In 2007, the City of Oakland adopted a Bicycle Master Plan as a part of the Land Use & Transportation Element of the Oakland General Plan. The Plan set forth an implementation program to improve bicycle connectivity and facilities in Oakland. Since its adoption, the City has installed 18.5 miles of new bikeways (through 2011) and has upgraded another 18.7 miles of facilities. In the project vicinity, bike lanes (Class 2) are provided on Mandela Parkway, Market Street, 3rd Street, 8th Street, and the portion of 14th Street west of Mandela Parkway. A bike path (Class 1) was installed on 7th Street east of Wood Street. Additional facilities are proposed in West Oakland and other parts of the city.

Public Transit. The 2012 Project is served by the West Oakland BART station, located approximately one mile east of the project area. AC Transit has modified the bus routes serving the West Oakland area since the development of the 2002 EIR. Currently, West Oakland is served by five bus routes; however, none of these remaining routes, described below, directly serve the project area due to low ridership in the former service:

- Route 26 operates between Emeryville and the Lakeshore area of Oakland via West Oakland (7th Street, Wood Street and 14th Street) every 20 minutes during weekday peak and midday periods and every 30 minutes on weekends and after 7:00 PM on weekdays.
- Route 31 operates between Alameda City Hall and MacArthur BART Station via 7th Street and Peralta Street in West Oakland with 30-minute frequency on both weekdays and weekends.
- Route 314 is a limited service that runs between West Oakland Post Office and Walmart Super Center in the Coliseum area. It operates only on Tuesdays and Thursdays with a single service per day in each direction.
- Route 800 is an all-night service that operates between Richmond BART/Amtrak Station and San Francisco via Albany, Berkeley and Oakland (7th Street in West Oakland).
- Route NL is a Transbay service that runs between Eastmont Transit Center and San Francisco via West Grand Avenue in 30-minute intervals on both weekdays and weekends.

Table 3.16-1: Intersection Level of Service - Existing Conditions

Intersection	Control	AM Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour		
		LOS	Delay ^b	LOS	Delay ^b	
1	W. Grand Avenue & Maritime Street	Signal	B	16.4	B	18.0
2	W. Grand Avenue & I-880 Frontage Road	Signal	C	21.9	C	23.2
3	W. Grand Avenue & Mandela Parkway ^b	Signal	A	5.4	A	6.4
4	W. Grand Avenue & Adeline Street	Signal	D	43.6	F	225.1
5	W. Grand Avenue & Market Street	Signal	B	18.1	C	23.0
6	W. Grand Avenue & San Pablo Avenue	Signal	B	17.3	B	18.5
7	W. Grand Avenue & MLK Jr. Way ^c	Signal	B	13.2	B	14.0
8	W. Grand Avenue & Northgate Avenue ^c	Signal	C	23.1	B	18.7
9	W. Grand Avenue & Harrison Street ^c	Signal	D	37.0	C	31.6
10	7 th Street & Maritime Street	Signal	C	25.0	D	36.4
11	7 th Street & I-880 SB On-Ramp	Signal	A	2.0	A	3.3
12	7 th Street & I-880 NB Off-Ramp	Signal	C	21.2	C	20.7
13	7 th Street & Peralta Street	Signal	A	9.2	B	10.2
14	7 th Street & Mandela Parkway	Signal	C	25.0	C	23.5
15	7 th Street & Union Street	Signal	B	17.8	B	17.6
16	7 th Street & Adeline Street	Signal	B	10.7	A	9.7
17	7 th Street & Market Street	Signal	B	18.1	B	14.9
18	7 th Street & Harrison Street ^c	Signal	C	26.6	F	96.6
19	7 th Street & Jackson Street ^c	Signal	B	11.2	A	8.3
20	6 th Street & Jackson Street ^c	Signal	B	18.8	E	70.0
21	5 th Street & Union/ I-880 N. Ramps	Signal	D	50.3	D	41.5
22	5 th Street & Adeline Street	Signal	C	25.9	C	23.7
23	I-880 Off-Ramp & Market Street	Signal	B	14.6	B	17.9
24	5 th Street & Broadway ^c	AWSC	C	32.2	E	74.8
25	3 rd Street & Adeline Street	TWSC	B	11.2	B	13.1
26	3 rd Street & Market Street	Signal	A	4.8	A	4.6
27	14 th Street & Mandela Parkway ^b	Signal	B	12.0	B	11.8
28	12 th Street & Brush Street ^c	Signal	D	42.9	B	19.2
29	12 th Street & Castro Street ^c	Signal	C	26.6	F	89.6
30	27 th Street & SR24/580 SB Off-Ramp	Signal	B	12.9	B	13.7
31	27 th Street & SR24/580 NB On-Ramp	Signal	B	19.1	C	34.9
32	Adeline Street & San Pablo Avenue	Signal	B	13.2	B	15.7
33	MacArthur Blvd. & Market Street	Signal	B	17.5	C	21.9
34	Powell Street & I-80 Frontage Road	Signal	B	15.6	C	24.5
35	Powell Street & I-80 NB Ramps	Signal	B	14.6	B	18.0
36	Powell Street & Christie Avenue	Signal	C	27.0	D	45.8
37	Powell Street & Hollis Street	Signal	C	21.7	D	38.3
38	Powell Street/Stanford & San Pablo Avenue	Signal	D	35.1	D	37.4
39	Stanford Avenue & Market Street	Signal	C	23.5	C	28.5
40	Stanford Avenue & MLK Jr. Way	Signal	C	32.8	F	82.3
41	7 th Street & Ashby Avenue	Signal	C	33.2	D	38.3
42	San Pablo Avenue & Ashby Avenue	Signal	C	29.6	D	52.9
43	Marina Village & Constitution Wy.	Signal	B	13.8	B	14.3
44	Atlantic Avenue & Webster Street	Signal	C	32.9	C	26.4
45	Atlantic Avenue & Constitution Wy.	Signal	B	13.8	B	12.9

^a Delay in seconds per vehicle

^b Weighted average of two intersections operating with one controller.

^c Defined as a downtown intersection

Source Kittelson & Associates 2012

Table 3.16-2: Freeway Segment Level of Service - Existing Conditions

Freeway Segment	Existing			
	AM Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour	
	LOS	V/C	LOS	V/C
I-80 at the Bay Bridge				
Eastbound	C	0.533	E	0.973
Westbound	E	0.938	C	0.691
I-80 between I-880 and I-580				
Eastbound	B	0.360	C	0.660
Westbound	C	0.663	C	0.489
I-80 East of I-80/I-580 Split				
Eastbound	B	0.559	E	0.993
Westbound	F	1.004	D	0.725
I-880 Connector to I-80 East				
Northbound	C	0.702	D	0.746
Southbound	C	0.580	B	0.505
I-880 Connector to I-80 West				
Northbound	B	0.382	B	0.437
Southbound	A	0.260	B	0.412
I-880 North of 7 th Street				
Northbound	B	0.452	C	0.613
Southbound	B	0.407	C	0.651
I-880 South of 7 th Street				
Northbound	D	0.791	D	0.711
Southbound	B	0.459	D	0.806
I-880 North of I-980				
Northbound	D	0.822	C	0.638
Southbound	B	0.365	C	0.730
I-880 South of I-980				
Northbound	E	0.969	E	0.910
Southbound	C	0.604	D	0.806
I-880 North of I-238				
Northbound	D	0.836	E	0.934
Southbound	E	0.968	D	0.885
I-880 South of I-238				
Northbound	D	0.814	E	0.931
Southbound	F	1.032	E	0.922
I-238				
Eastbound	B	0.459	D	0.732
Westbound	C	0.698	B	0.318
I-580 East of I-238				
Eastbound	B	0.462	D	0.772
Westbound	C	0.738	B	0.326
I-580 West of I-238				
Eastbound	C	0.533	C	0.678
Westbound	C	0.578	C	0.603
I-580 East of I-980/SH-24				
Eastbound	C	0.660	E	0.908
Westbound	D	0.775	C	0.703
I-580 West of I-980/SH-24				
Eastbound	D	0.713	E	0.983
Westbound	E	0.937	D	0.837

Table 3.16-2 Continued

Freeway Segment	Existing			
	AM Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour	
	LOS	V/C	LOS	V/C
I-980				
Eastbound	B	0.310	C	0.650
Westbound	C	0.644	B	0.316
SH 24 East of I-580				
Eastbound	B	0.305	D	0.817
Westbound	D	0.810	B	0.372

Notes: PCEs are passenger car equivalents (1 truck = 2 passenger car equivalents).

Source: Kittelson & Associates, 2012; Freeway Capacity Source: 2000 Highway Capacity Manual.

Traffic Conditions, Alternative Baseline. As explained in Section 3.0, Environmental Topics (footnote 36), the baseline used in the 2002 EIR for the analysis of transportation was also used in this study. The baseline employment for the project site was 2,044 employees, which reflect the last year of full employment on the Army Base. This level of employment was used to produce traffic forecasts for future no-project conditions.

3.16.5 SIGNIFICANCE CRITERIA AND IMPACT ASSESSMENT

This analysis compares potential environmental impacts of the 2012 Project to those identified in the 2002 EIR to determine if the Project would result in any new significant impacts or would cause substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified significant impact. The effects of the Project were assessed under existing conditions as well as two cumulative conditions: Cumulative Year 2020 conditions and Cumulative Year 2035 conditions.

3.16.5.1 Level of Service Methodology

Intersection Level of Service. The level of service (LOS) at study intersections was analyzed for the AM peak and PM peak hours using methodologies described in the 2000 Highway Capacity Manual. The intersection operations analysis was conducted using the Synchro analysis tool, as required by the City.

The level of service for signalized and unsignalized intersections is defined in terms of delay, which is a measure of driver discomfort, frustration, and lost travel time. Delay is a complex measure and is dependent upon a number of variables, including the number of vehicles in the traffic stream. For signalized intersections, delay is also dependent on the quality of signal progression, the signal cycle length, and the “green” ratio for each approach or lane group. For intersections with one or two stop signs, delay is dependent on the number of gaps available in the uncontrolled traffic stream. Table 3.16-3 and Table 3.16-4 define LOS and criteria for the signalized and unsignalized intersection analyses.

Freeway Mainline Segment Level of Service. The freeway mainline segments were assessed based on methodologies described in the Transportation Research Board’s *Highway Capacity Manual* (2000 edition). This methodology uses vehicle density as the parameter to define level of service. Volume to capacity ratio can be used as a proxy for density to establish the level of service that was used in this analysis. The level of service definition for freeway mainline segments is presented in Table 3.16-5.

Table 3.16-3: Intersection Level of Service Definition for Signalized Intersections

Level of Service	Description of Traffic Conditions	Average Delay Per Vehicle (Seconds)
A	Free flowing. Most vehicles do not have to stop.	≤10.0
B	Minimal delays. Some vehicles have to stop, although waits are not bothersome.	>10.0 and ≤20.0
C	Acceptable delays. Significant numbers of vehicles have to stop because of steady, high traffic volumes. Still, many pass without stopping.	>20.0 and ≤35.0
D	Tolerable delays. Many vehicles have to stop. Drivers are aware of heavier traffic. Cars may have to wait through more than one red light. Queues begin to form, often on more than one approach.	>35.0 and ≤55.0
E	Significant delays. Cars may have to wait through more than one red light. Long queues form, sometimes on several approaches.	>55.0 and ≤80.0
F	Excessive delays. Intersection is jammed. Many cars have to wait through more than one red light, or more than 60 seconds. Traffic may back up into “up-stream” intersections.	>80.0

Source: Transportation Research Board, 2000. *Highway Capacity Manual*.

Table 3.16-4: Intersection Level of Service Definition for Unsignalized Intersections

Level of Service	Description of Traffic Conditions	Average Delay Per Vehicle (Seconds)
A	Little or no delay	≤10.0
B	Short traffic delay	>10.0 and ≤15.0
C	Average traffic delays	>15.0 and ≤25.0
D	Long traffic delays	>25.0 and ≤35.0
E	Very long traffic delays	>35.0 and ≤50.0
F	Extreme delays potentially affecting other traffic movements in the intersection	>50.0

Source: Transportation Research Board, 2000. *Highway Capacity Manual*.

Table 3.16-5: Freeway Mainline Segment Level of Service Definition

Level of Service	Expected Delay	Maximum V/C Ratio FFS = 75mph	Maximum V/C Ratio FFS = 70mph	Maximum V/C Ratio FFS = 65mph	Maximum V/C Ratio FFS = 60mph	Maximum V/C Ratio FFS = 55mph
A	Little or no delay	0.34	0.32	0.30	0.29	0.27
B	Short traffic delays	0.56	0.53	0.50	0.47	0.44
C	Average traffic delays	0.76	0.74	0.71	0.68	0.64
D	Long traffic delays	0.90	0.90	0.89	0.88	0.85
E	Very long traffic delays	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
F	Extreme delays	>1.00	>1.00	>1.00	>1.00	>1.00

Source: Transportation Research Board, 2000. *Highway Capacity Manual, Exhibit 23.2*. Washington, D.C.

3.16.5.2 Traffic Features of the Proposed 2012 Project

Trip Generation. A summary of project trip generation is provided in Table 3.16-6. A trip generation summary for the project evaluated in the 2002 EIR is provided in Table 3.16-7 for the 2012 Project area. A comparison of the trip generation for the 2012 Project to the 2002 Project components that fit in the same project area is provided in Table 3.16-8. A comparison of the number of daily trains served under various 2002 Project and 2012 Project scenarios is provided in Table 3.16-9. Additional details are provided in Appendix B-3. The 2012 Project would generated approximately 6,820 fewer daily trips than then 2002 Project, including 1,410 fewer trips during the AM peak hour and 1,220 fewer trips in the PM peak hour.

Table 3.16-6: 2012 Project Trip Generation

Land Use	Trips Generated						
	Daily	AM Peak Hour			PM Peak Hour		
		In	Out	Total	In	Out	Total
Gateway Development Area							
CE1-CE3 (Transload Warehouse)	1,646	140	45	185	43	113	156
CC1-CC9, CW2-CW3 (Truck Services, Transload Warehouse, General Warehouse, Research & Development)	4,767	581	287	868	313	587	900
CN1-CN3 (Recycling Facilities, Truck Services)	994	183	64	247	64	209	273
<i>Subtotal Gateway Development Area</i>	<i>7,406</i>	<i>904</i>	<i>396</i>	<i>1,300</i>	<i>420</i>	<i>909</i>	<i>1,329</i>
Port Area (Includes OARB Port Area and Maritime Sub-districts)							
PL1-PL11 (Transload Warehouse, Truck Parking)	11,832	428	170	598	132	314	446
PR1 (Railyards) (excluding trucks to and from Ports America Terminal)	2,087	166	136	302	71	84	155
<i>Subtotal Port Area</i>	<i>13,919</i>	<i>594</i>	<i>306</i>	<i>900</i>	<i>203</i>	<i>398</i>	<i>601</i>
Total	21,325	1,498	702	2,200	623	1,307	1,930

^a Office, R&D was treated as general office for the purpose of trip generation.

^b Truck trips are reported as the equivalent number of passenger cars (1 truck = 2 cars).

^c No new non-intermodal traffic would be generated due to changes in the size of rail terminal facilities.

Refer to Figure 2.5a for locations of the land uses

Source: Institute of Transportation Engineers, 2008. *Trip Generation, 8th Edition*.

Table 3.16-7: 2002 OARB Area Redevelopment EIR Trip Generation for 2012 Project Site

Land Use	Trips Generated						
	Daily	AM Peak Hour			PM Peak Hour		
		In	Out	Total	In	Out	Total
Gateway Development Area							
East Subarea							
Office, R&D ^a	3,670	472	64	536	85	416	501
Central Subarea							
Office, R&D ^b	5,099	663	90	754	123	603	726
Light Industrial	3,214	384	52	436	57	416	473
Community/Civic (JATC) ^c	349	40	6	46	6	43	49
West Subarea							
Office	5,255	684	93	778	128	624	752
Park	232	7	2	9	8	11	19
North Subarea							
Maritime Support	561	21	31	52	21	23	44
Warehouse and Distribution	1,453	146	32	178	40	128	168
<i>Subtotal Gateway Development Area</i>	<i>19,832</i>	<i>2,417</i>	<i>371</i>	<i>2,789</i>	<i>468</i>	<i>2,264</i>	<i>2,732</i>
Port Area							
Marine Terminals							
Proposed Employment	10,630	894	146	1,040	192	769	962
Approved Employment	8,372	704	115	819	151	606	757
New Employment	2,258	190	31	221	41	163	204
New Intermodal Trucks ^d	3,182	153	163	316	34	79	113
New Off-site Trucks ^d	2,876	138	147	285	31	71	102
Rail Terminal ^e							
Proposed New Intermodal Facility	867	70	11	81	14	54	68
<i>Subtotal Port Area</i>	<i>8,316</i>	<i>481</i>	<i>341</i>	<i>822</i>	<i>106</i>	<i>313</i>	<i>419</i>
Total	28,148	2,898	712	3,610	574	2,577	3,151

Table notes on next page.

- ^a Office, R&D was treated as general office for the purpose of trip generation.
- ^b Ancillary retail space was included in the office space because small amount of retail would support office uses.
- ^c JATC was treated as light industrial space for the purpose of trip generation.
- ^d Truck trips are reported as the equivalent number of passenger cars (1 truck = 2 cars).
- ^e No new non-intermodal traffic would be generated due to changes in the size of rail terminal facilities.

Source: Institute of Transportation Engineers, 1997. *Trip Generation, 6th Edition*.

Table 3.16-8: Comparison of Trip Generation for 2002 Project and 2012 Project

Land Use	Trips Generated						
	Daily	AM Peak Hour			PM Peak Hour		
		In	Out	Total	In	Out	Total
Gateway Development Area							
2002 Project	19,832	2,417	371	2,789	468	2,264	2,732
2012 Project	7,406	904	396	1,300	420	909	1,329
Change	-12,426	-1,513	25	-1,489	-48	-1,355	-1,403
Port Area (Includes OARB Port Area but excludes Port of America to 2012 Project Rail Trips)							
2002 Project	8,316	481	341	822	106	313	419
2012 Project	13,919	594	306	900	203	398	601
Change	5,603	113	-35	78	97	85	182
Total							
2002 Project	28,148	2,898	712	3,610	574	2,577	3,151
2012 Project	21,325	1,498	702	2,200	623	1,307	1,930
Change	-6,823	-1,400	-10	-1,410	49	-1,270	-1,221

Source: Kittelson & Associates, 2012

Table 3.16-9: Comparison of Number of Trains Served Daily

Scenario	New Intermodal Railyard	West Gateway		OIG	UP	Total	
		Variant A	Variant B			Variant A	Variant B
2002 EIR Approved						23.4	
2002 EIR Proposed						25.4	
2012 Current	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.7	6.1	9.9	
2020 No Project	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	10.6	14.6	
2020 Proposed	5.7	3.0	1.0	3.8	6.2	18.7	16.7
2035 No Project	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	10.6	14.6	
2035 Proposed	5.9	3.0	1.0	4.0	10.6	23.5	21.5

Note:

- Trains shown for the West Gateway would arrive as 6,400-foot trains that would be split into two 3,200-foot trains for transport to the West Gateway. Two train movements (inbound and outbound) would result from transport of each 3,200-foot train. (Thus, 3-6, 400-foot trains are split into 6-3, 200-foot trains in a total of 12 movements per day.)
- The former Oakland Army Base had extensive rail facilities (over 29 miles of railroad track, including those operated by the Port and private entities, such as Oakland Terminal Rail [OTR]) that, prior to Base closure, served all essential areas of the Base. The pier/wharf areas West of Maritime and Street and the warehouse storage area east of Maritime Street were served by double tracks, which cross the main gate to EBMUD's Main Waste Water Treatment Plant. OTR itself handled about 1,559 trains in 1998.

OIG = Oakland International Gateway Railyard

UP = Union Pacific Railyard

Source: Kittelson & Associates, 2012; City of Oakland, 2002, *Army Base Area Redevelopment Plan Environmental Impact Report*.

The trip generation estimates for the two development alternatives for the West Gateway (described in detail in Chapter 2: Project Description) were compared and the West Gateway Research and Development/Open Space – Variant B was found to generate a higher number of both automobile and truck trips than the West Gateway Working Waterfront – Variant A. As a result, the Variant B was used as the basis for evaluating potential transportation impacts based on traffic volumes as it results in a more conservative (i.e., higher potential impact) analysis.

Trip Distribution. In addition to the number of trips generated on the 2012 Project site, travel outside the 2012 Project site would also be affected, both locally and regionally. Locally, development of the project would draw trips that are currently served nearby in West Oakland and other areas of the city to the warehouses on the 2012 Project site. In addition, development of the 2012 Project Railyard would accommodate traffic that would otherwise be served by the JIT/Oakland Intermodal Gateway (OIG) Railyard and the Union Pacific (UP) Railyard. Development of the 2012 Project Railyard would serve at least 95 percent intermodal cargo and would make available more capacity at the UP Railyard to serve domestic cargo that would otherwise need to be served in the Central Valley. The method used to evaluate how travel patterns would be affected is described below.

The effect of the 2012 Project development on the distribution of trips at the Port is based on the following factors:

- Marine terminal acres;
- Working track feet of the railyards;
- Marine & rail operating assumptions for days of operation, gate moves, and lifts;
- Intermodal cargo demand (based on Port of Oakland data);
- Marine lift capacity;
- Rail capacity operating at constrained conditions;
- Potential of the UP Railyard to expand and absorb additional demand;
- Hourly traffic proportions of daily truck traffic; and
- Characteristics of trains serving the railyards and intermodal warehouses.

The distribution of trucks serving various facilities on the 2012 Project site was based on the following:

- Warehouses served by rail and truck would serve only intermodal cargo (100 percent to and from the marine terminals);
- Warehouses served only by truck would have 10 percent trips to and from the marine terminals and 90 percent to and from roadways to destinations off-site;
- Truck trips for the recycling facilities (shown as CN1 and CN2 in Figure 2.-5a) would comprise 90 percent of total trips for CN1 and 80 percent of total trips for CN2, none of which would have origins or destinations at the Port;
- Truck services facilities would serve 80 percent of truck trips at the port and 20 percent off-site;

- Truck parking facilities would serve 80 percent of truck trips at the port and 20 percent off-site and comprise 80 percent of total trips at those facilities; and
- Truck trips for R&D development would comprise 1.84 percent of total trips.

Project trips were distributed to the transportation network using the assumptions described above with application using the Alameda Countywide Travel Model. Trips were distributed using a select zone process as described in the following section, Traffic Forecasting Methodology.

Travel Forecasting Methodology. Travel forecasts were prepared using the current version (June 2011) of the Alameda CTC Countywide Travel Demand Model (the Model) which is consistent with Association of Bay Area Governments' (ABAG) Projections 2009, the latest MTC Regional Transportation Plan, and the latest Alameda Countywide Plan. Specifically, future model networks include the fourth bore of the Caldecott Tunnel, which is scheduled to open in 2014.

The Model's trip generation process computes person trips based on households and population as well as employment. Truck trips are forecast based on a special generator module that pinpoints truck activity from origin-destination surveys and truck counts and allocates these to special truck generators like the Port of Oakland, Oakland Airport and external Bay Area destinations. Trips are distributed based on the standard gravity type model and are then split into walk, bike, and auto and transit modes prior to assigning them onto the highway and transit networks.

The model inputs were reviewed against the project description in the study area for accuracy by comparing them to traffic counts and roadway configurations from recent aerial pictures. Based on a review of the project plans, the Model was modified to include additional traffic analysis zones (TAZs) and network details to better represent the project site. A total of twenty finer TAZs were added in the project area along with additional roadway network to better define zonal access, cross streets and project circulation. Furthermore, minor coding corrections were made to the network to reflect any recent roadway improvements that were not accurately reflected, including the West Grand Avenue improvements, 7th Street improvements, and turn prohibitions at Powell Street and Frontage Road.

Model data sets were developed for all analysis scenarios, including:

- Existing (Year 2011) No Project
- Existing (Year 2011) plus Project
- Year 2020 Cumulative No Project
- Year 2020 Cumulative plus Project
- Year 2035 Cumulative No Project
- Year 2035 Cumulative plus Project

Truck travel within the Port and to areas outside the Port was computed based on information on operational Origin-Destination patterns and ITE trip generation and was manually added into the model to override the raw model estimates in order to enhance the Model output for project area traffic assignments.

The trip assignment results were extracted for the study intersections and reviewed for growth and accuracy. The Model trip assignment constraining procedure was applied to develop the forecast for future No Project conditions in order to develop a realistic background traffic forecasts for the future years. In order to maintain the most conservative estimates, the plus project scenarios were analyzed using unconstrained trip assignments. A select zone analysis was conducted for all project related TAZs under both No Project and plus Project conditions. The increment of the select zone assignments between the plus project and no project runs was then added to the constrained adjusted future traffic volumes to develop future plus project volumes. For the Existing plus project scenario, the project increment from Year 2020 was added to the existing year counts to derive the traffic volumes for Existing plus Project conditions. Lastly, the intersection volumes were then manually adjusted using industry standard incremental adjustment with “Furness” balancing technique¹⁶⁵ to minimize the base year model error against counts.

A more detailed description of the travel forecasting methodology and procedures is provided in Appendix B-4.

Existing Plus Project Conditions. The peak hour intersection volumes for the Existing plus Project conditions developed using methodology described above are shown in Appendix B-2. The resulting levels of service are presented in Table 3.16-10. The freeway segment volumes and levels of service for the Existing plus Project scenario are shown in Table 3.16-11.

3.16.5.3 CEQA Thresholds/Criteria of Significance

The project would have a significant impact on the environmental if it would:

- Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance, or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to, intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit, specifically:

Traffic Load and Capacity Thresholds

- a. At a study, signalized intersection which is located **outside the Downtown** area,¹⁶⁶ the project would cause the level of service (LOS) to degrade to worse than LOS D (i.e., LOS E);
- b. At a study, signalized intersection which is located **within the Downtown** area, the project would cause the LOS to degrade to worse than LOS E (i.e., LOS F);
- c. At a study, signalized intersection **outside the Downtown** area where the level of service is LOS E, the project would cause the total intersection average vehicle delay to increase by four (4) or more seconds, or degrade to worse than LOS E (i.e., LOS F);

¹⁶⁵ The “Furness” technique, developing in 1970, is a process used to balance the 12-movement volumes at an intersection. It takes a given matrix and factor up/down to fit a given set of origin and destination totals.

¹⁶⁶ The Downtown area is defined in the Land Use and Transportation Element of the General Plan (page 67) as the area generally bounded by the West Grand Avenue to the north, Lake Merritt and Channel Park to the east, the Oakland Estuary to the south, and I-980/Brush Street to the west.

Table 3.16-10: Intersection Level of Service – Existing Plus Project Conditions

Number	Intersection	2002 EIR Existing + Redevelopment				Existing				Existing + 2012 Project			
		AM Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour		AM Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour		AM Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour	
		LOS	Delay ^b	LOS	Delay ^b	LOS	Delay ^b	LOS	Delay ^b	LOS	Delay ^b	LOS	Delay ^b
1	W. Grand Avenue & Maritime Street	F	298.1	F	262.6	B	16.4	B	18.0	C	32.7	C	30.9
2	W. Grand Avenue & I-880 Frontage Road	E	79.6	F	171.1	C	21.9	C	23.2	C	27.6	C	25.7
3	W. Grand Avenue & Mandela Parkway ^b	B	17.4	C	31.3	A	5.4	A	6.4	A	6.0	A	6.8
4	W. Grand Avenue & Adeline Street	B	13.9	B	15.4	D	43.6	F	225.1	D	40.7	F	209.8
5	W. Grand Avenue & Market Street	B	10.4	A	10.0	B	18.1	C	23.0	B	17.8	B	19.8
6	W. Grand Avenue & San Pablo Avenue	B	12.5	B	12.5	B	17.3	B	18.5	B	17.1	B	18.2
7	W. Grand Avenue & MLK Jr. Way ^c	B	11.7	B	15.0	B	13.2	B	14.0	B	13.2	B	13.9
8	W. Grand Avenue & Northgate Avenue ^c	C	25.2	C	25.0	C	23.1	B	18.7	C	23.0	B	19.9
9	W. Grand Avenue & Harrison Street ^c	C	25.9	C	24.7	D	37.0	C	31.6	D	36.9	C	31.8
10	7 th Street & Maritime Street	F	126.8	E	78.5	C	25.0	D	36.4	C	21.1	B	19.8
11	7 th Street & I-880 SB On-Ramp	A	5.3	B	14.0	A	2.0	A	3.3	A	2.2	A	4.5
12	7 th Street & I-880 NB Off-Ramp	D	43.1	C	33.0	C	21.2	C	20.7	D	38.1	F	83.1
13	7 th Street & Peralta Street	A	7.9	A	7.8	A	9.2	B	10.2	A	9.1	B	10.1
14	7 th Street & Mandela Parkway	B	14.5	B	15.6	C	25.0	C	23.5	C	24.9	C	22.5
15	7 th Street & Union Street	A	8.6	B	11.2	B	17.8	B	17.6	B	17.7	B	18.4
16	7 th Street & Adeline Street	B	10.7	B	12.0	B	10.7	A	9.7	B	10.4	A	9.8
17	7 th Street & Market Street	C	20.7	C	20.6	B	18.1	B	14.9	B	17.8	B	15.0
18	7 th Street & Harrison Street ^c	B	10.8	B	10.9	C	26.6	F	96.6	C	27.6	F	98.6
19	7 th Street & Jackson Street ^c	E	61.5	C	23.8	B	11.2	A	8.3	B	11.0	A	8.3
20	6 th Street & Jackson Street ^c	B	10.4	B	11.7	B	18.8	E	70.0	C	22.6	E	69.9
21	5 th Street & Union/ I-880 N. Ramps	C	33.0	C	27.2	D	50.3	D	41.5	C	32.2	D	45.7
22	5 th Street & Adeline Street	C	32.8	C	30.8	C	25.9	C	23.7	D	53.4	C	26.5
23	I-880 Off-Ramp & Market Street	C	20.3	C	22.6	B	14.6	B	17.9	B	14.1	B	17.6
24	5 th Street & Broadway ^c	C	21.2	C	34.4	C	32.2	E	74.8	C	32.4	E	77.2
25	3 rd Street & Adeline Street	B	13.3	B	13.1	B	11.2	B	13.1	C	16.2	C	17.1
26	3 rd Street & Market Street	C	15.8	B	14.1	A	4.8	A	4.6	A	5.5	A	4.9
27	14 th Street & Mandela Parkway ^b	A	9.4	A	8.2	B	12.0	B	11.8	B	12.0	C	21.5
28	12 th Street & Brush Street ^c	C	31.9	C	22.4	D	42.9	B	19.2	D	44.4	B	19.3
29	12 th Street & Castro Street ^c	B	15.5	B	19.1	C	26.6	F	89.6	C	26.3	F	93.3
30	27 th Street & SR24/580 SB Off-Ramp	B	11.5	B	16.3	B	12.9	B	13.7	B	12.7	B	13.7
31	27 th Street & SR24/580 NB On-Ramp	B	10.1	C	26.1	B	19.1	C	34.9	B	19.2	D	35.4
32	Adeline Street & San Pablo Avenue	C	21.0	C	23.1	B	13.2	B	15.7	B	13.1	B	15.7
33	MacArthur Blvd. & Market Street	B	15.9	B	17.1	B	17.5	C	21.9	B	17.5	C	21.9
34	Powell Street & I-80 Frontage Road	C	21.3	C	22.4	B	15.6	C	24.5	B	15.7	C	25.9
35	Powell Street & I-80 NB Ramps	C	25.5	D	48.4	B	14.6	B	18.0	B	15.0	B	19.0
36	Powell Street & Christie Avenue	C	29.9	C	30.5	C	27.0	D	45.8	C	26.9	D	47.5
37	Powell Street & Hollis Street	C	22.6	C	31.6	C	21.7	D	38.3	C	22.1	D	38.8
38	Powell Street/Stanford & San Pablo Avenue	C	32.5	C	34.9	D	35.1	D	37.4	D	36.3	D	38.7
39	Stanford Avenue & Market Street	C	28.7	C	32.4	C	23.5	C	28.5	C	24.0	C	29.0

Table 3.16-10 *Continued*

Number	Intersection	2002 EIR Existing + Redevelopment				Existing				Existing + 2012 Project			
		AM Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour		AM Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour		AM Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour	
		LOS	Delay ^b	LOS	Delay ^b	LOS	Delay ^b	LOS	Delay ^b	LOS	Delay ^b	LOS	Delay ^b
40	Stanford Avenue & MLK Jr. Way	B	12.5	D	46.4	C	32.8	F	82.3	C	32.9	F	82.6
41	7 th Street & Ashby Avenue	C	34.5	D	49.5	C	33.2	D	38.3	C	34.1	D	40.3
42	San Pablo Avenue & Ashby Avenue	C	30.8	C	33.7	C	29.6	D	52.9	C	32.4	E	60.3
43	Marina Village & Constitution Way	C	20.3	C	26.6	B	13.8	B	14.3	B	13.8	B	14.3
44	Atlantic Avenue & Webster Street	C	32.5	C	28.7	C	32.9	C	26.4	C	32.9	C	26.5
45	Atlantic Avenue & Constitution Way	C	21.8	C	20.3	B	13.8	B	12.9	B	13.9	B	12.9
46	Maritime Street & Burma Road ^d	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	B	18.3	C	30.6
47	Maritime Street & 14 th Street ^d	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	D	47.5	A	5.9
48	Navy Roadway & 7 th Street Alt. 1 ^d	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	B	14.6	B	15.8
48	Navy Roadway & 7 th Street Alt. 2 ^d	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	A	5.5	A	6.0
49	Burma Road & W. Truck Services ^d	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	A	5.0	A	5.1

^a Delay in seconds per vehicle

^b Weighted average of two intersections operating with one controller.

^c Defined as a downtown intersection

^d Locations to be constructed or reconstructed as a part of 2012 project

Shading denotes potential significant impacts which are further discussed in Section 3.16.5.4.

Bold denotes significant impacts identified in the 2002 EIR.

Source: Kittelson & Associates, 2012.

Table 3.16-11: Freeway Segment Level of Service - Existing Plus Project Scenario

Freeway Segment	2002 EIR Existing + Project				Existing				Existing Plus 2012 Project				Lanes	Existing		Project Traffic		Potentially Significant?	
	AM Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour		AM Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour		AM Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour			Traffic Volume (PCEs)		(in PCEs)		AM PM	
	LOS	V/C	LOS	V/C	LOS	V/C	LOS	V/C	LOS	V/C	LOS	V/C		AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
I-80 at the Bay Bridge																			
Eastbound	C	0.687	F	1.248	C	0.533	E	0.973	C	0.536	E	0.973	5	6393	11676	38	0		
Westbound	F	1.213	D	0.865	E	0.938	C	0.691	E	0.938	C	0.692	5	11251	8290	0	10		
I-80 between I-880 and I-580																			
Eastbound	B	0.446	D	0.919	B	0.360	C	0.660	B	0.360	C	0.660	5	4236	7755	0	0		
Westbound	D	0.900	C	0.571	C	0.663	C	0.489	D	0.691	C	0.511	5	7630	5621	318	258		
I-80 East of I-80/I-580 Split																			
Eastbound	C	0.655	F	1.310	B	0.559	E	0.993	C	0.568	F	1.012	5	6711	11915	103	233		Yes
Westbound	F	1.282	D	0.832	F	1.004	D	0.725	F	1.033	D	0.744	5	11799	8514	334	231		
I-880 Connector to I-80 East																			
Northbound	D	0.838	F	1.088	C	0.702	D	0.746	D	0.719	D	0.796	2	3299	3506	79	236		
Southbound	D	0.903	C	0.627	C	0.580	B	0.505	C	0.651	C	0.539	2	2786	2424	339	165		
I-880 Connector to I-80 West																			
Northbound	B	0.536	D	0.811	B	0.382	B	0.437	B	0.386	B	0.437	2	1797	2055	19	0		
Southbound	C	0.641	C	0.571	A	0.260	B	0.412	A	0.266	B	0.412	2	1221	1935	27	0		
I-880 North of 7 th Street																			
Northbound	B	0.525	C	0.707	B	0.452	C	0.613	B	0.455	C	0.614	3	3188	4321	22	8		
Southbound	B	0.465	C	0.744	B	0.407	C	0.651	B	0.421	C	0.652	3	2866	4588	102	9		
I-880 South of 7 th Street																			
Northbound	F	1.021	D	0.812	D	0.791	D	0.711	E	0.854	D	0.750	3	5337	4798	429	263		
Southbound	C	0.548	F	1.036	B	0.459	D	0.806	C	0.506	D	0.846	3	3166	5561	328	279		
I-880 North of I-980																			
Northbound	F	1.049	C	0.736	D	0.822	C	0.638	E	0.930	D	0.697	3	5675	4404	739	402		
Southbound	B	0.445	E	0.932	B	0.365	C	0.730	B	0.398	D	0.766	3	2625	5256	243	261		
I-880 South of I-980																			
Northbound	F	1.169	F	1.029	E	0.969	E	0.910	F	1.047	E	0.954	4	8724	8188	700	399	Yes	
Southbound	C	0.723	F	1.017	C	0.604	D	0.806	C	0.640	D	0.856	4	5681	7581	338	461		
I-880 North of I-238																			
Northbound	F	1.087	F	1.137	D	0.836	E	0.934	E	0.902	E	0.976	4	8029	8966	626	405		
Southbound	F	1.111	F	1.094	E	0.968	D	0.885	F	1.007	E	0.932	4	9100	8322	367	441	Yes	
I-880 South of I-238																			
Northbound	F	1.020	F	1.144	D	0.814	E	0.931	D	0.845	E	0.944	4	7654	8748	284	126		
Southbound	F	1.252	F	1.150	F	1.032	E	0.922	F	1.040	E	0.942	4	9699	8668	73	187		
I-238																			
Eastbound	B	0.517	D	0.882	B	0.459	D	0.732	C	0.502	D	0.772	3	3169	5048	292	278		
Westbound	D	0.855	B	0.369	C	0.698	B	0.318	D	0.749	B	0.359	3	4923	2243	359	290		

Table 3.16-11 Continued

Freeway Segment	2002 EIR Existing + Project				Existing				Existing Plus 2012 Project				Lanes	Existing		Project		Potentially Significant?	
	AM Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour		AM Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour		AM Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour			Traffic Volume (PCEs)		Traffic (in PCEs)			
	LOS	V/C	LOS	V/C	LOS	V/C	LOS	V/C	LOS	V/C	LOS	V/C		AM	PM	AM	PM		
I-580 East of I-238																			
Eastbound	C	0.557	E	0.956	B	0.462	D	0.772	B	0.488	D	0.798	5	5429	9069	306	307		
Westbound	D	0.926	B	0.399	C	0.738	B	0.326	D	0.772	B	0.353	5	8853	3916	417	321		
I-580 West of I-238																			
Eastbound	C	0.694	D	0.869	C	0.533	C	0.678	C	0.534	C	0.683	4	5115	6510	15	44		
Westbound	D	0.785	C	0.753	C	0.578	C	0.603	C	0.580	C	0.606	4	5544	5784	26	30		
I-580 East of I-980/SH-24																			
Eastbound	D	0.854	F	1.257	C	0.660	E	0.908	C	0.662	E	0.918	4	6202	8534	23	96		
Westbound	F	1.112	E	0.930	D	0.775	C	0.703	D	0.785	C	0.707	4	7437	6745	96	44		
I-580 West of I-980/SH-24																			
Eastbound	D	0.860	F	1.281	D	0.713	E	0.983	D	0.718	E	0.995	5	8020	11061	55	129		
Westbound	F	1.230	F	1.011	E	0.937	D	0.837	E	0.947	D	0.844	5	10538	9412	111	80		
I-980																			
Eastbound	B	0.386	D	0.809	B	0.310	C	0.650	B	0.310	C	0.650	4	2911	6111	0	1		
Westbound	D	0.800	B	0.391	C	0.644	B	0.316	C	0.650	B	0.316	4	6052	2970	58	0		
SH 24 East of I-580																			
Eastbound	B	0.395	F	1.058	B	0.305	D	0.817	B	0.306	D	0.826	4	2865	7680	8	80		
Westbound	F	1.094	B	0.459	D	0.810	B	0.372	D	0.822	B	0.373	4	7609	3501	119	5		

Note: PCEs are passenger car equivalents (1 truck = 2 passenger car equivalents).

Shading denotes potential significant impacts which are further discussed in Section 3.16.5.4.

Bold denotes significant impacts identified in the 2002 EIR.

Source: Kittelson & Associates, 2012; Freeway Capacity Source: 2000 Highway Capacity Manual.

- d. At a study, signalized intersection for **all areas** where the level of service is LOS E, the project would cause an increase in the average delay for any of the critical movements of six (6) seconds or more, or degrade to worse than LOS E (i.e., LOS F);
- e. At a study, signalized intersection for all areas where the level of service is LOS F, the project would cause (a) the total intersection average vehicle delay to increase by two (2) or more seconds, or (b) an increase in average delay for any of the critical movements of four (4) seconds or more; or (c) the volume-to-capacity (“V/C”) ratio increases 0.03 or more (but only if the delay values are greater than 120 seconds of average intersection delay as delay values over 120 seconds tend to increase exponentially and are then generally considered unreliable);
- f. At a study, unsignalized intersection the project would add ten (10) or more vehicles and after project completion satisfy the Caltrans peak hour volume traffic signal warrant;
- g. For a roadway segment of the Congestion Management Program (CMP) Network, the project would cause (a) the LOS to degrade from LOS E or better to LOS F or (b) the V/C ratio to increase 0.03 or more for a roadway segment that would operate at LOS F without the project;
- h. Cause congestion of regional significance on a roadway segment on the Metropolitan Transportation System (MTS) evaluated per the requirements of the Land Use Analysis Program of the CMP;¹⁶⁷
- i. Result in substantially increased travel times for AC Transit buses;

Traffic Safety Thresholds

- j. Directly or indirectly cause or expose roadway users (e.g., motorists, pedestrians, bus riders, bicyclists) to a permanent and substantial transportation hazard due to a new or existing physical design feature or incompatible uses;
- k. Directly or indirectly result in a permanent substantial decrease in pedestrian safety;
- l. Directly or indirectly result in a permanent substantial decrease in bicyclist safety;
- m. Directly or indirectly result in a permanent substantial decrease in bus rider safety;
- n. Generate substantial multi-modal traffic traveling across at-grade railroad crossings that cause or expose roadway users (e.g., motorists, pedestrians, bus riders, bicyclists) to a permanent and substantial transportation hazard;

Other Thresholds

- o. Fundamentally conflict with adopted City policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect and actually result in a physical change in the environment;

¹⁶⁷ Threshold h only applies to a land use development project that involves either a) a general plan amendment that would generate 100 or more PM peak hour trips above the current general plan land use designation, or b) an EIR and the project would generate 100 or more PM peak hour trips above the existing condition. Because the Project would involve neither a general plan amendment nor an EIR, this threshold is not assessed in this analysis. Further, as shown in Table 3.16-9, the 2012 Project would generate significantly lower number of trips than the 2002 EIR. Moreover the MTS operates with fewer significant impacts from the 2012 Project as compared to the 2002 Project.

- p. Result in a substantial, though temporary, adverse effect on the circulation system during construction of the project; or
- q. Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks.

Cumulative Impacts

- r. A project's contribution to cumulative impacts is considered "considerable" (i.e., significant) when the project exceeds at least one of the thresholds listed above in a future year scenario.

These criteria are discussed below.

3.16.5.4 Project Impacts

- a) **At a study, signalized intersection which is located outside the Downtown area, would the project cause the level of service (LOS) to degrade to worse than LOS D (i.e., LOS E)?**

7th Street & I-880 Northbound Off-Ramp (#12). Implementation of the 2012 Project would cause the level of service at the study signalized intersection of 7th Street & I-880 Northbound Off-Ramp to degrade to LOS F during the PM peak hour under Existing plus Project conditions. This is a new potentially significant impact not previously identified in the 2002 EIR. After implementation of the mitigation measure described below, the intersection would operate at LOS D.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Potentially Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: Implementation of Mitigation Measure 3.16-1, provided below, would reduce the project impact to a less-than-significant level.

Mitigation Measure 3.16-1:

- Optimize signal timing (i.e., adjust the allocation of green time for each intersection approach) for the PM peak hour.
- Coordinate the signal timing changes at this intersection with the adjacent intersections that are in the same signal coordination group.

To implement this measure, the project sponsor shall submit the following to City of Oakland's Transportation Engineering Division and Caltrans for review and approval:

- Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) to modify the intersection. All elements shall be designed to City standards in effect at the time of construction and all new or upgraded signals should include these enhancements. All other facilities supporting vehicle travel and alternative modes through the intersection should be brought up to both City standards and ADA standards (according to Federal and State Access Board guidelines) at the time of construction.

Current City Standards call for the elements listed below:

- 2070L Type Controller
- GPS communication (clock)
- Accessible pedestrian crosswalks according to Federal and State Access Board guidelines
- City Standard ADA wheelchair ramps
- Full actuation (video detection, pedestrian push buttons, bicycle detection)
- Accessible Pedestrian Signals, audible and tactile according to Federal Access Board guidelines
- Countdown Pedestrian Signals
- Signal interconnect and communication to City Traffic Management Center for corridors identified in the City's ITS Master Plan for a maximum of 600 feet
- Signal timing plans for the signals in the coordination group. The project sponsor shall fund, prepare, and install the approved plans and improvements.

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

San Pablo Avenue & Ashby Avenue (#42). Implementation of the 2012 Project would cause the level of service at the study signalized intersection of San Pablo Avenue & Ashby Avenue to degrade to LOS E during the PM peak hour under Existing plus Project conditions. This is a new potentially significant impact not previously identified in the 2002 EIR. After implementation of the mitigation measure described below, the intersection would operate at LOS D.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Potentially Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: Implementation of Mitigation Measure 3.16-2, provided below, would reduce the project impact to a less-than-significant level.

Mitigation Measure 3.16-2:

- Optimize signal timing (i.e., adjust the allocation of green time for each intersection approach) for the PM peak hour.
- Coordinate the signal timing changes at this intersection with the adjacent intersections that are in the same signal coordination group.

To implement this measure, the Project Sponsor shall coordinate with City of Berkeley and Caltrans, and shall fund, prepare, and install the improvements consistent with City of Berkeley and/or Caltrans standards.

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant

b) At a study, signalized intersection which is located within the Downtown area, would the project cause the LOS to degrade to worse than LOS E (i.e., LOS F)?

As shown in Table 3.16-10, the 2012 Project would not cause the LOS to degrade to worse than LOS E at a study signalized intersection located within the downtown area under Existing plus Project conditions. Therefore, the 2012 Project would not create a significant impact under Existing plus Project conditions and no mitigation measures are required.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

c) At a study, signalized intersection outside the Downtown area where the level of service is LOS E, would the project cause the total intersection average vehicle delay to increase by four (4) or more seconds, or degrade to worse than LOS E (i.e., LOS F)?

As shown in Table 3.16-10, the 2012 Project would not cause the total intersection average vehicle delay to increase by four (4) or more seconds, or degrade to worse than LOS E (i.e., LOS F) at a study signalized intersection outside the downtown area where the level of service is LOS E. Therefore, the 2012 Project would not create a significant impact under Existing plus Project conditions and no mitigation measures are required.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

d) At a study, signalized intersection for all areas where the level of service is LOS E, would the project cause an increase in the average delay for any of the critical movements of six (6) seconds or more, or degrade to worse than LOS E (i.e., LOS F)?

As shown in the intersection LOS worksheets in Appendix B-5, the 2012 Project would not cause an increase in the average delay for any of the critical movements of six (6) seconds or more, or degrade to worse than LOS E (i.e., LOS F) at a study signalized intersection for all areas where the level of service is LOS E. Therefore, the 2012 Project would not create a significant impact under Existing plus Project conditions and no mitigation measures are required.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

- e) **At a study, signalized intersection for all areas where the level of service is LOS F, would the project cause (a) the total intersection average vehicle delay to increase by two (2) or more seconds, or (b) an increase in average delay for any of the critical movements of four (4) seconds or more; or (c) the volume-to-capacity (“V/C”) ratio increases 0.03 or more (but only if the delay values are greater than 120 seconds of average intersection delay as delay values over 120 seconds tend to increase exponentially and are then generally considered unreliable)?**

7th Street & Harrison Street (#18). The intersection of 7th Street & Harrison Street would operate at LOS F without the 2012 Project during the PM peak hour under Existing plus Project conditions and implementation of the 2012 Project would cause the total intersection average vehicle delay to increase by more than two (2) seconds. This is a new potentially significant impact not previously identified in the 2002 EIR. After implementation of the mitigation measure described below, the intersection would operate at LOS B.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Potentially Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: Implementation of Mitigation Measure 3.16-3, provided below, would reduce the project impact to a less-than-significant level.

Mitigation Measure 3.16-3:

- Optimize signal timing (i.e., adjust the allocation of green time for each intersection approach) for the PM peak hour.
- Coordinate the signal timing changes at this intersection with the adjacent intersections that are in the same signal coordination group.

To implement this measure, the project sponsor shall submit plans specifications and estimates (PS&E) as detailed in Mitigation Measure 3.16-1 that are consistent with the City’s standards to City of Oakland’s Transportation Engineering Division for review and approval.

The project sponsor shall fund, prepare, and install the approved plans and improvements.

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

12th Street & Castro Street (#29). The intersection of 12th Street & Castro Street would operate at LOS F without the 2012 Project during the PM peak hour under Existing plus Project conditions and implementation of the 2012 Project would cause the total intersection average vehicle delay to increase by more than two (2) seconds. This is a new potentially significant impact not previously identified in the 2002 EIR. After implementation of the mitigation measure described below, the intersection would operate at LOS B.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Potentially Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: Implementation of Mitigation Measure 3.16-4, provided below, would reduce the project impact to a less-than-significant level.

Mitigation Measure 3.16-4:

- Optimize signal timing (i.e., adjust the allocation of green time for each intersection approach) for the PM peak hour.
- Coordinate the signal timing changes at this intersection with the adjacent intersections that are in the same signal coordination group.

To implement this measure, the project sponsor shall submit plans specifications and estimates (PS&E) as detailed in Mitigation Measure 3.16-1 that are consistent with the City's standards to City of Oakland's Transportation Engineering Division for review and approval.

The project sponsor shall fund, prepare, and install the approved plans and improvements.

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

f) At a study, unsignalized intersection would the project add ten (10) or more vehicles and after project completion satisfy the Caltrans peak hour volume traffic signal warrant?

The 2012 Project would not add ten (10) or more vehicles and after project completion satisfy the Caltrans peak hour volume traffic signal warrant at a study unsignalized intersection. Therefore, the 2012 Project would not create a significant impact under Existing plus Project conditions and no mitigation measures are required.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

g) Would the project cause a roadway segment of the Congestion Management Program (CMP) to a) degrade to LOS F; or b) increase the V/C ratio by more than three percent for a roadway segment that would operate at LOS F without the project?

The 2002 EIR identified significant impacts along the following segments:

- I-80 East of I-80/I-580 Split
- I-880 connector to I-80 East
- I-880 from 7th Street to segment south of I-238
 - South of 7th Street
 - North of I-980
 - South of I-980
 - North of I-238
 - South of I-238
- I-580
 - East of I-980/SH-24
 - West of I-980/SH-24
- SH-24 East of I-580

As shown in Table 3.16-11, only three segments would experience potentially significant impacts as a result of the Project as compared to ten segments in the 2002 EIR. These three segments include:

- I-80 East of I-80/I-580 Split
- I-880 South of I-980
- I-880 North of I-238

As all three segments were identified to be significant impacted in the 2002 EIR, the Project would not result in any new significant impact. Further, with the reduced trip generation, the 2012 Project would not substantially increase the severity of the previously identified impacts. However, while implementation of 2002 EIR Mitigation Measure 4.3-4 (superseded by SCA TRANS-1 for the 2012 Project) would reduce traffic demand on the freeway system, the residual impact would remain significant and unavoidable.

2002 Impact: Significant and Unavoidable

2012 Impact: Potentially Significant

2002 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measure 4.3-4

2012 Mitigation: SCA TRANS-1

Significance After Implementation: Significant and Unavoidable (No New Impact and would not substantially increase the severity of the impact identified in the 2002 EIR)

h) Would the project result in substantially increased travel times for AC Transit buses?

The 2012 Project is not being directly served by existing AC Transit routes since the prior service was cancelled due to lack of ridership. As shown in the intersection analysis discussed above, all potential project impacts at the study intersections would be mitigated with the proposed mitigation measures. Therefore, the project would not substantially affect the operations on roadways used by AC Transit buses and would not result in substantially increased travel times for AC Transit buses. The project may result in increased ridership on AC Transit buses through West Oakland BART station transit hub and other stops in West Oakland which may result in increased loading and unloading time at bus stops. However, the ridership increase is not projected to be substantial such that it would result in a significant travel time impact for AC Transit buses. Therefore, the 2012 Project would not result in a new significant impact. This is a new threshold not previously assessed in the 2002 EIR.

2002 Impact: Not Applicable

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: Not Applicable

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

Significance After Implementation: No New Impact

i) Would the project directly or indirectly cause or expose roadway users to a permanent and substantial transportation hazard due to a new or existing physical design feature or incompatible uses?

The 2012 Project includes features that would reduce transportation hazards. Both the improved Maritime Street and its northern extension (Wake Avenue) and the realigned Burma Road would include left turn pockets to facilitate turning movements and minimize obstruction to traffic on the through lanes. Under both 7th Street access improvement variants, a private tug road is provided as an alternative to Maritime Street for trucks moving between the Outer Harbor marine terminals and the intermodal rail terminal. This connection would reduce conflicts and reduce potential congestion on Maritime Street.

The 2012 Project would reduce the shoulder on either side of Maritime Street from the existing eight feet to six feet. The proposed six foot-shoulder would not be adequate to accommodate trucks that would queue along southbound Maritime Street while awaiting entry to Ports America's gate. The trucks would intrude onto the southbound travel lane; thereby forcing southbound vehicles to queue behind or merge into the left southbound travel lane to drive around the queuing trucks.

While the final site plan has not yet been developed, emergency access routes to most of the site and adjacent properties appear to be reasonably well-served. Wake Avenue currently extends approximately 1,100 feet to the EBMUD MWWTP. The project would relocate the existing Wake Avenue access to the EBMUD MWWTP further to the west at a location that would shorten the distance from West Grand Avenue to the MWWTP to approximately 500 feet. The project would also provide a secondary access from West Burma Road to the MWWTP.

The project would create new East Burma Road that would extend approximately 2,000 feet east of Maritime Street. Secondary emergency access would be provided from relocated Wake Avenue through the properties in the North Gateway. 14th Street extends from Maritime Street approximately 1,800 feet to the east. Secondary emergency access to the east end of 14th Street is currently provided via driveways controlled by gates at Maritime Street. The Project would shorten the length of 14th Street to approximately 1,000 feet and secondary emergency access would be provided from new driveways along Maritime Street.

West Burma Road extends approximately 5,000 feet from Maritime Street to the base of the Bay Bridge. Emergency access routes to the West Gateway area may potentially be limited due to physical constraints of the site. As stated in Impact 4.3-4 of the 2002 EIR, this would result in potentially significant impact. Furthermore, depending on site-specific design that is not currently defined, the 2012 Project could potentially cause or expose roadway users to other permanent and substantial transportation hazard due to a new or existing physical design feature, incompatible uses or increase in transport trucks on neighborhood streets. Therefore, similar to Impact 4.3-3 in the 2002 EIR, the project impact is considered potentially significant.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Potentially Significant

2002 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measures 4.3-5, 4.3-6, 4.3-7, 4.3-8

2012 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measures 4.3-5, 4.3-7 and 4.3-8 supplemented with Mitigation Measure 3.16-5 through Mitigation Measures 3.16-15a and 3.16-15b provided below.

With regard to Maritime between 7th Street and West Grand Avenue:

Mitigation Measure 3.16-5: The City shall provide a shoulder with a minimum width of 8 feet on the west side of Maritime Street to accommodate queuing trucks and minimize intrusion onto the southbound travel lane.

Mitigation Measure 3.16-6: The City shall provide a 9-foot-wide area along the entire west side of Maritime Street in this area to accommodate a sidewalk and utilities; exact dimensions of these elements will be determined by the City's Transportation and Infrastructure Divisions during the PUD process.

Mitigation Measure 3.16-7: The City shall provide an 18-foot-wide area along the entire east side of Maritime Street in this area to accommodate a Class 1 bicycle path and utilities; exact dimensions of these elements will be determined by the City's Transportation and Infrastructure Divisions during the PUD process.

With regard to North Maritime (formerly Wake Avenue):

Mitigation Measure 3.16-8: The City shall provide 2 travel lanes in each direction in this area with shoulders on each side for bicycle lanes. The exact

dimensions of these elements will be determined by the City's Transportation and Infrastructure Divisions during the PUD process.

With regard to Burma between Maritime and West Oakland (Burma East):

Mitigation Measure 3.16-9: The City shall provide a 9-foot-wide area along the entire north side of Burma Street in this area to accommodate utilities and a sidewalk; bicycles will be accommodated on the shoulder; exact dimensions of these elements will be determined by the City's Transportation and Infrastructure Divisions during the PUD process.

Mitigation Measure 3.16-10: The City shall provide a 7-foot-wide area along the entire south side of Burma Street in this area to accommodate utilities; bicycles will be accommodated on the shoulder; exact dimensions of these elements will be determined by the City's Transportation and Infrastructure Divisions during the PUD process.

With regard to Burma between Maritime and the Railroad Tracks (Burma West)

Mitigation Measure 3.16-11: The City shall provide an 9-foot-wide area along the entire south side of Burma Street in this area to accommodate utilities and a sidewalk; bicycles will be accommodated on the shoulder; exact dimensions of these elements will be determined by the City's Transportation and Infrastructure Divisions during the PUD process.

Mitigation Measure 3.16-12: The City shall provide a 20-foot-wide area along the entire north side of Burma Street in this area to accommodate utilities and a Class 1 bicycle path; exact dimensions of these elements will be determined by the City's Transportation and Infrastructure Divisions during the PUD process.

With regard to Burma between the Railroad Tracks and the Gateway Park (Burma Far West):

Mitigation Measure 3.16-13: The City shall provide an 8-foot-wide area along the entire south side of Burma Street in this area to accommodate utilities and a sidewalk; bicycles will be accommodated on the shoulder with a Class 2 bicycle lane; exact dimensions of these elements will be determined by the City's Transportation and Infrastructure Divisions during the PUD process.

Mitigation Measure 3.16-14: The City shall provide a shoulder along the entire north side of Burma Street in this area to accommodate bicycles with a Class 2 bicycle lane; exact dimensions of these elements will be determined by the City's Transportation and Infrastructure Divisions during the PUD process.

With regard to Emergency Access:

Mitigation Measure 3.16-15a: The Project Sponsor shall develop, in consultation and coordination with adjacent property owners, including EBMUD, an emergency response plan for the 2012 Army Base Project, which addresses emergency ingress/egress.

Mitigation Measure 3.16-15b: The Project Sponsor shall include in the design of West Burma Road turnouts and turnarounds at the appropriate locations and dimensions as required by the fire Department, in order to allow for appropriate ingress and egress of emergency vehicles.

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

j) Would the project directly or indirectly result in a permanent substantial decrease in pedestrian safety?

The 2012 Project would enhance pedestrian safety on Maritime Street, Burma Road and access to wharf open space by providing sidewalks on one side of these roadways where there is none currently. However, Maritime Street is a heavily used high-speed truck route, where a greater width of sidewalk is needed to provide protection for pedestrians. As shown in Figure 2-8, the project proposes a 10-foot area on the west side of Maritime Street that includes a 5-foot through passage zone and a 5-foot utility zone.

The 2012 Project includes new left turn pockets on Burma Road, which may increase pedestrian crossing distance and exposure to vehicles. Additional driveways may also be installed on Maritime Street to improve traffic circulation but may potentially increase vehicle-pedestrian conflicts. Since Burma Road is not explicitly defined in the Pedestrian Master Plan, it is assumed to be a local/neighborhood route where a 5-foot through passage zone is recommended. Therefore, in addition to a 10-foot trail on the north side of West Burma Road, a 5-foot sidewalk is proposed on the south side of West Burma Road and on the north side of East Burma Road.

The project provides a sidewalk adjacent to the roadway on East Burma Road instead of a 4-foot clear zone between the roadway and sidewalk as required in the Pedestrian Master Plan. Other site-specific design features, which are undefined currently, may also affect safety for pedestrians. Therefore, similar to Impact 4.3-3 in the 2002 EIR, the project impact is considered potentially significant.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Potentially Significant

2002 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measures 4.3-5, 4.3-6 and 4.3-7

2012 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measure 4.3-5

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

k) Would the project directly or indirectly result in a permanent substantial decrease in bicyclist safety?

The 2012 Project would enhance bicyclist safety by providing designated bicycle facilities on Maritime Street and Burma Road. Both proposed variants of the 7th Street improvement at Maritime Street include bicycle connection to existing Class 1 facility on 7th Street, which would be preserved as a part of the project. The proposed Class 1 bike path will connect the existing Class 1 facility on 7th Street to the proposed Class 1 bike path being constructed by Caltrans as part of the Bay Trail. This connection will occur on West Burma Road at the driveway of the proposed Engineers Road connection.

However, the additional driveways that may be installed on Maritime Street and the proposed Engineers Road extension to Burma Road to improve traffic circulation may create additional conflict points between vehicles and bicyclists on the Class 1 bike path. Further, for those bicyclists that decide not to continue on the Bay Trail along Engineers Road, the transition between the Class 1 bike path and Class 3 bike route on West Burma Road could potentially present safety challenges for bicyclists. This transition occurs as West Burma Road curves southeastward towards Maritime Street. The City limits a signage-only Class 3 bicycle route to the Oakland Hills area where the use is primarily for recreational purposes, therefore, a Class 2 bicycle lane should be used "...where the outside lane (with parking prohibited) is 15' or more." While a 12-foot travel lane is proposed on each direction along this segment, the project also includes a five-foot shoulder on each side, which would provide sufficient space for a bicycle lane in the southwest direction of West Burma Road. Because bicyclists traveling on the northeast direction on West Burma Road would have to cross over westbound traffic lane to reach the trail entry point at the driveway for the proposed Engineers Road, a location where sight distance would inhibit them from seeing around the bend for on-coming traffic, it is proposed that the Class 3 bicycle lane be removed from West Burma Road in the northeast direction. Any bicyclists at the proposed Gateway Park should be redirected to the proposed Class 1 bike trail to the north of the Caltrans Maintenance Facility.

Between the Engineers Road intersection and Maritime Street, at least a 10-foot wide Class 1 bicycle path would need to be installed on the north side of West Burma Road. This path would be connected not only to the bicycle route described above, it would also be connected to a planned bicycle path to be installed by Caltrans along I-80 freeway that would provide bicycle linkage to Emeryville and beyond. A 10-foot wide Class 1 bicycle path is also proposed on the east side of Maritime Street between West Grand Avenue and 7th Street. Both these bicycle paths are necessary to resolve safety issues.

Other site-specific design features, which are undefined currently, may also affect safety for bicyclists. Therefore, similar to Impact 4.3-3 in the 2002 EIR, the project impact is considered potentially significant.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Potentially Significant

2002 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measure 4.3-5 and 4.3-7

2012 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measure 4.3-5 and supplemented with Mitigation Measures 3.16-5 through 3.16-15a and 3.16-15b provided above

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

l) Would the project directly or indirectly result in a permanent substantial decrease in bus rider safety?

While there is no bus stop in the project area, the 2012 Project may generate new bus ridership. The proposed enhancements on Burma Road and Maritime Street would provide improved bicycle and pedestrian connections to 7th Street and the West Oakland BART station transit hub as well as other bus stop locations in West Oakland. However, the number of new bus riders is not anticipated to be substantial enough to adversely affect the bus stop locations and directly and indirectly result in a permanent substantial decrease in bus rider safety. Therefore, the 2012 Project would not result in a new significant impact and would not substantially increase the severity of a significant impact identified in the 2002 EIR. This threshold was assessed as a part of Impact 4.3-3 of the 2002 EIR.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measures 4.3-5, 4.3-6 and 4.3-7

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

m) Would the project generate substantial multi-modal traffic traveling across at-grade railroad crossings that cause or expose roadway users to a permanent and substantial transportation hazard?

The following discussion applies to both the West Gateway Working Waterfront - Variant A and West Gateway Research and Development/Open Space - Variant B. The higher traffic volumes and longer vehicle queues for Variant B are shown below. Therefore, the assessment of impacts is more conservative if Variant A is selected as the preferred development plan. This difference would likely be greatest at the West Burma Road Rail Crossing, which serves West Gateway traffic.

As shown in Figure 2-7, two existing at-grade railroad crossings on Maritime Street south of Burma Road would be removed as a part of the 2012 Project. The removal would reduce potential transportation hazard on this corridor for all roadway users.

The two existing at-grade crossings on Maritime Street immediately south of 7th Street would remain. Due to the crossings' close proximity to the Maritime Street and 7th Street intersection, northbound vehicles may queue onto the tracks from the signalized intersection. However, the project is projected to increase the northbound traffic on this segment by only two (2) vehicles in the AM peak hour;

while reducing the traffic by 131 trips in the PM peak hour. At this location the project would not cause a substantial transportation hazard.

Relocated Wake Avenue Rail Crossing. The project would relocate the existing Wake Avenue access to the EBMUD MWWTP further to the west at a location that would position the at-grade rail tracks approximately 500 feet from the West Grand Avenue intersection. The crossing would be controlled by gates across Wake Avenue. Three types of trains are expected to cross Wake Avenue at the EBMUD driveway:

- 3,200-foot trains for the Working Waterfront Variant (12 times per day for Variant A; 4 times per day for Variant B)
- 200-foot trains serving Central Gateway Port Logistics (4 times per day)
- 200-foot trains serving EBMUD (2 times per day)

Trains operating at the Relocated Wake Avenue Rail Crossing would temporarily block access to the EBMUD MWWTP. The effects of train blockages on queuing at the relocated Wake Avenue rail crossing are shown in Table 3.16-12. Trains are expected to average 7.5 mph at the crossing, resulting in a total blockage time of 5 minutes 51 seconds for vehicles traveling northbound on Wake Avenue. Peak hour traffic volumes on northbound Wake Avenue are not expected to exceed 150 vehicles per hour¹⁶⁸ after construction of the 2012 Project, resulting in an average peak hour vehicle queue of approximately 175 feet. So, it is highly unlikely that queues from the crossing would extend 500 feet to West Grand Avenue. The 95th percentile queue for southbound Wake Avenue at West Grand Avenue is not expected to exceed 150 feet in length. It is highly unlikely that queues at West Grand Avenue would extend to the rail tracks.

Southbound traffic volumes from the EBMUD MWWTP are not expected to exceed 90 vehicles per hour,¹⁶⁹ resulting in an average peak hour vehicle queue of approximately 100 feet if two southbound lanes are provided. If only one lane is provided the queue would be approximately 200 feet.

Table 3.16-12: Wake Avenue Queues During Train Blockages

Train Speed (mph) ¹	Gate Operating Time (sec.) ²	Train Passage Time (sec.) ³	Gate Down Time (sec.)	Motor Vehicles Arriving per Hour ⁴	Vehicles Arriving During Gate Down Time	Storage Lanes	Queue Length (Feet) ⁵
Northbound Wake Avenue							
5	60	436	496	147	20	2	250
7.5	60	291	351	147	14	2	175
10	60	218	278	147	11	2	138
Southbound EBMUD Driveway							
5	60	436	496	87	12	2	150
7.5	60	291	351	87	8	2	100
10	60	218	278	87	7	2	88

Table notes on next page.

¹⁶⁸ The maximum traffic volume for northbound traffic is based on forecasts of future traffic on Wake Avenue just north of West Grand Avenue with the 2012 Project in place.

¹⁶⁹ The maximum traffic volume for southbound traffic is from the Draft Environmental Impact Report: Main Wastewater Treatment Plant Land Use Master Plan (Feb. 2011).

¹ The minimum expected train speed is 5 mph; the maximum is 10 mph; the average is 7.5 mph.

² The gate would be lowered 30 seconds prior to train arrival and be raised 30 seconds after train departure.

³ Based on a train length of 3,200 feet.

⁴ Maximum peak hour traffic volume for 2012, 2020, and 2035 conditions with the project in place.

⁵ Queue length assumes 25 feet of storage per vehicle.

Source: Kittelson & Associates, 2012.

The alignment of Engineers Road, a private road within the EBMUD Main Wastewater Treatment Plant, immediately adjacent to and parallel to the rail tracks would intersect the EBMUD driveway immediately north of the rail tracks. The close proximity of the Engineers Road & EBMUD driveway intersection to the rail tracks would result in vehicles on Engineer Road being positioned parallel to the rail tracks limiting the line of sight for viewing oncoming trains. The limited sight distance may result in a potentially substantial hazard for vehicles on Engineers Road. This would be a potentially significant impact. Implementation of Mitigation Measure 3.16-16(a) would reduce the impact to a less-than-significant level.

Existing Wake Avenue Rail Crossing. The project would close the existing Wake Avenue access to the EBMUD MWWTP as part of the relocation of the access to the west. If relocation is not possible, the existing Wake Avenue access would remain open in its current location and gates would be added at the existing crossing. Train operations are expected to be the same as described above for the Relocated Wake Avenue Rail Crossing.

Wake Avenue currently has only one lane in each direction. The queues on the existing two-lane Wake Avenue would be twice as long as those estimated in Table 3.16-12. However, the distance from West Grand Avenue to the existing Wake Avenue rail crossing is approximately 1,000 feet, providing more than double the space required to accommodate the estimated average peak hour vehicle queue.

West Burma Road Rail Crossing. Two new rail crossings that would be controlled by gates are proposed across West Burma Road in the Central Gateway approximately 1,100 feet west of Maritime Street. These rail crossings would carry the same train traffic as identified for the Wake Avenue crossing except for the trains serving EBMUD. Trains operating at the West Burma Road Rail Crossing would temporarily block access to the West Gateway, the Caltrans Maintenance Facility, and Gateway Park. The effects of train blockages on queuing at the West Burma Road rail crossing are shown in Table 3.16-13.¹⁷⁰

Eastbound peak hour traffic volumes on West Burma Road approaching the crossings are not expected to exceed 246 vehicles per hour after construction of the 2012 Project, resulting in an average peak hour vehicle queue of approximately 600 feet. The eastbound peak hour queue on West Burma Road would block the pedestrian crosswalk located just west of the rail crossing. This would be a potentially significant impact. Implementation of Mitigation Measure 3.16-16(b) would reduce the impact to a less-than-significant level.

¹⁷⁰ The maximum traffic volumes are based on forecasts of future traffic with the 2012 Project in place and include consideration of the Caltrans Maintenance Facility and Gateway Park expansion projects.

Westbound peak hour traffic volumes on West Burma Road approaching the crossings are not expected to exceed 282 vehicles per hour after construction of the 2012 Project, resulting in an average peak hour vehicle queue of approximately 675 feet. The westbound queue would extend to the Truck Services driveway and the driveway to the CC3 Port Logistics building. The queuing may result in a substantial hazard for vehicles on West Burma Road, which would be a potentially significant impact. Implementation of Mitigation Measure 3.16-16(c) would reduce the impact to a less-than-significant level.

Table 3.16-13: West Burma Road Queues During Train Blockages

Train Speed (mph) ¹	Gate Operating Time (sec.) ²	Train Passage Time (sec.) ³	Gate Down Time (sec.)	Motor Vehicles Arriving per Hour ⁴	Vehicles Arriving During Gate Down Time	Storage Lanes	Queue Length (Feet) ⁵
Eastbound West Burma Road							
5	60	436	496	246	34	1	850
7.5	60	291	351	246	24	1	600
10	60	218	278	246	19	1	475
Westbound West Burma Road							
5	60	436	496	282	39	1	975
7.5	60	291	351	282	27	1	675
10	60	218	278	282	22	1	550

¹ The minimum expected train speed is 5 mph; the maximum is 10 mph; the average is 7.5 mph.

² The gate would be lowered 30 seconds prior to train arrival and be raised 30 seconds after train departure.

³ Based on a train length of 3,200 feet.

⁴ Maximum peak hour traffic volume for 2012, 2020, and 2035 conditions with the project in place.

⁵ Queue length assumes 25 feet of storage per vehicle.

Source: Kittelson & Associates, 2012.

Rail crossings should be as close to 90 degrees from the motor vehicle crossing as possible. The westerly West Burma Road rail crossing appears to cross at an acute angle, which may be a substantial hazard for motorists and bicyclists and may result in a potentially significant impact. Implementation of Mitigation Measure 3.16-16(d) would reduce the impact to a less-than-significant level.

East Burma Road Rail Crossing. A new rail crossing that would be controlled by gates is proposed across East Burma Road in the Central Gateway approximately 1,100 feet east of Maritime Street. This rail crossing would carry 200-foot trains serving Central Gateway Port Logistics that would cross 4 times per day. Trains operating at the East Burma Road Rail Crossing would temporarily block access to truck parking area in the East Gateway, would temporarily block access to and egress from the proposed CN2 Recycler site, and would temporarily block egress from the 2012 Project railyard. The effects of train blockages on queuing at the West Burma Road rail crossing are shown in Table 3.16-14.¹⁷¹

Eastbound peak hour traffic volumes on East Burma Road approaching the crossing is not expected to exceed 224 vehicles per hour after construction of the 2012 Project, resulting in an average peak hour

¹⁷¹ The maximum traffic volumes for East Burma Road are based on future traffic volumes just east of Maritime Street with the 2012 Project in place.

vehicle queue of approximately 125 feet. The eastbound peak hour queue on East Burma Road would not block any driveway and would not be a significant impact.

Table 3.16-14: East Burma Road Queues During Train Blockages

Train Speed (mph) ¹	Gate Operating Time (sec.) ²	Train Passage Time (sec.) ³	Gate Down Time (sec.)	Motor Vehicles Arriving per Hour ⁴	Vehicles Arriving During Gate Down Time	Storage Lanes	Queue Length (Feet) ⁵
Eastbound East Burma Road							
5	60	27	87	224	5	1	125
7.5	60	18	78	224	5	1	125
10	60	14	74	224	5	1	125
Westbound West Burma Road							
5	60	27	87	380	9	1	225
7.5	60	18	78	380	8	1	200
10	60	14	74	380	8	1	200

¹ The minimum expected train speed is 5 mph; the maximum is 10 mph; the average is 7.5 mph.

² The gate would be lowered 30 seconds prior to train arrival and be raised 30 seconds after train departure.

³ Based on a train length of 200 feet.

⁴ Maximum peak hour traffic volume for 2012, 2020, and 2035 conditions with the project in place.

⁵ Queue length assumes 25 feet of storage per vehicle.

Source: Kittelson & Associates, 2012.

Westbound peak hour traffic volumes on East Burma Road approaching the crossing is not expected to exceed 380 vehicles per hour after construction of the 2012 Project, resulting in an average peak hour vehicle queue of approximately 200 feet. The westbound queue would block the easterly driveway to Port Logistics Building CE1, but there is another, much more convenient driveway located southwest of the building. The westbound queue may also block access to the truck parking lot located nearby and may block the egress from the 2012 Project Railyard. This would not be a significant impact as the delays would be relatively short.

The East Burma Road rail crossing appears to cross at an acute angle, which may be a substantial hazard for motorists and bicyclists and may result in a significant impact. Implementation of Mitigation Measure 3.16-16(d) would reduce the impact to a less-than-significant level.

The impacts of the at-grade crossings on roadway users may also be contingent on site-specific design, which are undefined currently. Therefore, similar to Impact 4.3-3 in the 2002 EIR, the project impact is considered potentially significant.

Other Factors. Locomotives when shut down or stalled can be moved by another locomotive so if this was the case they could be moved as soon as another one shows up. Some scenarios of would happen with a stall are:

1. If one locomotive stalls out then the second one will carry the load to get across the crossings. The West Gateway's 50-car cuts will require two locomotives for every move.

2. If both locomotives fail there will be back up locomotives and the Manifest locomotives onsite to rescue train.
3. Union Pacific will be leaving their power onsite during unloading of unit trains and can be used for emergencies.
4. Both the Union Pacific and Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroads have locomotives at their Oakland locations which can come to the rescue if required.
5. Industrial Railways Company will have an onsite track mobile units which can come to the rescue.

When there is a stall, the locomotives and railcars do not lock wheels to prevent movement. The railway operator will work with EBMUD hazardous materials crews to find a window to move cars through the site. This practice is customary throughout the country.

Although not required to reduce any CEQA impacts, the following recommendations should be considered:

Recommended Improvements

- The Project Sponsor shall negotiate with EBMUD in good faith to reach an agreement which reasonably limits train movements from unreasonably parking, stopping and/or blocking access to EBMUD's main gate to the MWWTP. Specifically, the Master Developer shall coordinate the timing of its use of the tracks to a schedule that reduces, to the maximum extent feasible, any potential inconveniences to EBMUD's main gate to the MWWTP.
- The Project Sponsor shall make reasonable good faith efforts to explore the feasibility of, and if determined feasible, obtain/secure alternate emergency vehicle access to the MWWTP that would not be impacted by the 2012 Army Base rail traffic. The City shall coordinate its efforts with EBMUD.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Potentially Significant

2002 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measures 4.3-5, 4.3-6 and 4.3-7

2012 Mitigation: Implementation of 2002 EIR Mitigation Measures 4.3-5 and 4.3-7 and SCA TRANS-3 and supplemented by Mitigation Measure 3.15-15a and 3.16-16, provided below, would reduce the project impact to a less-than-significant level.

Mitigation Measure 3.16-16:

- a. Redesign the Engineers Road to intersect the EBMUD driveway at least 100 feet north of the at-grade rail crossing or configure an internal circulation plan that prohibits turns from Engineers Road onto Wake Avenue.
- b. Provide a high visibility crosswalk with pedestrian crossing signs at the pedestrian crossing just west of the rail crossing on West Burma Road.
- c. Paint "KEEP CLEAR" on West Burma Road for westbound vehicles at the Truck Services driveway.

- d. Unless approved otherwise by the California Public Utility Commission (CPUC), construct all rail crossings at a minimum street-crossing angle of 45 degrees consistent with Institute of Transportation Engineers recommendations, 90 degrees is preferred for cross-traffic safety.

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

n) Would the project fundamentally conflict with adopted City policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect and actually result in a physical change in the environment?

The project proposed to install a Class 3 bike route on the north side of West Burma Road west of the proposed Engineers Road intersection. However, the City's Bicycle Master Plan recommends limiting signage-only Class 3 bicycle route to the Oakland Hills area where the use is primarily for recreational purpose. The Plan further states that a Class 2 "bicycle lane should be used where the outside lane (with parking prohibited) is 15' or more." While a 12-foot travel lane is proposed on each direction along this segment, the project also includes a five-foot shoulder on each side, which would provide sufficient space for a bicycle lane.

Between the Engineers Road intersection and Maritime Street, at least a 10-foot wide Class 1 bicycle path would be installed on the north side of West Burma Road. This path would be connected not only to the bicycle route described above, it would also be connected to a planned bicycle path to be installed by Caltrans along I-80 freeway that would provide bicycle linkage to Emeryville and beyond. A 10-foot wide Class 1 bicycle path is also proposed on the east side of Maritime Street between West Grand Avenue and 7th Street. Both these bicycle paths are included in the Bicycle Master Plan and are consistent with the guidance of the Plan.

The City's Pedestrian Master Plan provides sidewalk guidelines by street types and requires a utility zone on all streets to accommodate public infrastructure such as lampposts, street trees, signs and furniture. The Plan defines Maritime Street as a District route, where a 10-foot sidewalk is recommended including a 6-foot through passage zone and a 4-foot utility zone. However, Maritime Street is heavily used high-speed truck route, where a greater width of sidewalk would provide more protection for pedestrians, so a 10-foot trail has been proposed for the east side of Maritime Street, separated from the roadway by a 4-foot utility zone. As shown in Figure 2-8, the project proposed a 9-foot pedestrian area on the west side of Maritime Street that includes a 5-foot through passage zone and a 4-foot utility zone. A 5-foot sidewalk is proposed on the south side of West Burma Road and on the north side of East Burma Road. Since Burma Road is not explicitly defined in the Pedestrian Master Plan, it is assumed to be a local/neighborhood route where a 5-foot through passage zone is recommended. However, the utility zone needs to be relocated between the passage zone and the roadway, as required in the Pedestrian Master Plan.

Because the final site plans for the project area have not been developed, other elements of the project may conflict with adopted City policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities. Therefore, similar to Impact 4.3-5 of the 2002 EIR, the project impact is potentially significant.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Potentially Significant

2002 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measures 4.3-4 and 4.3-9

2012 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measure 4.3-9 and Mitigation Measures 3.16-5 through 3.16-15a and 3.16-15b

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

o) Would the project result in a substantial, though temporary, adverse effect on the circulation system during construction of the project?

Construction and/or remediation would generate haul, delivery and employee trips, which would involve large transport trucks and movement of hazardous materials or hazardous waste through city streets. Furthermore, the construction of the proposed 7th Street grade separation and related improvements would require closure of 7th Street during construction, which would result in the need to divert traffic onto other roadways.

As partial implementation of the City's Transportation SCA TRANS-2, an analysis was conducted to determine the impacts of closing 7th Street during construction (Technical Memorandum – DRAFT: 7th Street Grade Separation Traffic Analysis for Detour, from Cigdem Mulazimoglu, Jacobs, to Chuck Joseph, Jacobs, October 7, 2011; see Appendix K). The Jacobs report indicates that anticipated improvements would maintain existing traffic service levels at:

- Adeline Street/5th Street
- Adeline Street/3rd Street

The study and the improvements identified in the study are partial implementation of SCA TRANS-2, which will require further development of a detailed traffic management plan and consultation and coordination with other public agencies.

Construction activities could result in traffic disruptions and potential level of service degradation on area roadways. The project would be constructed over a multi-year period and in a number of construction phases, the timing, amount and route of truck and vehicle movements are not currently known. Therefore, the degree of the construction impacts for the project cannot be determined. This is considered a potentially significant impact, as identified in Impact 4.3-11 of the 2002 EIR.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Potentially Significant

2002 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measure 4.3-13

2012 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measure 4.3-13 as supplemented by SCA TRANS-2

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

p) Would the project result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?

Given the nature of the development, the 2012 Project would not result in a change to air traffic patterns.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

3.16.6 CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

Future conditions were evaluated to determine the extent to which impacts would result from the Project in combination with past, present and other reasonably foreseeable future projects. Reasonably foreseeable projects included general growth anticipated in the Bay Area as reflected in the land use data sets for future years in the Alameda Countywide Travel Model. Potential cumulative transportation impacts were assessed for the Year 2020 and Year 2035 conditions. Cumulative traffic volumes for the AM and PM peak hours were developed using procedures described under Travel Forecasting Methodology in Section 3.16.5.2. Specifically included and considered were Caltrans Maintenance Facility, Gateway Park, and East Bay Municipal Utility District's Main Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The conditions in which the Traffic Safety Thresholds and Other Thresholds are evaluated are the same in the future years as they are under existing conditions. Therefore, the project's cumulative impacts related to these thresholds are projected to be similar to those described under Project Impacts in Section 3.16.5.5; thus they are not repeated in this section.

3.16.6.1 Year 2020 Cumulative Conditions

Intersection turning movement volumes for Year 2020 Cumulative No Project and plus Project conditions are presented in Appendix B-2. Intersection levels of Service are shown in Table 3.16-15. Freeway segment volumes and levels of services are presented in Table 3.16-16. In the following discussion, the cumulative impacts of the 2012 Project in Year 2020 are compared against the impacts of the project proposed in the 2002 EIR for 2025.¹⁷²

¹⁷² The 2002 EIR assessed the potential cumulative impacts only under Year 2025 background conditions while the 2012 Project study evaluates the potential cumulative impacts under Year 2020 and Year 2035 conditions. Therefore, both Year 2020 and Year 2035 cumulative analysis are compared against 2002 EIR's Year 2025 analysis.

Table 3.16-15: Intersection Level of Service – Year 2020 Cumulative Conditions

Number	Intersection	2002 EIR 2025 + Redevelopment				Year 2020 Cumulative No Project				Year 2020 + 2012 Project			
		AM Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour		AM Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour		AM Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour	
		LOS	Delay ^b	LOS	Delay ^b	LOS	Delay ^b	LOS	Delay ^b	LOS	Delay ^b	LOS	Delay ^b
1	W. Grand Avenue & Maritime Street	F	254.6	F	253.2	B	17.7	C	22.7	D	46.6	D	44.4
2	W. Grand Avenue & I-880 Frontage Road	F	87.4	F	160.1	D	48.2	C	29.7	F	88.3	D	47.4
3	W. Grand Avenue & Mandela Parkway ^b	B	15.2	B	18.8	A	6.2	A	7.8	A	7.1	A	8.7
4	W. Grand Avenue & Adeline Street	B	15.2	B	15.7	D	39.8	F	197.6	D	37.7	F	186.4 ^{ct}
5	W. Grand Avenue & Market Street	B	10.7	B	11.2	C	21.8	C	22.5	C	22.8	C	20.4
6	W. Grand Avenue & San Pablo Avenue	B	13.6	B	13.7	B	17.4	B	18.5	B	17.3	B	18.6
7	W. Grand Avenue & MLK Jr. Way ^c	B	13.5	B	16.9	B	13.2	B	14.1	B	13.1	B	14.0
8	W. Grand Avenue & Northgate Avenue ^c	C	24.7	C	24.2	C	23.6	B	19.7	C	23.6	C	22.5
9	W. Grand Avenue & Harrison Street ^c	C	29.0	C	28.7	D	36.5	D	42.2	D	36.5	D	42.4
10	7 th Street & Middle Harbor Road	F	188.5	F	112.3	C	23.1	D	36.3	C	21.2	C	21.9
11	7 th Street & I-880 SB On-Ramp	A	4.3	B	10.9	A	2.2	A	3.9	A	2.3	A	5.3
12	7 th Street & I-880 NB Off-Ramp	F	82.5	D	40.0	C	22.7	C	24.5	D	52.7	F	103.4
13	7 th Street & Peralta Street	B	12.1	A	7.9	A	8.9	A	10.0	A	8.9	A	10.0
14	7 th Street & Mandela Parkway	B	15.8	B	15.9	C	24.8	C	21.4	C	24.7	C	20.5
15	7 th Street & Union Street	A	7.8	B	16.1	B	19.1	B	18.7	B	19.2	B	19.4
16	7 th Street & Adeline Street	B	11.7	B	12.5	A	10.0	A	9.9	B	10.1	A	10.0
17	7 th Street & Market Street	D	40.1	C	28.3	B	17.9	B	15.2	B	17.6	B	15.4
18	7 th Street & Harrison Street ^c	B	14.2	C	20.7	C	31.7	F	169.8	C	32.0	F	171.6 ^f
19	7 th Street & Jackson Street ^c	D	39.2	C	25.3	B	10.8	A	8.3	B	10.8	A	8.2
20	6 th Street & Jackson Street ^c	B	10.5	B	11.7	D	37.3	E	77.1	D	53.7	E	77.0
21	5 th Street & Union/ I-880 N. Ramps	C	32.0	C	30.4	D	36.7	D	41.5	D	39.3	D	53.9
22	5 th Street & Adeline Street	D	53.8	C	34.7	C	26.3	C	24.2	D	54.6	C	27.0
23	I-880 Off-Ramp & Market Street	C	22.0	C	20.4	B	12.8	B	14.6	B	12.5	B	14.9
24	5 th Street & Broadway ^c	C	28.5	E	55.7	D	37.1	E	70.5	D	39.0	E	72.8
25	3 rd Street & Adeline Street	E	42.2	C	22.1	B	11.2	B	13.3	C	16.2	C	17.3
26	3 rd Street & Market Street	E	46.1	F	207.3	A	4.8	A	4.4	A	5.5	A	4.9
27	14 th Street & Mandela Parkway ^b	A	9.1	A	8.4	B	12.3	B	12.3	B	12.3	C	25.1
28	12 th Street & Brush Street ^c	F	87.6	C	25.4	D	48.7	B	19.9	D	54.7	C	20.3
29	12 th Street & Castro Street ^c	B	16.2	C	21.7	C	27.6	F	102.3	C	27.5	F	104.5
30	27 th Street & SR24/580 SB Off-Ramp	B	15.1	B	16.5	B	12.9	B	13.8	B	12.8	B	13.8
31	27 th Street & SR24/580 NB On-Ramp	B	12.9	C	25.3	B	19.7	C	34.8	B	19.8	D	35.4
32	Adeline Street & San Pablo Avenue	D	41.4	D	50.6	B	14.1	B	17.3	B	14.2	B	18.0
33	MacArthur Blvd. & Market Street	B	16.6	C	21.2	B	17.4	C	21.7	B	17.4	C	21.8
34	Powell Street & I-80 Frontage Road	C	21.8	C	22.4	B	15.6	C	24.8	B	15.7	C	26.2
35	Powell Street & I-80 NB Ramps	C	28.5	E	75.3	B	14.6	B	18.1	B	14.9	B	19.3
36	Powell Street & Christie Avenue	C	32.9	D	35.8	C	28.3	D	47.0	C	28.9	D	48.9
37	Powell Street & Hollis Street	C	26.8	E	66.7	C	26.2	D	40.9	C	26.4	D	42.7
38	Powell Street/Stanford & San Pablo Avenue	D	38.6	D	46.8	D	49.1	D	42.6	D	53.3	D	44.8
39	Stanford Avenue & Market Street	C	30.8	C	33.4	C	24.1	C	29.3	C	24.5	C	29.9

Table 3.16-15 *Continued*

Number	Intersection	2002 EIR 2025 + Redevelopment				Year 2020 Cumulative No Project				Year 2020 + 2012 Project			
		AM Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour		AM Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour		AM Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour	
		LOS	Delay ^b	LOS	Delay ^b	LOS	Delay ^b	LOS	Delay ^b	LOS	Delay ^b	LOS	Delay ^b
40	Stanford Avenue & MLK Jr. Way	B	18.1	F	97.8	C	32.8	F	84.8	C	32.9	F	82.6
41	7 th Street & Ashby Avenue	D	36.6	D	53.1	C	34.2	D	39.7	C	34.6	D	41.1
42	San Pablo Avenue & Ashby Avenue	D	36.8	E	63.0	D	49.6	E	66.5	D	54.1	E	74.3
43	Marina Village & Constitution Way	D	47.0	C	29.6	B	14.0	B	14.5	B	14.1	B	14.5
44	Atlantic Avenue & Webster Street	F	86.6	D	46.7	C	32.9	C	26.3	C	32.9	C	26.3
45	Atlantic Avenue & Constitution Way	D	50.6	D	40.4	B	14.2	B	13.8	B	14.3	B	13.8
46	Maritime Street & Burma Road ^d	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	C	30.6	D	36.8
47	Maritime Street & 14 th Street ^d	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	A	7.8	B	17.6
48	Navy Roadway & 7 th Street Alt. 1 ^d	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	B	18.1	C	23.3
48	Navy Roadway & 7 th Street Alt. 2 ^d	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	A	7.7	A	10.0
49	Burma Road & W. Truck Services ^d	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	A	8.6	A	7.6

^a Delay in seconds per vehicle.

^b Weighted average of two intersections operating with one controller.

^c Defined as a downtown intersection.

^d Locations to be constructed or reconstructed as a part of 2012 project.

^e Delays would be improved by addition of project traffic to non-critical movements.

^f Volume-to-capacity ratio increase by less than 0.03 where LOS is F without the project and delays exceed 120 seconds; therefore, not a significant impact.

Shading denotes potential significant impacts which are further discussed in Section 3.16.6.1.

Bold denotes significant impacts identified in the 2002 EIR.

Source: Kittelson & Associates, 2012.

Table 3.16-16: Freeway Segment Level of Service – Year 2020 Cumulative Plus Project Conditions

Freeway Segment	2002 EIR 2025 + Project				2020				2020 Plus Project Conditions				Lanes	2020		Project Traffic (in PCEs)		Potentially Significant?	
	AM Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour		AM Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour		AM Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour			Traffic Volume		AM	PM	AM	PM
	LOS	V/C	LOS	V/C	LOS	V/C	LOS	V/C	LOS	V/C	LOS	V/C		AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
I-80 at the Bay Bridge																			
Eastbound	D	0.912	F	1.365	B	0.510	F	1.015	B	0.513	F	1.015	5	6119	12174	38	0		
Westbound	F	1.333	F	1.274	E	0.985	C	0.712	E	0.985	C	0.713	5	11825	8548	0	10		
I-80 between I-880 and I-580																			
Eastbound	C	0.646	F	1.033	B	0.332	C	0.682	B	0.332	C	0.682	5	3896	8017	0	0		
Westbound	F	1.107	D	0.892	D	0.696	C	0.500	D	0.723	C	0.522	5	8000	5748	318	258		
I-80 East of I-80/I-580 Split																			
Eastbound	E	0.989	F	1.209	C	0.561	E	0.992	C	0.570	F	1.011	5	6734	11901	103	233		Yes
Westbound	F	1.119	F	1.016	F	1.021	D	0.732	F	1.050	D	0.752	5	12001	8606	334	231		
I-880 Connector to I-80 East																			
Northbound	D	0.885	E	0.944	C	0.659	D	0.760	C	0.676	D	0.810	2	3096	3573	79	236		
Southbound	D	0.776	C	0.617	C	0.669	C	0.564	D	0.740	C	0.598	2	3213	2707	339	165		
I-880 Connector to I-80 West																			
Northbound	B	0.523	B	0.524	B	0.402	B	0.458	B	0.406	B	0.458	2	1888	2151	19	0		
Southbound	A	0.348	B	0.524	A	0.266	B	0.429	A	0.272	B	0.429	2	1251	2018	27	0		
I-880 North of 7th Street																			
Northbound	C	0.550	C	0.737	B	0.424	C	0.615	B	0.427	C	0.616	3	2987	4334	22	8		
Southbound	B	0.489	D	0.771	B	0.457	C	0.686	B	0.472	C	0.687	3	3223	4834	102	9		
I-880 South of 7th Street																			
Northbound	E	0.943	D	0.799	D	0.783	D	0.729	D	0.847	D	0.768	3	5288	4918	429	263		
Southbound	C	0.586	E	0.931	C	0.514	D	0.851	C	0.561	E	0.891	3	3546	5869	328	279		
I-880 North of I-980																			
Northbound	F	1.116	D	0.807	D	0.789	C	0.666	E	0.896	D	0.725	3	5443	4597	739	402		
Southbound	C	0.578	E	0.974	B	0.421	D	0.768	B	0.455	D	0.804	3	3034	5530	243	261		
I-880 South of I-980																			
Northbound	F	1.276	F	1.139	E	0.910	E	0.935	E	0.988	E	0.980	4	8193	8417	700	399		
Southbound	D	0.860	F	1.079	C	0.670	D	0.822	C	0.706	D	0.871	4	6300	7730	338	461		
I-880 North of I-238																			
Northbound	F	1.260	F	1.125	D	0.849	E	0.951	E	0.914	E	0.993	4	8152	9129	626	405		
Southbound	F	1.177	F	1.386	E	0.976	E	0.900	F	1.015	E	0.947	4	9177	8460	367	441	Yes	
I-880 South of I-238																			
Northbound	F	1.117	F	1.291	D	0.818	E	0.929	D	0.848	E	0.942	4	7688	8729	284	126		
Southbound	F	1.441	F	1.252	F	1.186	E	0.998	F	1.194	F	1.018	4	11148	9384	73	187		Yes
I-238																			
Eastbound	C	0.611	E	0.981	B	0.457	D	0.789	C	0.499	D	0.829	3	3154	5442	292	278		
Westbound	F	1.084	C	0.698	E	0.940	B	0.393	E	0.991	B	0.434	3	6624	2772	359	290		

Table 3.16-16 *Continued*

Freeway Segment	2002 EIR 2025 + Project				2020				2020 Plus Project Conditions				Lanes	2020		Project Traffic (in PCEs)		Potentially Significant?	
	AM Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour		AM Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour		AM Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour			AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
	LOS	V/C	LOS	V/C	LOS	V/C	LOS	V/C	LOS	V/C	LOS	V/C							
I-580 East of I-238																			
Eastbound	C	0.712	F	1.007	B	0.463	D	0.780	B	0.489	D	0.806	5	5443	9160	306	307		
Westbound	F	1.033	C	0.734	C	0.726	A	0.274	D	0.761	A	0.300	5	8712	3283	417	321		
I-580 West of I-238																			
Eastbound	E	0.963	F	1.077	C	0.605	C	0.662	C	0.607	C	0.667	4	5812	6356	15	44		
Westbound	D	0.883	D	0.917	C	0.578	C	0.648	C	0.581	C	0.651	4	5547	6217	26	30		
I-580 East of I-980/SH-24																			
Eastbound	C	0.605	F	1.260	D	0.723	E	0.899	D	0.726	E	0.909	4	6797	8450	23	96		
Westbound	F	1.159	D	0.795	D	0.771	C	0.718	D	0.781	C	0.722	4	7400	6889	96	44		
I-580 West of I-980/SH-24																			
Eastbound	C	0.758	F	1.071	D	0.729	E	0.998	D	0.734	F	1.009	5	8202	11227	55	129		Yes
Westbound	F	1.023	D	0.889	E	0.947	E	0.856	E	0.957	E	0.863	5	10657	9629	111	80		
I-980																			
Eastbound	B	0.421	D	0.881	B	0.318	C	0.641	B	0.318	C	0.641	4	2987	6028	0	1		
Westbound	D	0.871	B	0.426	C	0.645	B	0.313	C	0.652	B	0.313	4	6066	2944	58	0		
SH 24 East of I-580																			
Eastbound	C	0.562	F	1.072	A	0.294	D	0.800	A	0.295	D	0.808	4	2766	7517	8	80		
Westbound	F	1.077	C	0.614	D	0.801	B	0.370	D	0.813	B	0.371	4	7526	3479	119	5		

Note: PCEs are passenger car equivalents (1 truck = 2 passenger car equivalents).

Shading denotes potential significant impacts which are further discussed in Section 3.16.5.4.

Bold denotes significant impacts identified in the 2002 EIR.

Source: Kittelson & Associates, 2012; Freeway Capacity Source: 2000 Highway Capacity Manual.

a) At a study, signalized intersection which is located outside the Downtown area, would the project cause the level of service (LOS) to degrade to worse than LOS D (i.e., LOS E)?

West Grand Avenue & I-880 Frontage Road (#2). Implementation of the 2012 Project would cause the level of service at the study signalized intersection of West Grand Avenue & I-880 Frontage Road to degrade to LOS F during the AM peak hour under Year 2020 Cumulative conditions. After implementation of the mitigation measure described below, the intersection would operate at LOS D.

In the 2002 EIR, impacts were also identified for this intersection for the AM and PM peak hours under Year 2025 Cumulative conditions. The 2002 EIR identified mitigation measures that would mitigate the impacts of the project to a less-than-significant level.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Potentially Significant

2002 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measure 4.3-2

2012 Mitigation: Implementation of Mitigation Measure 3.16-17, provided below, would reduce the project impact to a less-than-significant level.

Mitigation Measure 3.16-17:

- Optimize signal timing (i.e., adjust the allocation of green time for each intersection approach) for the AM peak hour.
- Coordinate the signal timing changes at this intersection with the adjacent intersections that are in the same signal coordination group.

To implement this measure, the project sponsor shall submit plans specifications and estimates (PS&E) as detailed in Mitigation Measure 3.16-1 that are consistent with the City's standards to City of Oakland's Transportation Engineering Division for review and approval.

The project sponsor shall fund, prepare, and install the approved plans and improvements. A straight line interpolation of total intersection delay between Existing plus Project and Year 2020 conditions indicates that mitigation at this intersection may be required by Year 2016. Investigation of the need for this mitigation shall be studied at the time of construction and every three years thereafter until 2035 or until the mitigation measure is implemented, whichever occurs first.

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

7th Street & I-880 Northbound Off-Ramp (#12). Implementation of the 2012 Project would cause the level of service at the study signalized intersection of 7th Street & I-880 Northbound Off-Ramp to degrade to LOS F during the PM peak hour under Year 2020 Cumulative conditions. After implementation of the mitigation measure described below, the intersection would operate at LOS D.

In the 2002 EIR, impacts were also identified for this intersection for Year 2025 Cumulative conditions. The 2002 EIR identified mitigation measures that would mitigate the impacts of the project to a less-than-significant level.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Potentially Significant

2002 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measure 5.3-2

2012 Mitigation: Implementation of Mitigation Measure 3.16-1, would reduce the project impact to a less-than-significant level.

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

b) At a study, signalized intersection which is located within the Downtown area, would the project cause the LOS to degrade to worse than LOS E (i.e., LOS F)?

As shown in Table 3.16-15, the 2012 Project would not cause the LOS to degrade to worse than LOS E at a study signalized intersection located within the downtown area under Year 2020 Cumulative conditions. Therefore, the 2012 Project would not create a significant impact under Year 2020 Cumulative plus Project conditions and no mitigation measures are required.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

c) At a study, signalized intersection outside the Downtown area where the level of service is LOS E, would the project cause the total intersection average vehicle delay to increase by four (4) or more seconds, or degrade to worse than LOS E (i.e., LOS F)?

San Pablo Avenue & Ashby Avenue (#42). The intersection of San Pablo Avenue & Ashby Avenue would operate at LOS E without the 2012 Project during the PM peak hour under Year 2020 Cumulative conditions and implementation of the 2012 Project would cause the total intersection average vehicle delay to increase by more than four (4) seconds. This is a new potentially significant impact not previously identified in the 2002 EIR. After implementation of the mitigation measure described below, the intersection would operate at LOS D.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Potentially Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: Implementation of Mitigation Measure 3.16-18, provided below, would reduce the project impact to a less-than-significant level.

Mitigation Measure 3.16-18:

- Optimize signal timing (i.e., adjust the allocation of green time for each intersection approach) for the PM peak hour.
- Coordinate the signal timing changes at this intersection with the adjacent intersections that are in the same signal coordination group.

To implement this measure, the project sponsor shall coordinate with the City of Berkeley and Caltrans, and shall fund, prepare, and install the approved plans and improvements.

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

d) At a study, signalized intersection for all areas where the level of service is LOS E, would the project cause an increase in the average delay for any of the critical movements of six (6) seconds or more, or degrade to worse than LOS E (i.e., LOS F)?

As shown in the intersection LOS worksheets Appendix B-5, the 2012 Project would not cause an increase in the average delay for any of the critical movements of six (6) seconds or more for any intersections not evaluated under c), above, or degrade to worse than LOS E (i.e., LOS F) at a study signalized intersection for all areas where the level of service is LOS E. Therefore, the 2012 Project would not create a significant impact under Year 2020 Cumulative plus Project conditions and no mitigation measures are required.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

e) At a study, signalized intersection for all areas where the level of service is LOS F, would the project cause (a) the total intersection average vehicle delay to increase by two (2) or more seconds, or (b) an increase in average delay for any of the critical movements of four (4) seconds or more; or (c) the volume-to-capacity (“V/C”) ratio increases 0.03 or more (but only if the delay values are greater than 120 seconds of average intersection delay as delay values over 120 seconds tend to increase exponentially and are then generally considered unreliable)?

12th Street & Castro Street (#29). The intersection of 12th Street & Castro Street would operate at LOS F without the 2012 Project during the PM peak hour under Year 2020 Cumulative conditions and implementation of the 2012 Project would cause the total intersection average vehicle delay to

increase by more than two (2) seconds. This is a new potentially significant impact not previously identified in the 2002 EIR. After implementation of the mitigation measure described below, the intersection would operate at LOS D.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Potentially Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: Implementation of Mitigation Measure 3.16-4, would reduce the project impact to a less-than-significant level.

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

f) At a study, unsignalized intersection would the project add ten (10) or more vehicles and after project completion satisfy the Caltrans peak hour volume traffic signal warrant?

The 2012 Project would not add ten (10) or more vehicles and after project completion satisfy the Caltrans peak hour volume traffic signal warrant at a study unsignalized intersection. Therefore, the 2012 Project would not create a significant impact under Year 2020 plus Project conditions and no mitigation measures are required.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

g) Would the project cause a roadway segment of the Congestion Management Program (CMP) to a) degrade to LOS F; or b) increase the V/C ratio by more than three percent for a roadway segment that would operate at LOS F without the project in Year 2020?

The 2002 EIR identified the following significant and unavoidable impacts for the 2025 Cumulative plus project conditions:

- I-80 from the Bay Bridge to east of I-80/I-580 split
 - I-80 at the Bay Bridge
 - I-80 between I-880 and I-580
 - I-80 East of I-80/I-580 Split
- I-880 from I-980 to the segment south of I-238
 - I-880 North of I-980
 - I-880 South of I-980

- I-880 North of I-238
- I-880 South of I-238
- I-580 from west of I-980/SR-24 to I-238
 - I-580 West of I-238
 - I-580 East of I-980/SR-24
 - I-580 West of I-980/SR-24
- SR-24 east of I-580

As shown in Table 3.16-8, only four segments that would experience potentially significant impacts as a result of the Project in Year 2020. These four segments include:

- I-80 East of I-80/I-580 Split
- I-880 North of I-238
- I-880 South of I-238
- I-580 West of I-980/SR-24

As all four segments were identified to be significant impacted under cumulative conditions in the 2002 EIR, the Project would not result in any new significant impact. Further, the 2012 Project would not substantially increase the severity of the impacts identified in the 2002 EIR because the 2012 Project would generate much fewer trips than the 2002 Project. However, while implementation of 2002 EIR Mitigation Measure 4.3-4 (superseded by SCA TRANS-1 for the 2012 Project) would reduce traffic demand on the freeway system, the residual impact would remain significant and unavoidable

2002 Impact: Significant and Unavoidable

2012 Impact: Potentially Significant

2002 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measure 4.3-4

2012 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measure 4.3-4 as supplemented by SCA TRANS-1

Significance After Implementation: Significant and Unavoidable (No New Impact, and no substantial increase in severity of a previously identified significant impact)

h) Would the project result in substantially increased travel times for AC Transit buses in Year 2020?

The 2012 Project is not being directly served by existing AC Transit routes. As shown in the intersection analysis discussed above, all potential project impacts at the study intersections would be fully mitigated with the proposed mitigation measures or would have reduced severity as compared to previously identified impacts. Therefore, the project would not substantially affect the operations on roadways used by AC Transit buses and would not result in substantially increased travel times for AC Transit buses. The project may result in increased ridership on AC Transit buses through West

Oakland BART station transit hub and other stops in West Oakland which may result in increased loading and unloading time at bus stops. However, the ridership increase is not projected to be substantial such that it would result in a significant travel time impact for AC Transit buses. Therefore, the 2012 Project would not result in a new significant impact. This is a new threshold not previously assessed in the 2002 EIR.

2002 Impact: Not Applicable

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: Not Applicable

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

3.16.6.2 Year 2035 Cumulative Conditions

Intersection turning movement volumes for Year 2035 Cumulative No Project and plus Project conditions are presented in Appendix B-2. Intersection levels of Service are shown in Table 3.16-17. Freeway segment volumes and levels of service are shown in Table 3.16-18. In the following discussion, the cumulative impacts of the 2012 Project in Year 2035 are compared against the impacts of the project proposed in the 2002 EIR for 2025.¹⁷³

a) At a study, signalized intersection which is located outside the Downtown area, would the project cause the level of service (LOS) to degrade to worse than LOS D (i.e., LOS E)?

West Grand Avenue & Maritime Street (#1). Implementation of the 2012 Project would cause the level of service at the study signalized intersection of West Grand Avenue & Maritime Street to degrade to LOS E during both the AM and PM peak hours under Year 2035 Cumulative conditions. After implementation of the mitigation measure described below, the intersection would operate at LOS D during both the AM and PM peak hours.

In the 2002 EIR, impacts were also identified for this intersection for Year 2025 Cumulative conditions. The 2002 EIR identified mitigation measures that would mitigate the impacts of the project to a less-than-significant level in the AM peak hour but stated that the residual significant impacts would be significant and unavoidable during the PM peak hour.

¹⁷³ The 2002 EIR assessed the potential cumulative impacts only under Year 2025 background conditions while the 2012 Project study evaluates the potential cumulative impacts under Year 2020 and Year 2035 conditions. Therefore, both Year 2020 and Year 2035 cumulative analysis are compared against 2002 EIR's Year 2025 analysis.

Table 3.16-17: Intersection Level of Service – Year 2035 Cumulative Conditions

Number	Intersection	2002 EIR 2025 + Redevelopment				Year 2035 Cumulative No Project				Year 2035 + 2012 Project			
		AM Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour		AM Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour		AM Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour	
		LOS	Delay ^b	LOS	Delay ^b	LOS	Delay ^b	LOS	Delay ^b	LOS	Delay ^b	LOS	Delay ^b
1	W. Grand Avenue & Maritime Street	F	254.6	F	253.2	C	21.6	C	24.7	E	62.6	E	60.9
2	W. Grand Avenue & I-880 Frontage Road	F	87.4	F	160.1	F	103.5	F	124.6	F	168.0	F	171.9
3	W. Grand Avenue & Mandela Parkway ^b	B	15.2	B	18.8	B	16.2	C	31.8	C	22.5	D	52.2
4	W. Grand Avenue & Adeline Street	B	15.2	B	15.7	C	29.2	F	168.4	C	31.2	F	168.9
5	W. Grand Avenue & Market Street	B	10.7	B	11.2	F	188.9	F	307.7	F	196.3	F	348.0
6	W. Grand Avenue & San Pablo Avenue	B	13.6	B	13.7	C	21.1	F	94.3	C	21.9	F	113.6
7	W. Grand Avenue & MLK Jr. Way ^c	B	13.5	B	16.9	B	12.8	B	16.5	B	13.2	B	17.2
8	W. Grand Avenue & Northgate Avenue ^c	C	24.7	C	24.2	E	74.3	D	37.9	F	92.1	D	41.9
9	W. Grand Avenue & Harrison Street ^c	C	29.0	C	28.7	D	39.1	F	101.3	D	39.2	F	105.5
10	7th Street & Middle Harbor Road	F	188.5	F	112.3	C	25.0	D	35.2	C	31.0	C	24.8
11	7th Street & I-880 SB On-Ramp	A	4.3	B	10.9	A	2.6	A	4.5	A	2.5	A	6.6
12	7th Street & I-880 NB Off-Ramp	F	82.5	D	40.0	C	22.4	C	32.1	D	54.5	E	72.8
13	7th Street & Peralta Street	B	12.1	A	7.9	A	7.8	B	10.5	A	8.0	B	11.1
14	7th Street & Mandela Parkway	B	15.8	B	15.9	C	25.0	C	22.3	C	26.4	C	22.9
15	7th Street & Union Street	A	7.8	B	16.1	D	46.8	C	21.4	E	65.4	C	23.6
16	7th Street & Adeline Street	B	11.7	B	12.5	A	10.0	B	11.2	B	13.5	B	12.3
17	7th Street & Market Street	D	40.1	C	28.3	B	17.1	B	18.4	B	20.0	C	26.4
18	7th Street & Harrison Street ^c	B	14.2	C	20.7	D	41.3	F	224.6	D	44.3	F	227.5
19	7th Street & Jackson Street ^c	D	39.2	C	25.3	B	10.6	A	8.5	B	10.2	A	8.6
20	6th Street & Jackson Street ^c	B	10.5	B	11.7	F	91.5	F	130.6	F	114.0	F	138.7 ^c
21	5th Street & Union/ I-880 N. Ramps	C	32.0	C	30.4	C	34.8	E	55.7	D	38.8	E	66.9
22	5th Street & Adeline Street	D	53.8	C	34.7	D	45.5	C	24.3	D	49.0	C	30.6
23	I-880 Off-Ramp & Market Street	C	22.0	C	20.4	B	11.8	B	14.4	B	11.9	B	15.1
24	5th Street & Broadway ^c	C	28.5	E	55.7	D	43.4	E	68.2	D	44.6	E	69.2
25	3rd Street & Adeline Street	E	42.2	C	22.1	B	11.4	B	13.8	B	14.1	C	18.0
26	3rd Street & Market Street	E	46.1	F	207.3	A	5.8	A	5.1	A	6.7	A	5.7
27	14th Street & Mandela Parkway ^b	A	9.1	A	8.4	B	12.9	B	13.0	B	13.0	B	13.0
28	12th Street & Brush Street ^c	F	87.6	C	25.4	F	81.3	C	31.6	F	97.3	C	34.4
29	12th Street & Castro Street ^c	B	16.2	C	21.7	D	39.9	F	145.5	D	40.9	F	157.7
30	27th Street & SR24/580 SB Off-Ramp	B	15.1	B	16.5	B	16.2	B	15.7	B	16.2	B	15.7
31	27th Street & SR24/580 NB On-Ramp	B	12.9	C	25.3	C	25.5	E	60.0	C	25.6	E	60.3
32	Adeline Street & San Pablo Avenue	D	41.4	D	50.6	D	38.2	D	47.8	D	41.2	D	50.8
33	MacArthur Blvd. & Market Street	B	16.6	C	21.2	E	60.8	F	139.1	E	65.0	F	138.6 ^c
34	Powell Street & I-80 Frontage Road	C	21.8	C	22.4	B	15.5	C	24.5	B	15.7	C	24.7
35	Powell Street & I-80 NB Ramps	C	28.5	E	75.3	B	16.0	C	33.9	B	16.6	D	38.5
36	Powell Street & Christie Avenue	C	32.9	D	35.8	C	32.6	E	75.6	C	33.6	E	74.9
37	Powell Street & Hollis Street	C	26.8	E	66.7	F	83.9	F	85.9	F	86.7	F	88.4
38	Powell Street/Stanford & San Pablo Avenue	D	38.6	D	46.8	F	150.1	F	101.5	F	154.0	F	100.5
39	Stanford Avenue & Market Street	C	30.8	C	33.4	C	31.1	D	38.3	C	31.2	D	38.7

Table 3.16-17 *Conotined*

Number	Intersection	2002 EIR 2025 + Redevelopment				Year 2035 Cumulative No Project				Year 2035 + 2012 Project			
		AM Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour		AM Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour		AM Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour	
		LOS	Delay ^b	LOS	Delay ^b	LOS	Delay ^b	LOS	Delay ^b	LOS	Delay ^b	LOS	Delay ^b
40	Stanford Avenue & MLK Jr. Way	B	18.1	F	97.8	C	33.6	F	109.4	C	33.6	F	111.0
41	7th Street & Ashby Avenue	D	36.6	D	53.1	D	50.4	D	43.0	D	52.2	D	45.4
42	San Pablo Avenue & Ashby Avenue	D	36.8	E	63.0	F	169.1	F	168.5	F	176.7 ^c	F	174.2 ^c
43	Marina Village & Constitution Way	D	47.0	C	29.6	D	45.2	E	59.6	D	45.2	E	59.8
44	Atlantic Avenue & Webster Street	F	86.6	D	46.7	D	37.2	C	29.2	D	38.7	C	29.3
45	Atlantic Avenue & Constitution Way	D	50.6	D	40.4	B	14.5	D	44.0	B	14.5	D	45.3
46	Maritime Street & Burma Road ^d	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	C	33.8	D	35.2
47	Maritime Street & 14th Street ^d	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	B	10.6	B	15.0
48	Navy Roadway & 7th Street Alt. 1 ^d	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	C	24.1	D	35.1
48	Navy Roadway & 7th Street Alt. 2 ^d	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	A	8.9	B	13.5
49	Burma Road & W. Truck Services ^d	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	A	8.0	A	7.3

^a Delay in seconds per vehicle.

^b Weighted average of two intersections operating with one controller.

^c Defined as a downtown intersection.

^d Locations to be constructed or reconstructed as a part of 2012 project.

^e Volume-to-capacity ratio increase by less than 0.03 where LOS is F without the project and delays exceed 120 seconds; therefore, not a significant impact.

Shading denotes potential significant impacts which are further discussed in Section 3.16.6.1.

Bold denotes significant impacts identified in the 2002 EIR.

Source: Kittelson & Associates, 2012.

Table 3.16-18: Freeway Segment Level of Service – Year 2035 Cumulative Conditions

Freeway Segment	2002 EIR 2025 + Project				Year 2035 Cumulative No Project				2035 + 2012 Project				Lanes	Year 2035		Project Traffic		Potentially Significant?	
	AM Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour		AM Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour		AM Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour			Traffic Volume (PCEs)		(in PCEs)			
	LOS	V/C	LOS	V/C	LOS	V/C	LOS	V/C	LOS	V/C	LOS	V/C		LOS	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
I-80 at the Bay Bridge																			
Eastbound	D	0.912	F	1.365	C	0.598	F	1.112	C	0.611	F	1.117	5	7175	13349	158	55		
Westbound	F	1.333	F	1.274	F	1.082	D	0.812	F	1.085	D	0.819	5	12984	9739	40	87		
I-80 between I-880 and I-580																			
Eastbound	C	0.646	F	1.033	B	0.382	D	0.741	B	0.382	D	0.741	5	4484	8701	3	0		
Westbound	F	1.107	D	0.892	D	0.745	C	0.580	D	0.765	C	0.595	5	8572	6667	222	173		
I-80 East of I-80/I-580 Split																			
Eastbound	E	0.989	F	1.209	C	0.616	F	1.044	C	0.621	F	1.055	5	7386	12529	63	134		
Westbound	F	1.119	F	1.016	F	1.054	D	0.767	F	1.064	D	0.776	5	12381	9014	124	106		
I-880 Connector to I-80 East																			
Northbound	D	0.885	E	0.944	D	0.745	D	0.799	D	0.779	D	0.816	2	3499	3755	162	80		
Southbound	D	0.776	C	0.617	D	0.761	C	0.655	D	0.797	C	0.678	2	3653	3145	171	111		
I-880 Connector to I-80 West																			
Northbound	B	0.523	B	0.524	B	0.423	B	0.481	B	0.424	B	0.483	2	1987	2260	4	12		
Southbound	A	0.348	B	0.524	A	0.298	B	0.476	B	0.306	B	0.478	2	1401	2239	39	6		
I-880 North of 7 th Street																			
Northbound	C	0.550	C	0.737	B	0.478	C	0.644	B	0.478	C	0.646	3	3368	4539	5	14		
Southbound	B	0.489	D	0.771	C	0.516	D	0.763	C	0.522	D	0.764	3	3638	5383	41	7		
I-880 South of 7 th Street																			
Northbound	E	0.943	D	0.799	D	0.837	D	0.804	E	0.886	D	0.837	3	5653	5425	325	224		
Southbound	C	0.586	E	0.931	C	0.586	E	0.956	C	0.613	E	0.995	3	4042	6594	190	270		
I-880 North of I-980																			
Northbound	F	1.116	D	0.807	D	0.842	D	0.754	E	0.891	D	0.787	3	5809	5202	336	225		
Southbound	C	0.578	E	0.974	B	0.403	D	0.776	B	0.421	D	0.805	3	2903	5590	126	206		
I-880 South of I-980																			
Northbound	F	1.276	F	1.139	E	0.966	F	1.017	F	1.001	F	1.041	4	8695	9157	310	209	Yes	
Southbound	D	0.860	F	1.079	D	0.734	D	0.858	D	0.750	D	0.885	4	6897	8070	151	248		
I-880 North of I-238																			
Northbound	F	1.260	F	1.125	D	0.879	F	1.046	D	0.900	F	1.062	4	8437	10045	199	148		
Southbound	F	1.177	F	1.386	F	1.076	E	0.927	F	1.090	E	0.944	4	10118	8717	126	154		
I-880 South of I-238																			
Northbound	F	1.117	F	1.291	D	0.868	F	1.020	D	0.882	F	1.027	4	8163	9584	130	69		
Southbound	F	1.441	F	1.252	F	1.288	F	1.037	F	1.295	F	1.047	4	12110	9751	63	91		
I-238																			
Eastbound	C	0.611	E	0.981	C	0.516	D	0.835	C	0.524	D	0.844	3	3561	5764	57	60		
Westbound	F	1.084	C	0.698	E	0.941	B	0.411	E	0.952	B	0.422	3	6637	2895	72	80		

Table 3.16-18 Continued

Freeway Segment	2002 EIR 2025 + Project				Year 2035 Cumulative No Project				2035 + 2012 Project				Lanes	Year 2035		Project Traffic		Potentially Significant?	
	AM Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour		AM Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour		AM Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour			Traffic Volume (PCEs)		(in PCEs)			
	LOS	V/C	LOS	V/C	LOS	V/C	LOS	V/C	LOS	V/C	LOS	V/C		AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
I-580 East of I-238																			
Eastbound	C	0.712	F	1.007	C	0.543	D	0.863	C	0.548	D	0.869	5	6376	10135	67	79		
Westbound	F	1.033	C	0.734	D	0.818	B	0.392	D	0.827	B	0.399	5	9820	4701	110	85		
I-580 West of I-238																			
Eastbound	E	0.963	F	1.077	C	0.713	C	0.716	C	0.715	C	0.719	4	6847	6877	17	28		
Westbound	D	0.883	D	0.917	C	0.615	D	0.743	C	0.620	D	0.745	4	5899	7135	53	12		
I-580 East of I-980/SH-24																			
Eastbound	C	0.605	F	1.260	D	0.844	E	0.900	D	0.847	E	0.910	4	7929	8462	36	97		
Westbound	F	1.159	D	0.795	D	0.781	D	0.782	D	0.791	D	0.788	4	7499	7508	95	56		
I-580 West of I-980/SH-24																			
Eastbound	C	0.758	F	1.071	D	0.787	F	1.020	D	0.795	F	1.035	5	8859	11472	85	173		
Westbound	F	1.023	D	0.889	E	0.985	E	0.920	E	0.996	E	0.929	5	11083	10352	120	102		
I-980																			
Eastbound	B	0.421	D	0.881	B	0.343	C	0.655	B	0.344	C	0.658	4	3221	6159	12	22		
Westbound	D	0.871	B	0.426	C	0.669	B	0.351	C	0.680	B	0.354	4	6287	3298	100	34		
SH 24 East of I-580																			
Eastbound	C	0.562	F	1.072	B	0.340	D	0.884	B	0.343	E	0.895	4	3193	8309	33	100		
Westbound	F	1.077	C	0.614	D	0.862	B	0.442	D	0.875	B	0.447	4	8102	4158	125	46		

Note: PCEs are passenger car equivalents (1 truck = 2 passenger car equivalents).

Shading denotes potential significant impacts which are further discussed in Section 3.16.5.4.

Bold denotes significant impacts identified in the 2002 EIR.

Source: Kittelson & Associates, 2012; Freeway Capacity Source: 2000 Highway Capacity Manual.

- 2002 Impact:** Less Than Significant
- 2012 Impact:** Potentially Significant
- 2002 Mitigation:** 2002 EIR Mitigation Measure 4.3-1. After mitigation, the impact would remain significant and unavoidable.
- 2012 Mitigation:** Implementation of Mitigation Measure 3.16-19, provided below, would reduce the project impact to a less-than-significant level.

Mitigation Measure 3.16-19:

- Optimize signal timing (i.e., adjust the allocation of green time for each intersection approach) for the PM peak hour.
- Coordinate the signal timing changes at this intersection with the adjacent intersections that are in the same signal coordination group.

To implement this measure, the project sponsor shall submit plans specifications and estimates (PS&E) as detailed in Mitigation Measure 3.16-1 that are consistent with the City's standards to City of Oakland's Transportation Engineering Division for review and approval.

The project sponsor shall fund, prepare, and install the approved plans and improvements. A straight line interpolation of total intersection delay between Existing plus Project and Year 2020 conditions indicates that mitigation at this intersection may be required by Year 2028. Investigation of the need for this mitigation shall be studied at the time of construction and every three years thereafter until 2035 or until the mitigation measure is implemented, whichever occurs first.

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

7th Street & I-880 Northbound Off-Ramp (#12). Implementation of the 2012 Project would cause the level of service at the study signalized intersection of 7th Street & I-880 Northbound Off-Ramp to degrade to LOS E during the PM peak hour under Year 2035 Cumulative conditions. After implementation of the mitigation measure described below, the intersection would operate at LOS D.

In the 2002 EIR, impacts were also identified for this intersection for Year 2025 Cumulative conditions. The 2002 EIR identified mitigation measures that would mitigate the impacts of the project to a less-than-significant level.

- 2002 Impact:** Less Than Significant
- 2012 Impact:** Potentially Significant
- 2002 Mitigation:** 2002 EIR Mitigation Measure 5.3-2

2012 Mitigation: Implementation of Mitigation Measure 3.16-1 would reduce the project impact to a less-than-significant level.

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

7th Street & Union Street (#15). Implementation of the 2012 Project would degrade intersection operations to LOS E at the study signalized intersection of 7th Street & Union Street during the AM peak hour under Year 2035 Cumulative conditions. This is a new potentially significant impact not previously identified in the 2002 EIR. After implementation of the mitigation measure described below, the intersection would operate at LOS A.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Potentially Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: Implementation of Mitigation Measure 3.16-20, provided below, would reduce the project impact to a less-than-significant level.

Mitigation Measure 3.16-20:

- Optimize signal timing (i.e., adjust the allocation of green time for each intersection approach) for the AM peak hour.
- Coordinate the signal timing changes at this intersection with the adjacent intersections that are in the same signal coordination group.

To implement this measure, the project sponsor shall submit plans specifications and estimates (PS&E) as detailed in Mitigation Measure 3.16-1 that are consistent with the City's standards to City of Oakland's Transportation Engineering Division for review and approval.

The project sponsor shall fund, prepare, and install the approved plans and improvements. A straight line interpolation of total intersection delay between Existing plus Project and Year 2020 conditions indicates that mitigation at this intersection may be required by Year 2032. Investigation of the need for this mitigation shall be studied at the time of construction and every three years thereafter until 2035 or until the mitigation measure is implemented, whichever occurs first.

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

b) At a study, signalized intersection which is located within the Downtown area, would the project cause the LOS to degrade to worse than LOS E (i.e., LOS F)?

West Grand Avenue & Northgate Avenue (#8). Implementation of the 2012 Project would degrade intersection operations to worse than LOS E (i.e., LOS F) at the study signalized intersection of West Grand Avenue & Northgate Avenue during the AM peak hour under Year 2035 Cumulative

conditions. This is a new potentially significant impact not previously identified in the 2002 EIR. After implementation of the mitigation measure described below, the intersection would operate at LOS D.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Potentially Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: Implementation of Mitigation Measure 3.16-21, provided below, would reduce the project impact to a less-than-significant level.

Mitigation Measure 3.16-21:

- Optimize signal timing (i.e., adjust the allocation of green time for each intersection approach) for the AM peak hour.
- Coordinate the signal timing changes at this intersection with the adjacent intersections that are in the same signal coordination group.

To implement this measure, the project sponsor shall submit plans specifications and estimates (PS&E) as detailed in Mitigation Measure 3.16-1 that are consistent with the City's standards to City of Oakland's Transportation Engineering Division for review and approval.

The project sponsor shall fund, prepare, and install the approved plans and improvements. A straight line interpolation of total intersection delay between Existing plus Project and Year 2020 conditions indicates that mitigation at this intersection may be required by Year 2030. Investigation of the need for this mitigation shall be studied at the time of construction and every three years thereafter until 2035 or until the mitigation measure is implemented, whichever occurs first.

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

c) **At a study, signalized intersection outside the Downtown area where the level of service is LOS E, would the project cause the total intersection average vehicle delay to increase by four (4) or more seconds, or degrade to worse than LOS E (i.e., LOS F)?**

5th Street & Union Street/I-880 North Ramps (#21). The intersection of 5th Street & Union Street/I-880 North Ramps would operate at LOS E without the 2012 Project during the PM peak hour under Year 2035 Cumulative conditions and implementation of the 2012 Project would cause the total intersection average vehicle delay to increase by more than four (4) seconds. This is a new potentially significant impact not previously identified in the 2002 EIR. After implementation of the mitigation measure described below, the intersection would operate at LOS C.

- 2002 Impact:** Less Than Significant
- 2012 Impact:** Potentially Significant
- 2002 Mitigation:** No Mitigation Warranted
- 2012 Mitigation:** Implementation of Mitigation Measure 3.16-22, provided below, would reduce the project impact to a less-than-significant level.

Mitigation Measure 3.16-22:

- Optimize signal timing (i.e., increase the traffic signal cycle length to 100 seconds and adjust the allocation of green time for each intersection approach) for the PM peak hour.
- Coordinate the signal timing changes at this intersection with the adjacent intersections that are in the same signal coordination group.

To implement this measure, the project sponsor shall submit plans specifications and estimates (PS&E) as detailed in Mitigation Measure 3.16-1 that are consistent with the City's standards to City of Oakland's Transportation Engineering Division for review and approval.

The project sponsor shall fund, prepare, and install the approved plans and improvements. A straight line interpolation of total intersection delay between Existing plus Project and Year 2020 conditions indicates that mitigation at this intersection may be required by Year 2022. Investigation of the need for this mitigation shall be studied at the time of construction and every three years thereafter until 2035 or until the mitigation measure is implemented, whichever occurs first.

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

MacArthur Boulevard & Market Street (#33). The intersection of MacArthur Boulevard & Market Street would operate at LOS E without the 2012 Project during the AM peak hour under Year 2035 Cumulative conditions and implementation of the 2012 Project would cause the total intersection average vehicle delay to increase by more than four (4) seconds. This is a new potentially significant impact not previously identified in the 2002 EIR. After implementation of the mitigation measure described below, the intersection would operate at LOS B.

- 2002 Impact:** Less Than Significant
- 2012 Impact:** Potentially Significant
- 2002 Mitigation:** No Mitigation Warranted
- 2012 Mitigation:** Implementation of Mitigation Measure 3.16-23, provided below, would reduce the project impact to a less-than-significant level.

Mitigation Measure 3.16-23:

- Optimize signal timing (i.e., adjust the allocation of green time for each intersection approach) for the AM peak hour.
- Coordinate the signal timing changes at this intersection with the adjacent intersections that are in the same signal coordination group.

To implement this measure, the project sponsor shall submit plans specifications and estimates (PS&E) as detailed in Mitigation Measure 3.16-1 that are consistent with the City's standards to City of Oakland's Transportation Engineering Division for review and approval.

The project sponsor shall fund, prepare, and install the approved plans and improvements.

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

- d) At a study, signalized intersection for all areas where the level of service is LOS E, would the project cause an increase in the average delay for any of the critical movements of six (6) seconds or more, or degrade to worse than LOS E (i.e., LOS F);**

As shown in the intersection LOS worksheets in Appendix B-5, the 2012 Project would not cause an increase in the average delay for any of the critical movements of six (6) seconds or more for any intersections not evaluated under c), above, or degrade to worse than LOS E (i.e., LOS F) at a study signalized intersection for all areas where the level of service is LOS E. Therefore, the 2012 Project would not create a significant impact under Year 2035 Cumulative plus Project conditions and no mitigation measures are required.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

- e) At a study, signalized intersection for all areas where the level of service is LOS F, would the project cause (a) the total intersection average vehicle delay to increase by two (2) or more seconds, or (b) an increase in average delay for any of the critical movements of four (4) seconds or more; or (c) the volume-to-capacity ("V/C") ratio increases 0.03 or more (but only if the delay values are greater than 120 seconds of average intersection delay as delay values over 120 seconds tend to increase exponentially and are then generally considered unreliable)?**

West Grand Avenue & I-880 Frontage Road (#2). Implementation of the 2012 Project would cause the level of service at the study signalized intersection of West Grand Avenue & I-880 Frontage Road

to degrade to LOS F during the AM peak hour under Year 2035 Cumulative conditions. After implementation of the mitigation measure described below, the intersection would operate at LOS F (84.6 seconds delay) during the AM peak hour and LOS F (124.6 seconds delay) during the PM peak hour. The residual impact during the AM peak hour would be less-than-significant; however, the impact during the PM peak hour would remain significant and unavoidable.

In the 2002 EIR, impacts were also identified for this intersection for Year 2025 Cumulative conditions. The 2002 EIR concluded that with the project in place for Year 2025 Cumulative condition, the intersection would operate at LOS F (87.4 seconds delay) during the AM peak hour and LOS F (160.1 seconds delay) during the PM peak hour (without mitigation). The 2002 EIR identified mitigation measures that would reduce the impacts of the project to a less-than-significant level. However, the 2006 Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for The Oakland Army Base Auto Mall Project (Lamphier-Gregory) reported that the costs of the mitigation proposed in the 2002 EIR were so prohibitively high that the mitigation was not feasible and the impacts were considered significant and unavoidable. The SEIR for the Auto Mall Project found that the intersection would operate at LOS F (122.6 seconds delay) during the AM peak hour and LOS F (160.1 seconds delay) during the PM peak hour for the Auto Mall Project. Likewise, the December 2010 Housing Element EIR, the 2004 Wood Street (Central Station) EIR, and the 2003 Uptown EIR have all identified this intersection as significant and unavoidable.

2002 Impact: Potentially Significant

2012 Impact: Potentially Significant

2002 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measure 4.3-2 (Less Than Significant)

2006 SEIR Mitigation: 2006 SEIR Mitigation Measure MM Traf-7 (Significant and Unavoidable)

2012 Mitigation: Implementation of Mitigation Measure 3.16-24, provided below, would reduce the project impact to a less-than-significant level during the AM peak hour but the impact during the PM peak hour would remain significant and unavoidable.

Mitigation Measure 3.16-24:

- Optimize signal timing (i.e., increase the traffic signal cycle length and adjust the allocation of green time for each intersection approach) for the AM and PM peak hours.
- Coordinate the signal timing changes at this intersection with the adjacent intersections that are in the same signal coordination group.

To implement this measure, the project sponsor shall submit plans specifications and estimates (PS&E) as detailed in Mitigation Measure 3.16-1 that are consistent with the City's standards to City of Oakland's Transportation Engineering Division for review and approval.

The project sponsor shall fund, prepare, and install the approved plans and improvements. A straight line interpolation of total intersection delay between Existing plus Project and Year 2020 conditions indicates that mitigation at this intersection may be required by Year 2021. Investigation of the need for this

mitigation shall be studied at the time of construction and every three years thereafter until 2035 or until the mitigation measure is implemented, whichever occurs first.

Significance After Implementation: Significant and Unavoidable (No New Impact and the Project would not substantially increase the severity of the impact identified in the 2006 SEIR)

West Grand Avenue & Adeline Street (#4). The intersection of West Grand Avenue & Adeline Street would operate at LOS F without the 2012 Project during the PM peak hour under Year 2035 Cumulative conditions and implementation of the 2012 Project would cause an increase in average delay for some of the critical movements of four (4) seconds or more. This is a new potentially significant impact not previously identified in the 2002 EIR. After implementation of the mitigation measure described below, the intersection would operate at LOS D.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Potentially Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: Implementation of Mitigation Measure 3.16-25, provided below, would reduce the project impact to a less-than-significant level.

Mitigation Measure 3.16-25:

- Optimize signal timing (i.e., increase the traffic signal cycle length to 90 seconds and adjust the allocation of green time for each intersection approach) for the PM peak hour.
- Coordinate the signal timing changes at this intersection with the adjacent intersections that are in the same signal coordination group.

To implement this measure, the project sponsor shall submit plans specifications and estimates (PS&E) as detailed in Mitigation Measure 3.16-1 that are consistent with the City's standards to City of Oakland's Transportation Engineering Division for review and approval.

The project sponsor shall fund, prepare, and install the approved plans and improvements. A straight line interpolation of total intersection delay between Existing plus Project and Year 2020 conditions indicates that mitigation at this intersection may be required by Year 2032. Investigation of the need for this mitigation shall be studied at the time of construction and every three years thereafter until 2035 or until the mitigation measure is implemented, whichever occurs first.

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

West Grand Avenue & Market Street (#5). The intersection of West Grand Avenue & Market Street would operate at LOS F without the 2012 Project during both the AM and PM peak hours

under Year 2035 Cumulative conditions and implementation of the 2012 Project would cause the volume-to-capacity (“V/C”) ratio to grow in excess of three (3) percent. The V/C ratio is used to measure impacts for this situation because the delay values cannot be measured accurately. Delay values over 120 seconds tend to increase exponentially and are thus generally considered unreliable. The intersection would operate with a V/C ratio of 2.19 during the AM peak hour and 2.96 during the PM peak hour under Year 2035 Cumulative conditions. This is a new potentially significant impact not previously identified in the 2002 EIR. After implementation of the mitigation measure described below, the intersection would operate with a V/C ratio of 1.62 during the AM peak hour and 1.70 during the PM peak hour, which is lower than no-project conditions, where the intersection would operate with a V/C ratio of 2.06 during the AM peak hour and 2.79 during the PM peak hour.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Potentially Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: Implementation of Mitigation Measure 3.16-26, provided below, would reduce the project impact to a less-than-significant level.

Mitigation Measure 3.16-26:

- Provide split phasing for northbound and southbound movements.
- Optimize signal timing (i.e., increase the traffic signal cycle length to 120 seconds and adjust the allocation of green time for each intersection approach) for both the AM and PM peak hours.
- Coordinate the signal timing changes at this intersection with the adjacent intersections that are in the same signal coordination group.

To implement this measure, the project sponsor shall submit plans specifications and estimates (PS&E) as detailed in Mitigation Measure 3.16-1 that are consistent with the City’s standards to City of Oakland’s Transportation Engineering Division for review and approval.

The project sponsor shall fund, prepare, and install the approved plans and improvements. A straight line interpolation of total intersection delay between Existing plus Project and Year 2020 conditions indicates that mitigation at this intersection may be required by Year 2022. Investigation of the need for this mitigation shall be studied at the time of construction and every three years thereafter until 2035 or until the mitigation measure is implemented, whichever occurs first.

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

West Grand Avenue & San Pablo Avenue (#6). The intersection of West Grand Avenue & San Pablo Avenue would operate at LOS F without the 2012 Project during the PM peak hour under Year 2035 Cumulative conditions and implementation of the 2012 Project would cause an increase in average delay for some of the critical movements of four (4) seconds or more. This is a new potentially significant impact not previously identified in the 2002 EIR. After implementation of the mitigation measure described below, the intersection would operate at LOS D.

- 2002 Impact:** Less Than Significant
2012 Impact: Potentially Significant
2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted
2012 Mitigation: Implementation of Mitigation Measure 3.16-27, provided below, would reduce the project impact to a less-than-significant level.

Mitigation Measure 3.16-27:

- Remove approximately seven (7) parking spaces on the south side of West Grand Avenue; add an eastbound through lane between San Pablo Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. Way; and convert the eastbound right turn lane to a through-right combination lane.
- Optimize signal timing (i.e., adjust the allocation of green time for each intersection approach) for the PM peak hour.
- Coordinate the signal timing changes at this intersection with the adjacent intersections that are in the same signal coordination group.

To implement this measure, the project sponsor shall submit plans specifications and estimates (PS&E) as detailed in Mitigation Measure 3.16-1 that are consistent with the City's standards to City of Oakland's Transportation Engineering Division for review and approval.

The project sponsor shall fund, prepare, and install the approved plans and improvements. A straight line interpolation of total intersection delay between Existing plus Project and Year 2020 conditions indicates that mitigation at this intersection may be required by Year 2026. Investigation of the need for this mitigation shall be studied at the time of construction and every three years thereafter until 2035 or until the mitigation measure is implemented, whichever occurs first.

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

West Grand Avenue & Harrison Street (#9). The intersection of West Grand Avenue & Harrison Street would operate at LOS F without the 2012 Project during the PM peak hour under Year 2035 Cumulative conditions and implementation of the 2012 Project would cause an increase in average delay for some of the critical movements of four (4) seconds or more. This is a new potentially significant impact not previously identified in the 2002 EIR. After implementation of the mitigation measure described below, the intersection would operate at LOS E, which is below the significance threshold for a downtown intersection.

- 2002 Impact:** Less Than Significant
2012 Impact: Potentially Significant
2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: Implementation of Mitigation Measure 3.16-28, provided below, would reduce the project impact to a less-than-significant level.

Mitigation Measure 3.16-28:

- Optimize signal timing (i.e., adjust the allocation of green time for each intersection approach) for the PM peak hour.
- Coordinate the signal timing changes at this intersection with the adjacent intersections that are in the same signal coordination group.

To implement this measure, the project sponsor shall submit plans specifications and estimates (PS&E) as detailed in Mitigation Measure 3.16-1 that are consistent with the City's standards to City of Oakland's Transportation Engineering Division for review and approval.

The project sponsor shall fund, prepare, and install the approved plans and improvements. A straight line interpolation of total intersection delay between Existing plus Project and Year 2020 conditions indicates that mitigation at this intersection may be required by Year 2025. Investigation of the need for this mitigation shall be studied at the time of construction and every three years thereafter until 2035 or until the mitigation measure is implemented, whichever occurs first.

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

7th Street & Harrison Street (#18). The intersection of 7th Street & Harrison Street would operate at LOS F without the 2012 Project during the PM peak hour under Year 2035 Cumulative conditions and implementation of the 2012 Project would cause the total intersection average vehicle delay to increase by more than two (2) seconds. This is a new potentially significant impact not previously identified in the 2002 EIR. After implementation of the mitigation measure described below, the intersection would operate at LOS E, which is below the significance threshold for a downtown intersection.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Potentially Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: Implementation of Mitigation Measure 3.16-29, provided below, would reduce the project impact to a less-than-significant level.

Mitigation Measure 3.16-29:

- Optimize signal timing (i.e., increase the traffic signal cycle length to 80 seconds and adjust the allocation of green time for each intersection approach) for the PM peak hour.

- Coordinate the signal timing changes at this intersection with the adjacent intersections that are in the same signal coordination group.

To implement this measure, the project sponsor shall submit plans specifications and estimates (PS&E) as detailed in Mitigation Measure 3.16-1 that are consistent with the City's standards to City of Oakland's Transportation Engineering Division for review and approval.

The project sponsor shall fund, prepare, and install the approved plans and improvements. A straight line interpolation of total intersection delay between Existing plus Project and Year 2020 conditions indicates that mitigation at this intersection may be required at the time of Project construction. Investigation of the need for this mitigation shall be studied at the time of construction and every three years thereafter until 2035 or until the mitigation measure is implemented, whichever occurs first.

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

6th Street & Jackson Street (#20). The intersection of 6th Street & Jackson Street would operate at LOS F without the 2012 Project during the AM peak hour under Year 2035 Cumulative conditions and implementation of the 2012 Project would cause the total intersection average vehicle delay to increase by more than two (2) seconds. This is a new potentially significant impact not previously identified in the 2002 EIR. After implementation of the mitigation measure described below, the intersection would operate at LOS E, which is below the significance threshold for a downtown intersection.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Potentially Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: Implementation of Mitigation Measure 3.16-30, provided below, would reduce the project impact to a less-than-significant level.

Mitigation Measure 3.16-30:

- Optimize signal timing (i.e., increase the traffic signal cycle length to 80 seconds and adjust the allocation of green time for each intersection approach) for the AM peak hour.
- Coordinate the signal timing changes at this intersection with the adjacent intersections that are in the same signal coordination group.

To implement this measure, the project sponsor shall submit plans specifications and estimates (PS&E) as detailed in Mitigation Measure 3.16-1 that are consistent with the City's standards to City of Oakland's Transportation Engineering Division for review and approval.

The project sponsor shall fund, prepare, and install the approved plans and improvements. A straight line interpolation of total intersection delay between Existing plus Project and Year 2020 conditions indicates that mitigation at this intersection may be required by Year 2025. Investigation of the need for this mitigation shall be studied at the time of construction and every three years thereafter until 2035 or until the mitigation measure is implemented, whichever occurs first.

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

12th Street & Brush Street (#28). The intersection of 12th Street & Brush Street would operate at LOS F without the 2012 Project during the AM peak hour under Year 2035 Cumulative conditions and implementation of the 2012 Project would cause the total intersection average vehicle delay to increase by more than two (2) seconds. This is a new potentially significant impact not previously identified in the 2002 EIR. After implementation of the mitigation measure described below, the intersection would operate at LOS E, which is below the significance threshold for a downtown intersection.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Potentially Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: Implementation of Mitigation Measure 3.16-31, provided below, would reduce the project impact to a less-than-significant level.

Mitigation Measure 3.16-31:

- Optimize signal timing (i.e., increase the traffic signal cycle length to 120 seconds and adjust the allocation of green time for each intersection approach) for the AM peak hour.
- Coordinate the signal timing changes at this intersection with the adjacent intersections that are in the same signal coordination group.

To implement this measure, the project sponsor shall submit plans specifications and estimates (PS&E) as detailed in Mitigation Measure 3.16-1 that are consistent with the City's standards to City of Oakland's Transportation Engineering Division for review and approval.

The project sponsor shall fund, prepare, and install the approved plans and improvements. A straight line interpolation of total intersection delay between Existing plus Project and Year 2020 conditions indicates that mitigation at this intersection may be required by Year 2023. Investigation of the need for this mitigation shall be studied at the time of construction and every three years thereafter until 2035 or until the mitigation measure is implemented, whichever occurs first.

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

12th Street & Castro Street (#29). The intersection of 12th Street & Castro Street would operate at LOS F without the 2012 Project during the PM peak hour under Year 2035 Cumulative conditions and implementation of the 2012 Project would cause the total intersection average vehicle delay to increase by more than two (2) seconds. This is a new potentially significant impact not previously identified in the 2002 EIR. After implementation of the mitigation measure described below, the intersection would operate at LOS E, which is below the significance threshold for a downtown intersection.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Potentially Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: Implementation of Mitigation Measure 3.16-4, would reduce the project impact to a less-than-significant level.

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

Powell Street & Hollis Street (#37). The intersection of Powell Street & Hollis Street would operate at LOS F without the 2012 Project during both the AM and PM peak hours under Year 2035 Cumulative conditions and implementation of the 2012 Project would cause the total intersection average vehicle delay to increase by more than two (2) seconds. The intersection would operate with 86.7 seconds delay during the AM peak hour and with 88.4 seconds delay during the PM peak hour under Year 2035 Cumulative conditions. This is a new potentially significant impact not previously identified in the 2002 EIR. After implementation of the mitigation measure described below, the intersection would operate at LOS D (44.7 seconds delay) during the AM peak hour and at LOS E (74.0 seconds delay) during the PM peak hour, which are lower delays than no-project conditions, where the intersection would operate with 83.9 seconds delay during the AM peak hour and with 85.9 seconds delay during the PM peak hour.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Potentially Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: Implementation of Mitigation Measure 3.16-32, provided below, would reduce the project impact to a less-than-significant level.

Mitigation Measure 3.16-32:

- Provide protected plus permitted traffic signal phasing for the northbound and Hollis Street movement similar to the existing protected plus permitted traffic signal phasing for the southbound and Hollis Street movement.
- Optimize signal timing (i.e., adjust the allocation of green time for each intersection approach) for both the AM and PM peak hours.
- Coordinate the signal timing changes at this intersection with the adjacent intersections that are in the same signal coordination group.

To implement this measure, the project sponsor shall submit plans specifications and estimates (PS&E) as detailed in Mitigation Measure 3.16-1 that are consistent with the City's standards to City of Emeryville's Transportation Engineering Division for review and approval.

The project sponsor shall fund, prepare, and install the approved plans and improvements. A straight line interpolation of total intersection delay between Existing plus Project and Year 2020 conditions indicates that mitigation at this intersection may be required by Year 2028. Investigation of the need for this mitigation shall be studied at the time of construction and every three years thereafter until 2035 or until the mitigation measure is implemented, whichever occurs first.

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

Powell Street/Stanford Avenue & San Pablo Avenue (#38). The intersection of Powell Street/Stanford Avenue & San Pablo Avenue would operate at LOS F without the 2012 Project during the AM peak hour under Year 2035 Cumulative conditions and implementation of the 2012 Project would cause the total intersection average vehicle delay to increase by more than two (2) seconds. The intersection would operate with 154.0 seconds delay during the AM peak hour under Year 2035 Cumulative conditions. This is a new potentially significant impact not previously identified in the 2002 EIR. After implementation of the mitigation measure described below, the intersection would operate with 142.1 seconds of delay during the AM peak hour, which is lower than no-project conditions, where the intersection would operate with 150.1 seconds of delay.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Potentially Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: Implementation of Mitigation Measure 3.16-33, provided below, would reduce the project impact to a less-than-significant level.

Mitigation Measure 3.16-33:

- Optimize signal timing (i.e., adjust the allocation of green time for each intersection approach) for the AM peak hour.
- Coordinate the signal timing changes at this intersection with the adjacent intersections that are in the same signal coordination group.

To implement this measure, the project sponsor shall submit plans specifications and estimates (PS&E) as detailed in Mitigation Measure 3.16-1 that are consistent with the City's standards to City of Oakland's Transportation Engineering Division for review and approval.

The project sponsor shall fund, prepare, and install the approved plans and improvements. A straight line interpolation of total intersection delay between Existing plus Project and Year 2020 conditions indicates that mitigation at this

intersection may be required by Year 2021. Investigation of the need for this mitigation shall be studied at the time of construction and every three years thereafter until 2035 or until the mitigation measure is implemented, whichever occurs first.

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

f) At a study, unsignalized intersection would the project add ten (10) or more vehicles and after project completion satisfy the Caltrans peak hour volume traffic signal warrant?

The 2012 Project would not add ten (10) or more vehicles and after project completion satisfy the Caltrans peak hour volume traffic signal warrant at a study unsignalized intersection. Therefore, the 2012 Project would not create a significant impact under Year 2035 plus Project conditions and no mitigation measures are required.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

i) Would the project cause a roadway segment of the Congestion Management Program (CMP) to a) degrade to LOS F; or b) increase the V/C ratio by more than three percent for a roadway segment that would operate at LOS F without the project in Year 2035?

The 2002 EIR identified the following significant and unavoidable impacts for the 2025 Cumulative plus project conditions:

- I-80 from the Bay Bridge to east of I-80/I-580 split
 - I-80 at the Bay Bridge
 - I-80 between I-880 and I-580
 - I-80 East of I-80/I-580 Split
- I-880 from I-980 to the segment south of I-238
 - I-880 North of I-980
 - I-880 South of I-980
 - I-880 North of I-238
 - I-880 South of I-238

- I-580 from west of I-980/SR-24 to I-238
 - I-580 West of I-238
 - I-580 East of I-980/SH-24
 - I-580 West of I-980/SH-24
- SR-24 east of I-580

As shown in Table 3.16-8, only one segment would experience potentially significant impacts as a result of the Project in Year 2035. This segment is:

- I-880 South of I-980

As this segment was identified to result in significant and unavoidable under cumulative conditions in the 2002 EIR, the Project would not result in any new significant impact. Because the 2012 Project would generate fewer trips, the Project would also not substantially increase the severity of impacts identified in the 2002 EIR. While implementation of 2002 EIR Mitigation Measure 4.3-4 (superseded by SCA TRANS-1 for the 2012 Project) would reduce traffic demand on the freeway system, the residual impact would remain significant and unavoidable.

2002 Impact: Significant and Unavoidable

2012 Impact: Potentially Significant

2002 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measure 4.3-4

2012 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measure 4.3-4, as supplemented by SCA TRANS-1

Significance After Implementation: Significant and Unavoidable (No New Impact, and no substantial increase in severity of a previously identified significant impact)

j) Would the project result in substantially increased travel times for AC Transit buses in Year 2035?

The 2012 Project is not being directly served by existing AC Transit routes. As shown in the intersection analysis discussed above, all potential project impacts at the study intersections would be mitigated with the proposed mitigation measures. Therefore, the project would not substantially affect the operations on roadways used by AC Transit buses and would not result in substantially increased travel times for AC Transit buses. The project may result in increased ridership on AC Transit buses through West Oakland BART station transit hub and other stops in West Oakland which may result in increased loading and unloading time at bus stops. However, the ridership increase is not projected to be substantial such that it would result in a significant travel time impact for AC Transit buses. Therefore, the 2012 Project would not result in a new significant impact. This is a new threshold not previously assessed in the 2002 EIR.

2002 Impact: Not Applicable

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: Not Applicable

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

3.16.7 PLANNING RELATED NON-CEQA CONSIDERATIONS

This section discusses transportation topics that are not considerations under CEQA but are evaluated to inform decision makers and the public about these issues. These topics include transit ridership, queuing, parking, and traffic control devices. None of the recommended measures are legally required to be implemented.

3.16.7.1 Transit Ridership

The project site is not directly served by any transit services. A previous AC Transit route in the project area was eliminated due to lack of ridership and the nearest BART station in West Oakland is located between 0.9 miles and 3.2 miles away depending on where the trip originates in the project site. Therefore, it is not anticipated that the Project would generate high number of transit ridership. Furthermore, because of the reduced size, the 2012 Project would produce far fewer employees than the 2002 EIR project. Therefore, the Project would not substantially affect the operations of AC Transit or BART.

3.16.7.2 Queuing

A queue analysis was performed for study intersections located within one-half mile of the project site to assess the project's potential effort on 95th percentile queuing under Existing and Year 2020 Cumulative conditions. Queue summaries are provided in Table 3.16-19 and Table 3.16-20.

Under Existing plus Project conditions, the project would cause the 95th percentile queues to increase by 25 feet or more at all study intersections within one-half mile of the project site with the exception of the 7th Street and Peralta Street intersection (#13) and the 14th Street and Mandela Parkway intersection (#27). However, the project would result in exceedance of available storage capacity at only the following locations:

- Northbound left-turn at W. Grand Avenue & Maritime Street (#1) - PM peak hour
- Westbound left-turn at 7th Street & Maritime Street (#10) – AM & PM peak hours
- Eastbound left-turn at 7th Street & I-880 northbound off-ramp (#12) – PM peak hour

Table 3.16-19: Queue Summary (95th percentile) – Existing Conditions (in feet)

	Intersection	in feet	Existing Conditions											Existing + 2012 Project													
			EBL	EBT	EBR	WBL	WBT	WBR	NBL	NBT	NBR	SBL	SBT	SBR	EBL	EBT	EBR	WBL	WBT	WBR	NBL	NBT	NBR	SBL	SBT	SBR	
1	W. Grand Avenue & Maritime Street	Storage	440			925			250	450			85			440			925			250					
		AM	34	72	63	199	175		34	34	34	36	41			54	104	83	#670	188		87	87	65	42	43	
		PM	16	85	32	66	182		137	144	58	45	35			30	113	74	223	220		#472	#458	91	80	46	
2	W. Grand Avenue & I-880 Frontage Road	Storage	800	1030	310	275		321	585			462			800			275		321	585			462			
		AM	44	45		#127	122	37	#124	60		#159	51			#115	61		#123	167	37	#187	71		#161	#138	
		PM	110	98		#200	172	48	67	92		87	35			#122	173		#186	208	48	121	#143	68	72		
3	W. Grand Av & Mandela Pkwy	Storage		545									450														
		AM		65			103			61			64				73			123			61		96		
		PM		67			116			98			65				95			126			102		78		
10	7th Street & Middle Harbor Road	Storage	100	1500		100	1600	275	170									250	100			170					
		AM	118	68	26	103	74	59	42	76		113	44			#442	41		#312	347		#152			12		
		PM	247	88	23	66	34	53	14	191		#297	32			#518	27		163	76		55			12		
11	7th Street & I-880 SB On-Ramp	Storage																									
		AM		11		14											33		30								
		PM		23		24											65		44								
12	7th Street & I-880 NB Off-Ramp	Storage	180					1300	1300			175												175			
		AM	44	10			53		#241	130		83	32			#131	12			65		#357	#269	87	#75		
		PM	#136	26			45		92	109		81	29			#388	40			54		#269	131	103	38		
13	7th Street & Peralta Street	Storage									50												50				
		AM		58			17			66	10		58							18			66	10	60		
		PM		65			60			36	13		70							66			36	13	71		
14	7th Street & Mandela Parkway	Storage	130	850		175									130			175									
		AM	58	175		196	168			97		93	117			59	180		195	186			97	95	118		
		PM	#73	286		104	11			107		84	90			#72	337		105	11			107	83	90		
27	14th Street & Mandela Parkway	Storage			75		75											75		75							
		AM		40	8		29	12		44			55				40	8		29	12		43		56		
		PM		35	8		32	14		48			43				35	8		32	14		48		43		

Note: #95th percentile volume exceeds capacity, queue may be longer.

Shading denotes location where queue increases by 25 feet or more and may exceed available storage.

Bold denotes location where the project causes queue length to increase.

Source: Kittelson & Associates, 2012.

Table 3.16-20: Queue Summary (95th percentile) – Year 2020 Cumulative Conditions (in feet)

	Intersection	Year 2020 Cumulative No Project Conditions											Year 2020 Cumulative + 2012 Project													
		EBL	EBT	EBR	WBL	WBT	WBR	NBL	NBT	NBR	SBL	SBT	SBR	EBL	EBT	EBR	WBL	WBT	WBR	NBL	NBT	NBR	SBL	SBT	SBR	
1	W. Grand Avenue & Maritime Street	Storage	440			925			250	450		85		440			925			250						
		AM	43	92	80	#293	251		49	51	43	38	48	63	122	95	#800	258		104	107	70	44	48		
		PM	25	180	41	82	273		206	205	59	71	46	37	220	80	#260	308		#582	#569	173	106	55		
2	W. Grand Avenue & I-880 Frontage Road	Storage	800	1030	310	275		321	585			462		800			275		321	585				462		
		AM	48	47		#270	122		37	#266	#120		#161	#94	#119	64		#281	170	37	#324	#147		#161	#234	
		PM	114	146		#257	171		48	126	#225		92	82	#133	#258		#259	208	48	#213	#346		72	#142	
3	W. Grand Avenue & Mandela Parkway	Storage		545								450														
		AM		73			119			61		107		80			140			61			143			
		PM		114			117			102		94		147			126			118			113			
10	7th Street & Middle Harbor Road	Storage	100	1500		100	1600	275	170						250	100				170						
		AM	117	67	26	102	68	50	42	76		112	52	#442	41	#312	352			#152				#33		
		PM	248	96	22	66	37	52	19	191		277	32	#556	29	171	89			61				#35		
11	7th Street & I-880 SB On-Ramp	Storage																								
		AM		11		17								33		34										
		PM		26		31								85		55										
12	7th Street & I-880 NB Off-Ramp	Storage	180					1300	1300		175			#131	12			72		#417	#316		175		#78	
		AM	44	10			59		#297	162		#131	34	#434	41			56		#275	#173		#139		40	
		PM	#185	28			48		95	151		157	32										#182			
13	7th Street & Peralta Street	Storage								50												50				
		AM		63			26			67	10		58		65			26			67	10		60		
		PM		82			71			36	13		72		98			77			36	13		72		
14	7th Street & Mandela Parkway	Storage	130	850		175								130			175									
		AM	66	262		196	177			97		98	117	66	265		196	195			97		100	118		
		PM	#81	385		112	12			110		#92	91	#81	447		113	13			110		84	91		
27	14th Street & Mandela Parkway	Storage			75			75										75		75						
		AM		40	8		29	12		45			60		40	8		29	12			44		60		
		PM		35	8		32	14		51			47		35	8		32	14			52		47		

Note: #95th percentile volume exceeds capacity, queue may be longer.

Shading denotes location where queue increases by 25 feet or more and may exceed available storage.

Bold denotes location where the project causes queue length to increase.

Source: Kittelson & Associates, 2012.

The following improvements are recommended to accommodate the anticipated queues:

W. Grand Avenue & Maritime Street (#1). Extend the northbound left-turn storage length to 475 feet; while providing a minimum of 100 feet storage length for the southbound left-turn movement at the Burma Road and Maritime Street intersection (#46).

7th Street & Maritime Street (#10). Extend the westbound left-turn storage length to 320 feet by removing a portion of the existing center median.

7th Street & I-880 northbound off-ramp (#12). Convert one of the existing eastbound through lane to an exclusive left-turn lane to provide two left-turn lanes, and one through lane.

Similar to Existing plus Project conditions, the Project would result in exceedance of available storage at the same three intersections:

- Northbound left-turn at W. Grand Avenue & Maritime Street (#1) - PM peak hour
- Westbound left-turn at 7th Street & Maritime Street (#10) – AM & PM peak hours
- Eastbound and southbound left-turn at 7th Street & I-880 northbound off-ramp (#12) – PM peak hour

The following improvements are recommended to accommodate the anticipated queues:

W. Grand Avenue & Maritime Street (#1). Widen Maritime Street to provide two northbound left-turn lanes at the intersection.

7th Street & Maritime Street (#10). Extend the westbound left-turn storage length to 320 feet by removing a portion of the existing center median.

7th Street & I-880 northbound off-ramp (#12). Convert one of the existing eastbound through lane to an exclusive left-turn lane to provide two left-turn lanes, and one through lane; and extend the southbound left-turn storage pocket to 250 feet by removing a portion of the existing center median.

3.16.7.3 Parking

The Project considers the parking needs of both trucks and passenger vehicles. As shown in Figure 2-5b, it would devote approximately 40.8 acres for both City and Port truck parking in four different areas on the project site. In addition, parking spaces would be provided throughout the parking site to accommodate employees and visitors as part of the City's standard development review process. Prior to the issuance of building permit, a parking plan detailing the locations and layouts of planned parking spaces, number and type of the spaces, space dimensions, lighting, and other necessary information shall be submitted for City review and approval.

3.16.7.4 Traffic Control Devices

None of the study stop-controlled intersections would meet peak hour signal warrant per guidelines of the California Manual of Uniformed Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). The proposed traffic control

devices would be adequate to facilitate anticipated vehicular traffic and accommodate other roadway users. It is recommended that marked crosswalks and proper street lighting be provided at all signalized intersections on the project site in accordance to City standards.

3.16.8 CONCLUSIONS

Redevelopment of the Oakland Army Base would not result in significant new transportation impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified impacts compared to the 2002 EIR. The 2002 Project included substantial amount of research and development facilities and offices in the project site, which generate higher number of employee trips; while the 2012 Project proposed a higher amount of port supporting land uses that would complement existing and proposed adjacent uses in the project area.

As shown in Table 3.16-8, the 2012 Project would generate over 6,800 fewer daily trips than the 2002 Project including 1,400 fewer trips in the AM peak hour and 1,200 fewer trips in the PM peak hour. Thus, impacts would be substantially reduced or similar to those addressed in the 2002 EIR, and would continue to result in less-than-significant impacts and significant and unavoidable impacts after mitigation. Previously imposed mitigation measures from the 2002 EIR have been identified in this section and would be implemented as part of the 2012 Project, where appropriate. This section also identifies additional mitigation measures that would be necessary to reduce the project impacts.

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3.17 UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS

This section evaluates the potential utilities and service systems impacts of the 2012 Project. This analysis specifically considers whether the 2012 Project would result in new significant utilities and service systems impacts not identified in the 2002 EIR or a substantial increase in the severity of the previously identified significant impacts. This section also discusses any pertinent new information or changes in circumstances that could result in new significant utilities and service systems impacts not identified in the 2002 EIR or a substantial increase in the severity of the previously identified significant impacts. Previously imposed mitigation measures from the 2002 EIR are identified and, where appropriate, are clarified, refined, revised, or deleted. This section also identifies the applicable provisions of the City's Standard Conditions of Approval and whether or not new mitigation measures are required.

3.17.1 PRIOR ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS

3.17.1.1 2002 EIR Impact Findings

The 2002 EIR concluded that the proposed project would have potentially significant impacts related to potable water, solid waste services, and local roadways, which could be reduced to less-than-significant levels:

Impact 4.9-8: Redevelopment of the project site would increase potable water demand and result in a significant impact.

Impact 4.9-10: Redevelopment of the project site would increase the quantity of solid waste and demand for solid waste services, resulting in a potentially significant impact.

Impact 4.9-12: Both construction and remediation vehicles and increased operations vehicle activity on the project site would accelerate or advance deterioration of local roadways and the timing and extend of roadway maintenance and repair. This impact would have a significant impact on existing roadways.

The 2002 EIR concluded that the proposed project would have less-than-significant impacts on the stormwater facilities, wastewater conveyance, and energy demand:

Impact 4.9-7: Redevelopment in the 16th/Wood sub-district would expand existing facilities, resulting in a less-than-significant impact. (Stormwater is discussed in Section 3.9, Hydrology and Water Quality.)

Impact 4.9-9: Redevelopment of the project site would increase flows to the EBMUD transport and treatment system, resulting in a less-than-significant impact

Impact 4.9-11: Redevelopment of the project site could increase demand for energy, resulting in a less-than-significant impact.

3.17.1.2 2002 EIR Mitigation Measures

For the significant impact related to potable water demand, the 2002 EIR identified the following mitigation measures to reduce impacts to a less-than-significant level:

Mitigation Measure 4.9-4: Individual actions with landscaping requirements of one or more acres shall plumb landscape areas for irrigation with recycled water.

Mitigation Measure 4.9-5: Individual buildings with gross floor area exceeding 10,000 square feet shall install dual plumbing for both potable and recycled water, unless determined to be infeasible by the approving agency (City or Port).

Mitigation Measure 4.9-6: Site design shall facilitate use of recycled water, and shall comply with requirements of CCR Title 22 regarding prohibition of site run-off to surface waters.

For the potentially significant impact related to solid waste quantity and demand for solid waste services, the 2002 EIR identified the following mitigation measures to reduce impacts to a less-than-significant level:

Mitigation Measure 4.9-7: To the maximum extent feasible, the City and Port shall jointly participate in a deconstruction program to capture materials and recycle them in to the construction market.

Mitigation Measure 4.9-8: Concrete and asphalt removed during demolition/construction shall be crushed on-site or at a near-site location, and reused in redevelopment or recycled to the construction market.

Mitigation Measure 4.9-9: The City and Port shall require developers to submit a plan that demonstrates a good faith effort to divert at least 50 percent of operations phase solid waste from landfill disposal. (*Note: This mitigation measure is superseded by SCA UTL-2.*)

For the significant impact related to local roadways deterioration, the 2002 EIR identified the following mitigation measure to reduce impacts to a less-than-significant level:

Mitigation Measure 4.9-10: The Port and City of Oakland shall work cooperatively to develop an ongoing joint program to identify and evaluate impacted local roadways and identify required maintenance/repair activities. The agencies will fund needed repairs and maintenance on a fair-share basis.

3.17.2 STANDARD CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Since publication of the 2002 EIR, the City of Oakland has adopted Standard Conditions of Approval (SCA) that are applicable to all development projects within the City regardless of a project's environmental determination, pursuant in part to *CEQA Guidelines* Section 15183. The City's SCA serve to avoid or substantially reduce potentially significant impacts. The City's SCA that would apply to the 2012 Project are listed below. If the City approves the 2012 Project, the SCA would be adopted as requirements of the 2012 Project to help ensure less-than-significant impacts. Generally, the SCA are more current, more detailed, and provide greater clarity regarding process and procedures than previously imposed mitigation measures; the SCA will not increase significant adverse effects, but rather will further reduce adverse impacts. The SCA would be incorporated and required as part of the 2012 Project and, therefore, are not listed as mitigation measures but will be included in the Standard

Conditions of Approval and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (SCA/MMRP) for the 2012 Project. In cases of conflict or overlap between mitigation measures from the 2002 Redevelopment EIR and current City SCA, the more stringent requirements would apply.

SCA UTL-1a: Compliance with the Green Building Ordinance, OMC Chapter 18.02

Prior to issuance of a demolition, grading, or building permit

The applicant shall comply with the requirements of the California Green Building Standards (CALGreen) mandatory measures and the applicable requirements of the Green Building Ordinance, OMC Chapter 18.02.

- a) The following information shall be submitted to the Building Services Division for review and approval with the application for a building permit:
 - i. Documentation showing compliance with Title 24 of the 2008 California Building Energy Efficiency Standards.
 - ii. Completed copy of the final green building checklist approved during the review of the Planning and Zoning permit.
 - iii. Copy of the Unreasonable Hardship Exemption, if granted, during the review of the Planning and Zoning permit.
 - iv. Permit plans that show, in general notes, detailed design drawings, and specifications as necessary, compliance with the items listed in subsection (b) below.
 - v. Copy of the signed statement by the Green Building Certifier approved during the review of the Planning and Zoning permit that the project complied with the requirements of the Green Building Ordinance.
 - vi. Signed statement by the Green Building Certifier that the project still complies with the requirements of the Green Building Ordinance, unless an Unreasonable Hardship Exemption was granted during the review of the Planning and Zoning permit.
 - vii. Other documentation as deemed necessary by the City to demonstrate compliance with the Green Building Ordinance.
- b) The set of plans in subsection (a) shall demonstrate compliance with the following:
 - i. CALGreen mandatory measures.
 - ii. All pre-requisites per the LEED / GreenPoint Rated checklist approved during the review of the Planning and Zoning permit, or, if applicable, all the green building measures approved as part of the Unreasonable Hardship Exemption granted during the review of the Planning and Zoning permit.
 - iii. Insert green building point level/certification requirement: (See Green Building Summary Table) per the appropriate checklist approved during the Planning entitlement process.
 - iv. All green building points identified on the checklist approved during review of the Planning and Zoning permit, unless a Request for Revision Plan-check application is submitted and approved by the Planning and Zoning Division that shows the previously approved points that will be eliminated or substituted.
 - v. The required green building point minimums in the appropriate credit categories.

During construction

The applicant shall comply with the applicable requirements CALGreen and the Green Building Ordinance, Chapter 18.02.

- a) The following information shall be submitted to the Building Inspections Division of the Building Services Division for review and approval:

- i. Completed copies of the green building checklists approved during the review of the Planning and Zoning permit and during the review of the building permit.
- ii. Signed statement(s) by the Green Building Certifier during all relevant phases of construction that the project complies with the requirements of the Green Building Ordinance.
- iii. Other documentation as deemed necessary by the City to demonstrate compliance with the Green Building Ordinance.

After construction, as specified below

Within sixty (60) days of the final inspection of the building permit for the project, the Green Building Certifier shall submit the appropriate documentation to Build It Green/Green Building Certification Institute and attain the minimum certification/point level identified in subsection (a) above. Within one year of the final inspection of the building permit for the project, the applicant shall submit to the Planning and Zoning Division the Certificate from the organization listed above demonstrating certification and compliance with the minimum point/certification level noted above.

SCA UTL-1b: Compliance with the Green Building Ordinance, OMC Chapter 18.02, for Building and Landscape Projects Using the StopWaste.Org Small Commercial or Bay Friendly Basic Landscape Checklist

Prior to issuance of a building permit

The applicant shall comply with the requirements of the California Green Building Standards (CALGreen) mandatory measures and the applicable requirements of the Green Building Ordinance, (OMC Chapter 18.02.) for projects using the StopWaste.Org Small Commercial or Bay Friendly Basic Landscape Checklist.

- a) The following information shall be submitted to the Building Services Division for review and approval with application for a Building permit:
 - i. Documentation showing compliance with the 2008 Title 24, California Building Energy Efficiency Standards.
 - ii. Completed copy of the green building checklist approved during the review of a Planning and Zoning permit.
 - iii. Permit plans that show in general notes, detailed design drawings and specifications as necessary compliance with the items listed in subsection (b) below.
 - iv. Other documentation to prove compliance.
- b) The set of plans in subsection (a) shall demonstrate compliance with the following:
 - i. CALGreen mandatory measures.
 - ii. All applicable green building measures identified on the StopWaste.Org checklist approved during the review of a Planning and Zoning permit, or submittal of a Request for Revision Plan-check application that shows the previously approved points that will be eliminated or substituted.

During construction

The applicant shall comply with the applicable requirements of CALGreen and Green Building Ordinance, Chapter 18.02 for projects using the StopWaste.Org Small Commercial or Bay Friendly Basic Landscape Checklist.

- a) The following information shall be submitted to the Building Inspections Division for review and approval:
 - i. Completed copy of the green building checklists approved during review of the Planning and Zoning permit and during the review of the Building permit.

- ii. Other documentation as deemed necessary by the City to demonstrate compliance with the Green Building Ordinance.

SCA UTL-2: Waste Reduction and Recycling

The project applicant will submit a Construction & Demolition Waste Reduction and Recycling Plan (WRRP) and an Operational Diversion Plan (ODP) for review and approval by the Public Works Agency.

Prior to issuance of demolition, grading, or building permit

Chapter 15.34 of the Oakland Municipal Code outlines requirements for reducing waste and optimizing construction and demolition (C&D) recycling. Affected projects include all new construction, renovations/alterations/modifications with construction values of \$50,000 or more (except R-3), and all demolition (including soft demo). The WRRP must specify the methods by which the development will divert C&D debris waste generated by the proposed project from landfill disposal in accordance with current City requirements. Current standards, FAQs, and forms are available at www.oaklandpw.com/Page39.aspx or in the Green Building Resource Center. After approval of the plan, the project applicant shall implement the plan.

Ongoing

The ODP will identify how the project complies with the Recycling Space Allocation Ordinance, (Chapter 17.118 of the Oakland Municipal Code), including capacity calculations, and specify the methods by which the development will meet the current diversion of solid waste generated by operation of the proposed project from landfill disposal in accordance with current City requirements. The proposed program shall be implemented and maintained for the duration of the proposed activity or facility. Changes to the plan may be re-submitted to the Environmental Services Division of the Public Works Agency for review and approval. Any incentive programs shall remain fully operational as long as residents and businesses exist at the project site.

SCA UTL-3: Underground Utilities

Prior to issuance of a building permit

The project applicant shall submit plans for review and approval by the Building Services Division and the Public Works Agency, and other relevant agencies as appropriate, that show all new electric and telephone facilities; fire alarm conduits; street light wiring; and other wiring, conduits, and similar facilities placed underground. The new facilities shall be placed underground along the project applicant's street frontage and from the project applicant's structures to the point of service. The plans shall show all electric, telephone, water service, fire water service, cable, and fire alarm facilities installed in accordance with standard specifications of the serving utilities.

SCA UTL-4: Improvements in the Public Right-of-Way (General)

Approved prior to the issuance of a P-job or building permit

- a) The project applicant shall submit Public Improvement Plans to Building Services Division for adjacent public rights-of-way (ROW) showing all proposed improvements and compliance with the conditions and/or mitigations and City requirements including but not limited to curbs, gutters, sewer laterals, storm drains, street trees, paving details, locations of transformers and other above ground utility structures, the design specifications and locations of facilities required by the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD), street lighting, on-street parking and accessibility improvements compliant with applicable standards and any other improvements or requirements for the project as provided for in this Approval. Encroachment permits shall be obtained as necessary for any applicable improvements- located within the public ROW.

- b) Review and confirmation of the street trees by the City's Tree Services Division is required as part of this condition and/or mitigations.
- c) The Planning and Zoning Division and the Public Works Agency will review and approve designs and specifications for the improvements. Improvements shall be completed prior to the issuance of the final building permit.
- d) The Fire Services Division will review and approve fire crew and apparatus access, water supply availability and distribution to current codes and standards.

SCA UTL-5: Improvements in the Public Right-of Way (Specific)

Approved prior to the issuance of a grading or building permit

Final building and public improvement plans submitted to the Building Services Division shall include the following components: Examples include:

- a) Install additional standard City of Oakland streetlights.
- b) Remove and replace any existing driveway that will not be used for access to the property with new concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter.
- c) Reconstruct drainage facility to current City standard.
- d) Provide separation between sanitary sewer and water lines to comply with current City of Oakland and Alameda Health Department standards.
- e) Construct wheelchair ramps that comply with Americans with Disability Act requirements and current City Standards.
- f) Remove and replace deficient concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter within property frontage.
- g) Provide adequate fire department access and water supply, including, but not limited to currently adopted fire codes and standards.

SCA UTL-6: Payment for Public Improvements

Prior to issuance of a final inspection of the building permit

The project applicant shall pay for and install public improvements made necessary by the project including damage caused by construction activity.

SCA HYD-1: Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)

(Please refer to Section 3.9, Hydrology and Water Quality)

SCA HYD-2: Post-Construction Stormwater Management Plan

(Please refer to Section 3.9, Hydrology and Water Quality)

SCA HYD-3: Maintenance Agreement for Stormwater Treatment Measures

(Please refer to Section 3.9, Hydrology and Water Quality)

SCA HYD-4: Stormwater and Sewer

(Please refer to Section 3.9, Hydrology and Water Quality)

SCA TRANS-2: Construction Traffic and Parking

(Please refer to Section 3.15, Transportation and Traffic)

3.17.3 UPDATED REGULATORY SETTING

The following discussion reviews updated State and local regulations relevant to utilities for the 2012 Project. No federal regulations relevant to utilities have been updated.

3.17.3.1 State

3.17.3.1.1 California Urban Water Management Planning Act

As identified in the 2002 EIR, the California Urban Water Management Planning Act, Division 6, Part 2.6 of the California Water Code, requires that an understanding of urban water demands and efficient use of water are to be actively pursued by water suppliers. Section 10610.4 of the Act requires water suppliers to actively pursue efficient use of available water supplies, and Section 10620 establishes the requirement of every urban water supplier to prepare and adopt an urban water management plan (UWMP).

Since 2005, several bills have been adopted that modify the required content of an UWMP. The most significant changes relate to water for lower-income households, potential uses of recycled water, and water conservation.

3.17.3.1.2 2010 California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen)

CALGreen is a statewide regulatory code for all residential, commercial, hospital, and school buildings, and includes both mandatory and voluntary components that can be adopted by local jurisdictions. CALGreen is intended to encourage more sustainable and environmentally-friendly building practices, require low-pollution emitting substances that cause harm to the environment, conserve natural resources, and promote the use of energy-efficient materials and equipment. The five CALGreen categories include: 1) Planning and Design; 2) Energy Efficiency; 3) Water Efficiency and Conservation; 4) Material Conservation and Resource Efficiency; and 5) Environmental Quality. CALGreen became mandatory on January 1, 2011, for new residential and commercial construction.

3.17.3.1.3 Water Conservation Act of 2009 (SB 7)

The Water Conservation Act of 2009 (Water Code Division 6, Part 2.55) provides the regulatory framework to support a statewide reduction in urban per capita water use of 20 percent by the year 2020. Each urban water supplier is required to determine its existing water use and 2020 target, and report this analysis in the water supplier's UWMP.

3.17.3.1.4 Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act

As identified in the 2002 EIR, the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Act provides the basis for water quality regulation in California, and establishes the authority of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and the nine Regional Water Quality Control Boards (RWQCBs). The Act also authorizes waste discharge requirements for municipal wastewater treatment facilities through the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program. The RWQCB grants and administers NPDES permits under a provision of the Act, which established effluent limitations and water quality requirements for wastewater plant discharges. In 2000, the RWQCBs began to require new construction to include "post-construction controls" in project design, and in December 2010, projects within the jurisdiction of NPDES permittees, are required to implement additional post-construction stormwater management requirements for new development and redevelopment projects.

3.17.3.2 Local

3.17.3.2.1 City of Oakland Water Reuse Ordinance

As identified in the 2002 EIR, the City of Oakland adopted the Water Reuse Ordinance in January 2002, which applies to developments meeting all of the following criteria: 1) the site is located within an ordinance-designated Water Reuse Area; 2) the development requires land subdivision of five or more parcels; 3) new water hook-ups from the EBMUD are required; and 4) development includes common, or shred, areas that will be plumbed. The City's ordinance identified the entire OARB redevelopment area as located within a Water Reuse Area.

3.17.3.2.2 City of Oakland Sewer Lateral Ordinance

Ordinance No. 13080 was adopted July 19, 2011 that amends the Oakland Municipal Code and extends the East Bay Municipal Utility District's (EBMUD) Regional Private Sewer Lateral (PSL) Ordinance to apply to lower sewer laterals. EBMUD adopted the Regional PSL Ordinance in February 2010 and subsequently the City Council passed Ordinance No. 13025 C.M.S. in July 2010 adopting the EBMUD Regional PSL Ordinance. However, the ordinance covered only the upper portion of sewer laterals (that portion between the property line and the building). The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) required Oakland to extend the EBMUD Regional PSL Ordinance to apply to lower laterals. Approval of Ordinance 13080 brought the City into compliance with the EPA mandate.

3.17.3.2.3 City of Oakland Zero Waste Strategic Plan

The City of Oakland adopted a Zero Waste Goal in March 2004, and developed the Zero Waste Strategic Plan in November 2006. The main strategies outlined in the plan include: 1) expand and improve local and regional recycling and composting; 2) develop and adopt new rules and incentives to reduce waste disposal; 3) preserve land for sustainable development and green industry infrastructure; 4) advocate for manufacturer responsibility for produce waste, ban problem materials; and 5) educate, promote, and advocate a Zero Waste Sustainability Agenda.

3.17.3.2.4 City of Oakland Construction and Demolition Debris Waste Reduction and Recycling Requirements

The City of Oakland's construction and demolition debris waste reduction and recycling requirements (Municipal Code Chapter 15.34) are intended to further the goals of AB 939 and require a project applicant to prepare and submit a Construction and Demolition Debris Waste Reduction and Recycling Plan (WRRP) to divert at least 50 percent of all construction and demolition debris generated by project construction from landfill disposal.

3.17.3.2.5 City of Oakland Sustainability Programs

The City of Oakland's sustainability programs are administered under the Oakland Sustainability Community Development Initiative, which was created in 1998 under Ordinance 74675 CMS. The City's sustainability programs range from the encouragement of green building practices to the replacement of heavy-duty diesel trucks. Oakland has funded a Phase I feasibility study and a Phase II implementation plan to become a community choice aggregator, which would allow the City to purchase electricity on behalf of its energy users. Potential benefits of becoming an aggregator include

increased use of renewable energy sources to meet Oakland's energy needs and a reduction in electricity costs.

3.17.3.2.6 City of Oakland Green Building Ordinance and Sustainable Green Building Requirements for Private Development

The City of Oakland adopted a Civic Green Building Ordinance in May 2005, requiring that City-owned and occupied buildings to meet specific green building standards set by the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system. In October 2010, the City adopted mandatory green building standards for private development projects. The intent of the mandatory green building standards is to integrate environmentally sustainable strategies in building construction and landscapes in the City of Oakland.

3.17.3.2.7 Draft City of Oakland Energy and Climate Action Plan

The purpose of the Oakland Energy and Climate Action Plan (ECAP) of 2011 is to identify and prioritize actions the City of Oakland can take to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions associated with Oakland. The ECAP recommends GHG reduction actions and establishes a framework for coordinating implementation, as well as monitoring and reporting on progress.

The primary sources of Oakland's GHG emissions are transportation and land use, building energy use, and material consumption and waste. In July 2009, the Oakland City Council approved a preliminary GHG reduction target for the year 2020 of 36 percent below 2005 levels. The ECAP recommends over 150 actions to be implemented over a ten-year period that would enable the City of Oakland to achieve a 36 percent reduction in GHG. Implementation of renewable energy and energy efficiency measures include measures to reduce vehicle miles traveled annually by 20 percent, electricity consumption by 32 percent and natural gas consumption by 14 percent. These measures include the adoption of a green building ordinance for private development (which was completed in October 2010), the use of property-based financing for alternative energy systems, and advancing the use of transit. A Draft ECAP was adopted in 2011 for the purposes of performing CEQA review, which is currently underway.

3.17.3.2.8 City of Oakland General Plan Policies and Actions

According to the 2002 EIR, the Land Use and Transportation Element (LUTE) of the Oakland General Plan did not include specific goals or policies regarding utilities service systems relevant to the redevelopment program. The Open Space, Conservation and Recreation (OSCAR) Element of the Oakland General Plan was adopted in June 1996 and contains the following objectives and policies relevant to utilities for the 2012 Project.¹⁷⁴

Policy Statements Related to Water Conservation

- Policy CO-4.1: Emphasize water conservation and recycling strategies in efforts to meet future demand.
- Policy CO-4.2: Require use of drought-tolerant plants to the greatest extent possible and encourage the use of irrigation systems which minimize water consumption.

¹⁷⁴ Oakland, City of, 1996. *Open Space, Conservation, and Recreation Element, An Element of the Oakland General Plan*. June.

- Policy CO-4.3: Promote the use of reclaimed wastewater for irrigating landscape medians, cemeteries, parks, golf courses, and other areas requiring large volumes of non-potable water.
- Policy CO-10.2: As determined necessary by the City, require individual property owners and developers in high hazard areas to reduce fire hazards on their properties through a range of preventative measures. Landscaping and site planning in these high hazard areas should minimize future wildfire hazards.

Policy Statements Related to Energy Efficiency

- Policy CO-13.1: Promote a reliable local energy network which meets future needs and long-term economic development objectives at the lowest practical cost.
- Policy CO-13.2: Support public information campaigns, energy audits, the use of energy-saving appliances and vehicles, and other efforts which help Oakland residents, businesses, and City operations become more energy efficient.
- Policy CO-13.3: Encourage the use of energy-efficient construction and building materials. Encourage site plans for new development which maximize energy efficiency.

3.17.4 EXISTING CONDITIONS

3.17.4.1 Water Supply

EBMUD, a publically owned utility, supplies water to parts of Alameda and Contra Costa counties, including the City of Oakland. EBMUD's water system supplies 1.3 million customers and spans a 332-square-mile service area. The City of Oakland comprises approximately 30 percent of EBMUD's customers.

Water Supply System. The EBMUD water supply system consists of a network of reservoirs, aqueducts, water treatment plants, pumping plants, and other distribution facilities that collects, transmits, treats, and distributes water from its primary water source, the Mokelumne River.¹⁷⁵

Approximately 90 percent of the water used by EBMUD comes from the Mokelumne River watershed, located in the Sierra Nevada. EBMUD has water rights that allow for delivery of up to 325 million gallons per day (mgd) from the Mokelumne River, subject to the availability of Mokelumne River runoff and to water rights of other users, as well as downstream fishery flow requirements and other Mokelumne River water uses. EBMUD's secondary water supply source is local runoff from the East Bay area watersheds that is stored in the terminal reservoirs located within service area boundaries. The availability of water from local runoff is dependent on hydrologic conditions and terminal reservoir storage availability (EBMUD, 2011c).

Water Demand. In fiscal year 2010, EBMUD's system demand was on average 174 mgd.¹⁷⁶ By 2040, EBMUD projects that water demand will increase to approximately 312 mgd in its service area, although with successful completion of water recycling and conservation programs, this demand could be reduced to approximately 230 mgd.¹⁷⁷

¹⁷⁵ EBMUD, 2011c. Water Resources Planning Division. *Urban Water Management Plan 2010*. June.

¹⁷⁶ Ibid.

¹⁷⁷ The planning level of demand (312 mgd) does not include the short-term reduction and rebound in demand caused by the multi-year drought (2007-2010) and the downturn in the economy. The planning level of demand is used to assess demands as dictated by community policies. The EBMUD's 2040 Demand Study projected, on average, less than a

In normal water years, EBMUD has sufficient water rights to meet demands through 2040; however, EBMUD's current water supply is insufficient to meet water demand during single- and multi-year droughts despite EBMUD's aggressive water conservation and recycled water programs.¹⁷⁸ During a single dry year, EBMUD would implement a Drought Management Program. EBMUD is currently updating its Water Conservation Master Plan (WCMP) to include existing and planned efforts in support of meeting long-term water conservation planning goals through the year 2040. The WCMP is designed to achieve cost-effective and sustained water savings while maintaining savings achieved from past EBMUD conservation efforts implemented since the 1970s. The established and future water conservation approach includes identified conservation measures, implementation strategies, and budgetary resources required to meet the need-for-water and drought management program goals to minimize customer rationing during a water shortage.¹⁷⁹ EBMUD also approved the updated long-term Water Supply Management Program 2040 in October 2009, which serves to identify and recommend solutions to meet dry-year water needs through the year 2040. As of March 2012, the Water Supply Management Program 2040 is undergoing revisions.¹⁸⁰

Water Supply Projects. To meet projected water needs and address deficient supply during severe droughts, EBMUD is working to identify supplemental water supplies and recycled water programs, in addition continuing implementation of water conservation measures.

EBMUD also has developed mitigation and adaptation strategies to deal with the changing climate and its effects on water resources. In 2008, EBMUD incorporated climate change into its strategic plan, and has developed and implemented a climate change monitoring and response plan to inform future water supply, water quality, and infrastructure planning.¹⁸¹

EBMUD and the Sacramento County Water Agency (SCWA), in association with the City of Sacramento and with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, partnered to build a regional water supply to provide water for East Bay customers during dry years and needed water for the Sacramento region by drawing water from the Sacramento River near the town of Freeport. Known as the Freeport Regional Water Project, the collaboration consists of water pumping and treatment facilities, and transmission pipes. The project has the ability to provide EBMUD with up to 100 mgd as a supplemental water supply only during dry years, augmenting its Mokelumne River water supply and its water conservation programs. Construction was completed in February 2011.¹⁸²

Recycled Water. EBMUD's East Bayshore Recycled Water Project began recycled water deliveries to customers in 2008. The East Bayshore Recycled Water Project currently supplies recycled water for landscape irrigation in areas of Oakland and Emeryville where recycled water

one percent growth each year in customer demand through 2030 followed by a much lower increase thereafter to a 2040 planning level of demand of 230 mgd after applying reductions from conservation and recycled water savings.

¹⁷⁸ EBMUD, 2011c, op. cit.

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¹⁸¹ EBMUD, 2012e. *Water Supply: Project and Long-Term Planning*. Website: www.ebmud.com/our-water/water-supply (accessed February 2).

¹⁸² Ibid.

pipelines have been installed. EBMUD plans to expand the distribution system into Alameda, Albany and Berkeley. A recycled water transmission pipeline along 4.4 miles of the Eastshore Freeway is largely complete, and 2 miles of transmission pipeline have been installed in Oakland. Recycled water treatment facilities have been constructed at EBMUD's wastewater treatment plant, located north of the 2012 Project site. EBMUD stores the recycled water in a 1.5 million gallon storage tank on the site and uses another 2.4 million gallons a day (mgd) at the wastewater treatment plant for various industrial processes and for landscape irrigation.¹⁸³

Water Distribution Facilities in Project Area. As identified in the 2002 EIR, EBMUD treats potable water for the entire project area. Within the project area, the Port and City own, and the Port operates and maintains, the water distribution system from two connections to the EBMUD system. EBMUD operates a 16-inch water line through 14th Street, and 12-inch to 16-inch water lines along Maritime and 7th Streets. EBMUD also operates an 8-inch water line along I-80 at the north end of the project site. A 12-inch water line owned by the City of San Francisco and serving Treasure Island, is located north of the project area in the I-80 right-of-way. This line provides a third connection to the project area, however, this connection is not utilized. Currently, the project area is not served with recycled water; however plans to serve the area with recycled water through the East Bayshore Recycled Water Project were identified in the 2002 EIR. Current water demand for the project site is estimated at approximately 144,341 gallons per day.

3.17.4.2 Wastewater

As identified in the 2002 EIR, generally, the City of Oakland provides citywide sanitary sewer collection services, and EBMUD provides sewage transport, treatment, and discharge services. The City's collection system connects with EBMUD's sewer interceptor system and transports sewage to the EBMUD wastewater treatment facility, which is located adjacent to the redevelopment program area, southwest of the Interstate 580/Interstate 80 (I-580/I-80) interchange and south of the San Francisco/Oakland Bay Bridge.

Wastewater Collection System. The City of Oakland owns, operates, and maintains a local sanitary sewer system that covers approximately 48 square miles and includes approximately 1,000 miles of pipes and seven pump stations. The wastewater collection system is divided into basins and sub-basins. Each numbered sub-basin encompasses a specific physical area, and its sewer flows are assigned to a single discharge point from the City's collection system into EBMUD's interceptor lines. City sewer pipes range from 6 to 72 inches in diameter, with most pipelines pre-dating 1938 and with some parts of the system over 100 years old. Over 90 percent of the sewer customers are residential users.

The former OARB is served by a Port and City-owned sewer network where the Port operates and maintains the sewer network on behalf of the Port and City. The existing sewer system drains to an EBMUD pump station at 7th Street near Maritime Street, and north directly to the EBMUD wastewater treatment plant.

¹⁸³ EBMUD, 2011b. East Bayshore Recycled Water Project. December. Website: www.ebmud.com/resource-center/publications/fact-sheets (accessed February 1, 2012).

Wastewater Treatment. EBMUD owns and operates a network of 15 wastewater pumping stations (with 1.5 to 60 mgd capacity), 29 miles of concrete interceptor sewers (one to nine feet in diameter), and 8 miles of force mains that convey wastewater to the EBMUD wastewater treatment plant. In 2010, EBMUD treated domestic, commercial and industrial wastewater for 650,000 customers in the East Bay, and the average flow into the plant was 70 mgd.¹⁸⁴ EBMUD provides secondary treatment for a maximum flow of 168 mgd, and primary treatment can be provided for up to 320 mgd. Storage basins provide plant capacity for a short-term hydraulic peak of 415 mgd. Treated wastewater is disinfected, dechlorinated, and then discharged 1.2 miles off the East Bay shore through a deep water outfall (102-inch pipeline) into the San Francisco Bay. The EBMUD outfall pipeline begins at EBMUD's main wastewater treatment facility northeast of the 2012 Project site, traverses westerly immediately north of the Baldwin Yard, then immediate north of and parallel to Burma Road, and continues to its outfall point approximately one mile west of the eastern Bay shoreline. Currently, there are no planned improvements to the wastewater treatment plant that would affect treatment capacity.

Inflow/Infiltration. EBMUD's system is currently unable to handle storm drainage from the communities where sewer pipes leak heavily during rainstorms. The issue of inadequate wet weather capacity has been particularly critical since 2009, when the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) issued an order prohibiting further discharges from EBMUD's wet weather facilities. EBMUD is currently conducting extensive flow modeling and hydraulic monitoring to determine the level of flow reduction that will be needed to comply with the RWQCB order. In the meantime, EBMUD is instructing lead agencies in the process of reviewing development projects to require such projects to implement the following improvements: 1) replace or rehabilitate existing sanitary sewer collection systems, including lateral sewer lines, to reduce infiltration and inflow, and 2) ensure that any new wastewater collection systems, including lateral sewer lines, are constructed to prevent infiltration and inflow to the maximum extent feasible. In 2011, EBMUD began working with State, federal and local agencies to focus on wet weather flows at the source, where City and EBMUD pipes would be inspected, cleaned and monitored.¹⁸⁵

Wastewater Collection and Treatment in Project Area. As identified in the 2002 EIR, EBMUD provides sanitary sewage transport, treatment and disposal services for the entire redevelopment program area. Within the OARB sub-district, the Army owns, and the Port operates and maintains the sewage collection system. There is also a single septic tank at Building No. 991.

According to the 2002 EIR, the redevelopment program area is located entirely within sewer collection basin 64 (Oakland North), and sewer flows are discharged to EBMUD's South Interceptor. An existing 15-inch sewer line connects directly to EBMUD. There are several existing sanitary sewer pump stations on and off the 2012 Project site along the existing path of the existing sanitary sewer line. During wet weather events, and in times when groundwater is at its highest level, groundwater inflow and infiltration to the sanitary sewer system can account for the majority of sewer flows. Groundwater in the Maritime and OARB sub-districts is normally relatively shallow.

¹⁸⁴ EBMUD, 2011a. All About EBMUD. Website: www.ebmud.com/resource-center/publications/fact-sheets (accessed February 1, 2012).

¹⁸⁵ Ibid.

3.17.4.3 Solid Waste

Waste Management and Disposal. Waste Management of Alameda County (WMAC) collects non-hazardous waste within the City of Oakland and provides curbside pick-up for residential, commercial, and industrial non-hazardous waste. Non-hazardous solid waste is taken to the Davis Street Resource and Recovery Complex in San Leandro for processing, and then hauled to the Altamont Landfill and Resource Facility near the City of Livermore. The Davis Street facility has a permitted maximum daily throughput of 5,600 tons.¹⁸⁶ Demolition and construction debris is generally hauled by construction contractors to recycling facilities or the Vasco Road Landfill. In 2009, the City of Oakland disposed of approximately 306,840 tons of solid waste at various disposal facilities. In 2006, the City's solid waste diversion rate was 56 percent.¹⁸⁷

The Altamont Landfill facility has a total estimated capacity of 62 million cubic yards. As of 2000, the landfill's total estimated used capacity was approximately 16.3 million cubic yards, or 26 percent of the landfill's total capacity. The landfill has a permitted throughput of 11,500 tons per day¹⁸⁸ and is anticipated to have sufficient capacity until 2025, its expected closure date.¹⁸⁹

The Vasco Road Landfill facility has a total estimated capacity of 33 million cubic yards. As of 2000, the landfill's total estimated used capacity was approximately 23 million cubic yards, or 70 percent of the landfill's total capacity. The landfill has a permitted throughput of 2,250 tons per day and is anticipated to have sufficient capacity until 2019, its expected closure date.¹⁹⁰

As identified in the 2002 EIR, solid waste generated within the OARB redevelopment area is ultimately disposed at the Altamont Landfill facility.

3.17.4.4 Energy and Telecommunications

Electricity and Gas. The Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) provides electricity and natural gas service to the City of Oakland. PG&E charges connection and user fees for all new development, in addition to sliding rates for electrical and natural gas service based on use.

At the former OARB, the Army procured its own electrical service instead of directly receiving electrical service from PG&E. The Port has continued to operate the electrical system at the former OARB, acting as a separate electric utility service provider. Electrical power is supplied via a 115 kV distribution line to the Davis Substation and 7th and Maritime Streets, and from these locations, electricity is distributed throughout the former OARB.

¹⁸⁶ CalRecycle, 2012a. *California Waste Stream Profiles: Transfer Station Profile for Davis Street Transfer Station/Resource Recovery Complex*. Website: www.calrecycle.ca.gov/profiles (accessed January 31).

¹⁸⁷ CalRecycle, 2012b. *California Waste Stream Profiles: Jurisdiction Profile for the City of Oakland*. Website: www.calrecycle.ca.gov/profiles (accessed January 31).

¹⁸⁸ Permitted throughput is the maximum permitted amount of waste a landfill can handle and dispose of in one day. This figure is established in the current solid waste facilities permit issued by CalRecycle.

¹⁸⁹ CalRecycle, 2012c. *California Waste Stream Profiles: Active Landfills Profile for Altamont Landfill & Resource Recovery Landfill*. Website: www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Profiles/ (accessed January 31).

¹⁹⁰ CalRecycle, 2012d. *California Waste Stream Profiles: Active Landfills Profile for Vasco Road Landfill*. Website: www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Profiles/ (accessed January 31).

Because many agencies in California have adopted policies seeking increased use of renewable resources (and have established minimum standards for the provision of energy generated by renewable resources), it is expected that the Port and PG&E will continue to meet future demand for energy via an increasing reliance on renewable resources, including small-scale sources such as photovoltaic panels and wind turbines, in addition to larger-scale facilities, such as wind farms.

As previously described, regulatory requirements for efficient use of electricity and gas are contained in Title 24, Part 6, of the California Code of Regulations, entitled “Energy Efficiency Standards for Residential and Nonresidential Buildings.” These regulations specify the State’s minimum energy efficiency standards and apply to new construction of both residential and nonresidential buildings. The standards regulate energy consumed for heating, cooling, ventilation, water heating, and lighting. Compliance with these standards is verified and enforced through the local building permit process.

As identified in the 2002 EIR, PG&E distributes natural gas throughout the redevelopment program area. However within the OARB sub-district, PG&E distributes gas under “interruptible” terms, where delivery is subject to supply or capacity restrictions. PG&E supplies and distributes electricity to a portion of the 2012 Project site, notably street lighting along Maritime Street.

Telecommunications. AT&T (formerly Pacific Bell) provides telephone services within the redevelopment program area. The California Public Utilities Commission requires that AT&T anticipate and serve new growth. To meet this requirement, AT&T continually upgrades its facilities and infrastructure, adding new facilities and technology to remain in conformance with California Public Utilities Commission tariffs and regulations and to serve customer demand in the City. AT&T also works with the City to ensure that construction of new facilities does not interfere with any new or newly paved streets.

As identified in the 2002 EIR, AT&T operates and maintains the telecommunications system in the redevelopment program area, and owns most of the system outside the OARB sub-district. The Army owns the remainder of the telephone infrastructure equipment at the OARB. Within the OARB, AT&T has a primary point of interface in Building No. 780 and an intermediate distribution frame in Building No.1.

3.17.5 SIGNIFICANCE CRITERIA AND IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The 2012 Project would have a significant impact on the environment if it would:

- a) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board;
- b) Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects;
- c) Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects;
- d) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed;

- e) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments;
- f) Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs;
- g) Comply with federal, State, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste;
- h) Violate applicable federal, state and local statutes and regulations relating to energy standards; or
- i) Result in a determination by the energy provider which serves or may serve the project that it does not have adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the providers' existing commitments and require or result in construction of new energy facilities or expansion of existing facilities, construction of which could cause significant environmental effects.

These criteria are discussed below.

a) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?

The 2012 Project would not exceed the wastewater treatment requirements of the San Francisco Bay RWQCB, as EBMUD sanitary sewage transport and its wastewater treatment plant would have adequate capacity to serve the 2012 Project, after implementation of Standard Conditions of Approval that require upgrades to the sanitary sewer system.

Because much of the existing infrastructure on the 2012 Project site is old, in disrepair and inadequate to serve the level and type of development proposed, the construction of a new wastewater collection system that meets current standards would be implemented as part of the 2012 Project. In addition, to the maximum feasible extent, old lateral lines in the former Oakland Army Base would be identified, then disconnected or abandoned in place to reduce inflow and infiltration. No new connections would be made to the existing 15-inch sanitary sewer line along 7th Street, however connections would be made to the existing EBMUD pump station located at 7th Street. As shown in Figure 3.17-1, the 2012 Project would be served by new 8-inch and 10-inch sanitary sewer lines from existing pump stations near the intersection of 7th Street and Maritime Street, 14th Street and Maritime Street, and the westernmost area on West Burma Road. The 2012 Project also would be served by a new 4-inch force main along West Burma Road. Depending on the final routing of the new sanitary sewer main laterals, new pumps may be needed within the existing stations and/or additional stations may be required. Phased construction of the 2012 Project would drive the final determination of new pump locations. Sewage flows generated by the 2012 Project would be connected to and treated at the EBMUD wastewater treatment plant. The EBMUD wastewater treatment plant would have adequate dry weather capacity to treat wastewater flows from the 2012 Project.

As shown in Table 3.17-1, the 2012 Project would generate an average day flow of approximately 101,390 gallons of wastewater per day (gpd), and would have a maximum day flow of approximately 380,212 gpd. Peak wet weather flows would be approximately 904,619 gpd. The average day flow from the 2012 Project represents 0.1 percent of EBMUD's main wastewater treatment plant's average flow of 70 mgd.

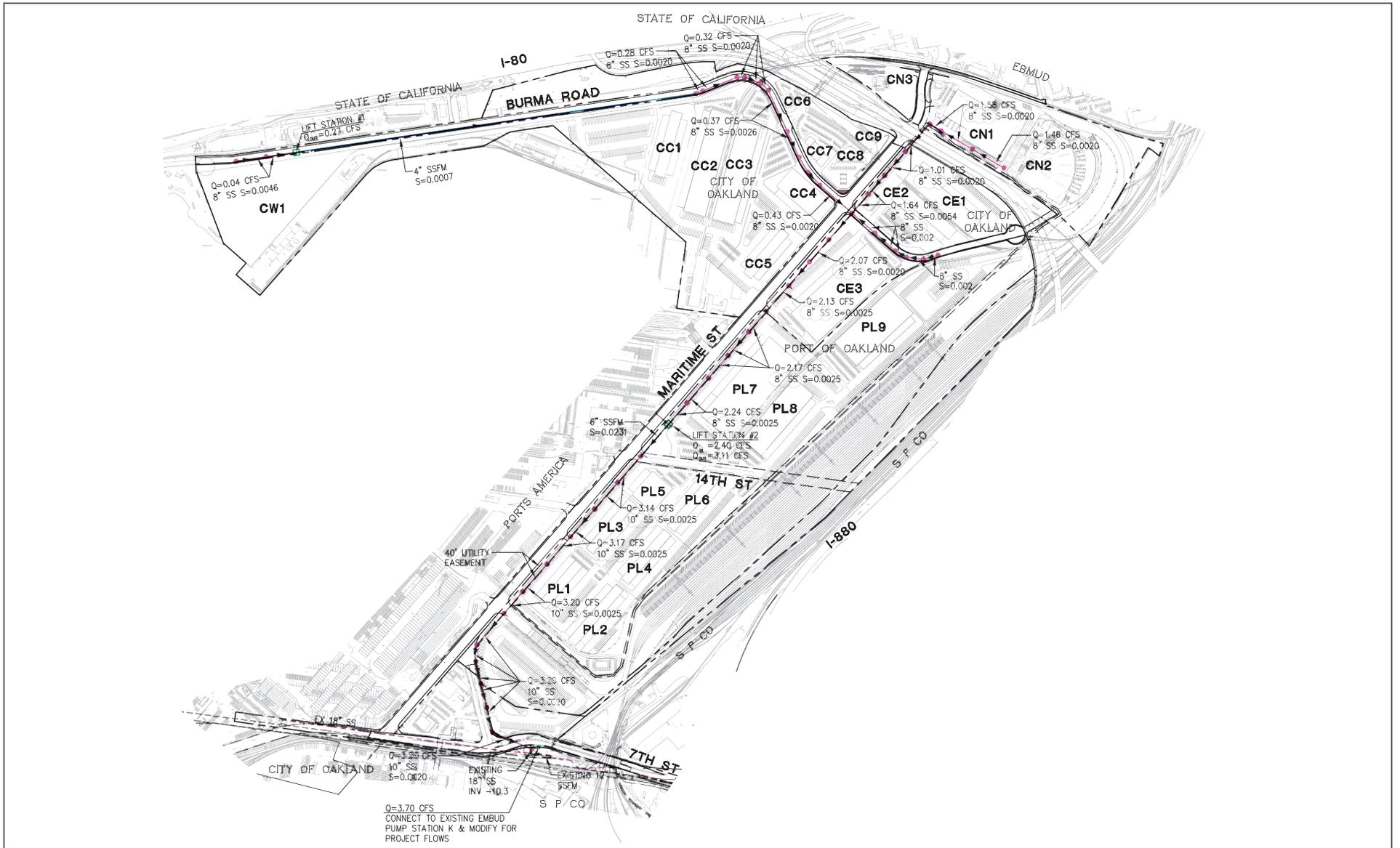
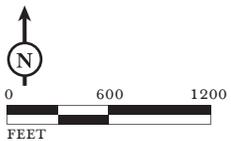


FIGURE 3.17-1

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- SANITARY SEWER LINE
- SANITARY SEWER FORCE MAIN
- - - EXISTING SANITARY SEWER LINE
- SANITARY SEWER MANHOLE
- SANITARY SEWER PUMP STATION
- 18" SS PIPE SIZE

SOURCE: RUGGERI-JENSEN-AZAR, 2012.

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Preliminary Sanitary Sewer Plan

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In the 2002 EIR, wastewater flows estimated for the same geographic area as the proposed project, the OARB sub-district, was approximately 488,450 gpd for average day flow, and approximately 1.46 mgd for peak wet weather flow conditions.¹⁹¹ Average day flow for wastewater generated under the proposed project would be approximately 387,060 gpd less than the estimated average day flow generated for the OARB sub-district under the 2002 EIR. The estimated peak wet weather flows under the proposed project would be approximately 555,381 gpd less than the estimated peak wet weather flow generated for the OARB sub-district under the 2002 EIR. Therefore, the estimated wastewater generated under the proposed project would be less than the estimated wastewater generation flows identified in the 2002 EIR.

Table 3.17-1: 2012 Oakland Army Base Estimated Wastewater Generation

Land Use	Total Square Feet or Number of Facilities	Average Day Wastewater Generation Rate	Average Day Flow Wastewater Generation (gpd)	Maximum Day Flow Wastewater Generation ^a
Research and Development ^b	90,000	200 gpd/1,000 sq. ft	18,000	67,500
Warehousing ^c	1,972,104	25 gpd/1,000 sq. ft	49,303	184,886
Recycling and Reprocessing Facilities ^d	2 facilities	28,000 gpd/facility (Recycling) 2,320 gpd/facility (Reprocessing)	30,320	113,700
Truck Services ^e	37,673	100 gpd/1,000 sq. ft	3,767	14,126
Total	2,445,477		101,390	308,212

Note: gpd = gallons per day, sq. ft. = square feet

^a Maximum day flow water demand = 3.75

^b Sewage generation rate for research and development is taken from City of Oakland standards and assumed to be equal to “office”.

^c Sewage generation rate for warehousing is taken from City of Los Angeles standards, which were used by the City of Oakland as the basis for their standards.

^d Sewage generation rate for reprocessing is assumed to be 80 percent of the water used. The water used is based on information provided by Custom Alloy Scrap Sales (CASS). CASS indicated that evaporation consumes a significant portion of the water and as a result, sewage generation is reduced. Sewage generation rate for recycling is data supplied by California Waste Solutions.

^e Sewage generation rate for truck services is taken from City of Oakland standards and assumed to be equal to “automobile repair garage”.

Source: Oakland Global and Ruggeri-Jensen-Azar, 2012.

Although EBMUD’s main wastewater treatment plant has adequate dry weather capacity to treat wastewater generated by development projects within EBMUD’s service area, inadequate capacity exists during wet weather events. As previously described, EBMUD is instructing lead agencies in the process of reviewing development projects to require such projects replace or rehabilitate existing sanitary sewer collection systems, and ensure that any new wastewater collection systems are constructed to prevent infiltration and inflow to the maximum extent feasible. These requirements are expected to reduce the impact of development projects on wastewater discharges and wastewater facilities to a less-than-significant level.

The 2012 Project also would be subject to SCA HYD-4, which would require the project applicant to confirm the capacity of the City’s surrounding sanitary sewer system and state of repair, and to fund any necessary sewer infrastructure improvements, including mechanisms to control increases in

¹⁹¹ The 2012 project boundary deviates from the OARB sub-district boundary primarily to accommodate infrastructure improvements including 7th and Maritime Streets and a proposed tug road over Maritime Street.

infiltration/inflow. Therefore, improvements necessary to ensure adequate capacity to accommodate wastewater generated by the 2012 Project would be required and funded as part of SCA HYD-4.

The 2012 Project includes redevelopment of the project site at a similar scale as the 2002 Project. Therefore, the 2012 Project would not result in any new or more impacts related to exceeding wastewater treatment requirements of the San Francisco Bay RWQCB than were described in the 2002 EIR.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted; Implementation of SCA HYD-4 would further reduce impacts related to wastewater to less-than-significant levels.

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

b) Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?

The construction of a new wastewater collection system and a new water distribution system that meet current standards would be implemented as part of the 2012 Project since much of the existing infrastructure on the project site is old, in disrepair and inadequate to serve the level and type of development proposed. New water and wastewater lines would be connected to the appropriate EBMUD system on the 2012 Project site.

As previously described, the 2012 Project would be served by new 8-inch and 10-inch sanitary sewer lines from existing pump stations near the intersection of 7th Street and Maritime Street, 14th Street and Maritime Street, and the westernmost area on West Burma Road. The 2012 Project also would be served by a new 4-inch force main along West Burma Road. Sewage flows generated by the 2012 Project would be connected to and treated at the EBMUD wastewater treatment plant. Depending on the final routing of the new sanitary sewer main laterals, new pumps may be needed within the existing stations and/or additional stations may be required. Phased construction of the project would drive the final determination of new pump locations.

As shown in Figure 3.17-2, the 2012 Project would be served by new 12-inch water lines along the eastern portion of Maritime Street, the eastern portion of the project site along Tulagi Street, the northeastern portion of the project site along West Grand Avenue, and a 16-inch water main along West Burma Road. The 2012 Project also would be served by new 8-inch recycled water lines along Maritime Street and West Burma Road. Points of connections to the EBMUD system would be located at the intersection of Maritime and 8th Streets, Tulagi and 14th Streets, on Maritime Street north of 14th Street, and around the central portion of West Burma Road.

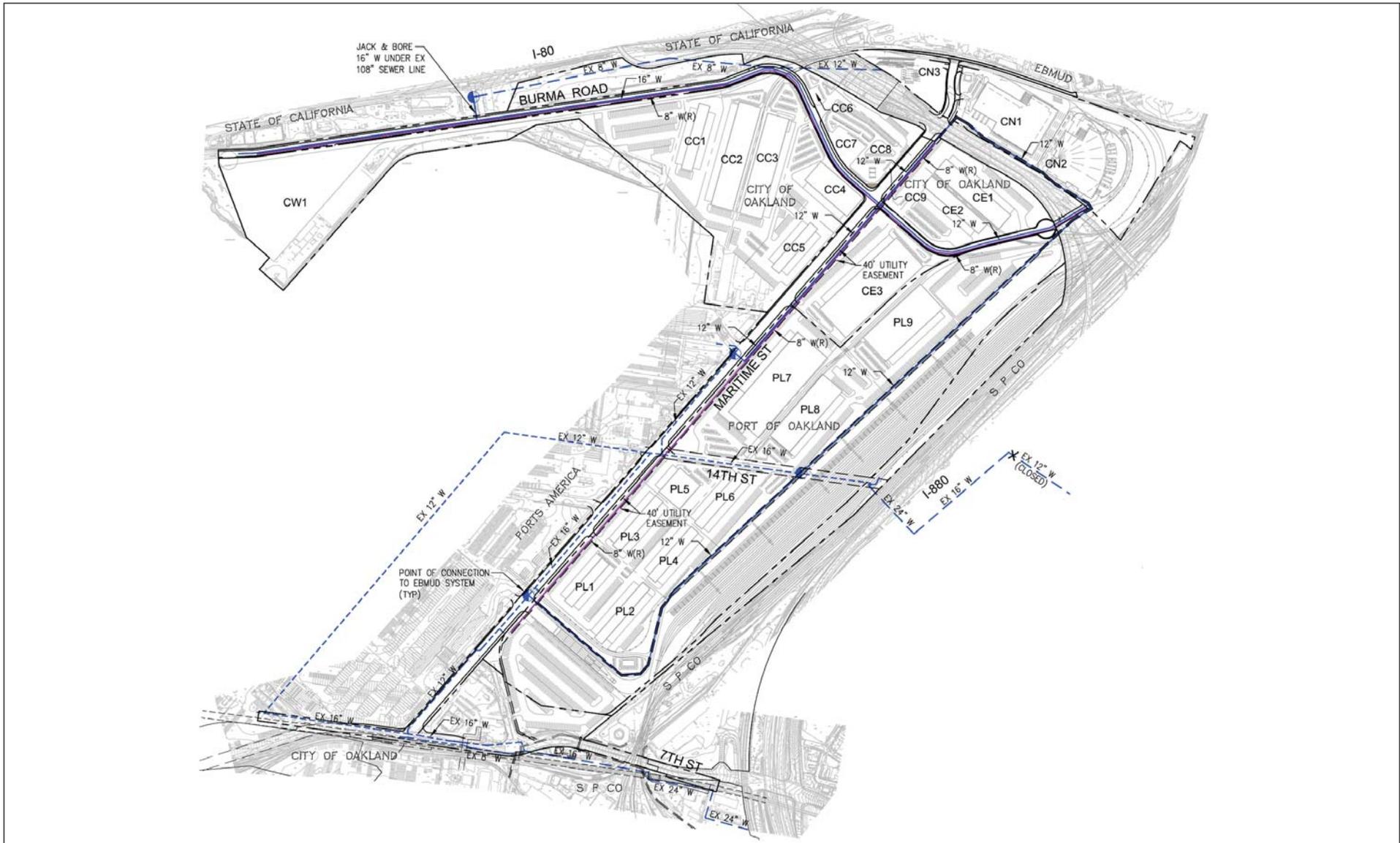
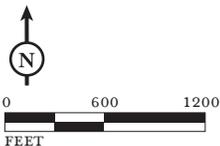


FIGURE 3.17-2

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- DOMESTIC WATER LINE W
- RECLAIMED WATER LINE W(R)
- - - EXISTING WATER (EBMUD)
- 12" W PIPE SIZE
- POINT OF CONNECTION TO EBMUD SYSTEM

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Preliminary Water Plan

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Because construction activities associated with new or expanded water and wastewater facilities are located within construction areas already subject to widespread ground disturbance on the project site, the removal, installation, and replacement of existing water and wastewater facilities would not cause significant environmental effects that have not already been identified in the 2002 EIR and this Initial Study. In addition to SCA HYD-4 (Stormwater and Sewer), SCA UTL-3, UTL-5, and UTL-6 require: 1) water service facilities to be installed in accordance with standard specifications; 2) sanitary sewer and water lines to comply with current City of Oakland and Alameda Health Department standards; and 3) the project applicant to pay for and install public improvements made necessary by the 2012 Project, including damage caused by construction activity.

The 2012 Project includes redevelopment of the project site at a similar scale as the 2002 Project. The 2012 Project would not result in any new or more impacts related to the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities, such that the construction could cause significant environmental effect, than were described in the 2002 EIR.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted; Implementation of SCA UTL-3, SCA UTL-5, SCA UTL-6, and SCA HYD-4 would further reduce impacts related to the construction of new water and wastewater treatment facilities to less-than-significant levels.

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

c) Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?

The 2012 Project includes the removal and replacement of existing storm drainage facilities. The new facilities would include 24-inch to 60-inch storm drain lines along Maritime Street, 14th Street, West Burma Road, the eastern portion of 7th Street, and along the easternmost portion of the project site. Portions of existing storm drainage facilities in the southwestern portion of the project site would remain as part of the 2012 Project. The stormwater from the Port lands (east of Maritime Street) would be channeled into new stormwater lines that would lead to one proposed new outfall.

The environmental impacts of the proposed storm drain facilities are further described and analyzed in Section 3.9 Hydrology and Water Quality.

d) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?

The 2012 Project would not exceed water supplies available from existing entitlements and resources. Existing EBMUD water entitlements and resources would be adequate to serve the 2012 Project.

Under the 2012 Project, new development would be served via connections to the EBMUD water distribution system. As shown in Table 3.17-2, the 2012 Project would generate an average day flow of approximately 136,993 gallons per day (gpd), and would have a maximum flow of approximately

410,980 gpd. The average day flow from the 2012 Project would represent approximately 0.04 percent of EBMUD’s 2040 water demand, and 0.06 percent of the 2040 water demand with the successful completion of water recycling and conservation programs.

Table 3.17-2: 2012 Oakland Army Base Estimated Water Demand

Land Use	Total Square Feet or Number of Facilities	Average Day Water Demand Rate	Average Day Flow Water Demand (gpd)	Maximum Day Flow Water Demand ^a
Research and Development (Office Building) ^b	90,000	273 gpd/1,000 sq. ft	24,570	73,710
Warehousing ^c	1,972,104	29 gpd/1,000 sq. ft	57,191	171,573
Recycling and Reprocessing Facilities ^d	2 facilities	48,000 gpd/facility (Recycling) 2,900 gpd/facility (Reprocessing)	50,900	152,700
Truck Services ^e	37,673	115 gpd/1,000 sq. ft	4,332	12,996
Total	2,445,477		136,993	410,980

Note: gpd = gallons per day, sq. ft. = square feet

^a Maximum day flow water demand = 3.0

^b Average day water demands for office building is taken from the water demand tables provided by EBMUD for this analysis.

^c Average day water demands for warehousing assumed to be 115 percent of the sewage generation rates used.

^d Average day water demands for reprocessing is from data supplied by Custom Alloy Scrap Sales (CASS). Average day water demands for recycling is from data supplied by California Waste Solutions.

^e Average day water demands for truck services assumed to be 115 percent of the sewage generation rates used.

Source: Oakland Global and Ruggeri-Jensen-Azar, 2012.

Under the 2002 Redevelopment Plan, water demand in the OARB sub-district was estimated to be approximately 614,000 gpd. The City sought re-confirmation of the 2002 Water Supply Assessment (WSA) for the OARB portion of the 2002 Redevelopment Plan from EBMUD (See Appendix C for the Satisfaction of Water Supply Consultation for the 2012 Project letters). In the letter to EBMUD, the City revised the water demand for the OARB sub-district, using water demand categories included in the 2002 WSA. Under this scenario, the estimated revised water demand was approximately 145,000 gpd. EBMUD reviewed the water demand projection for the OARB sub-district and estimated the water demand to be approximately 440,000 gpd, which is less than the original water demand of the OARB sub-district under the 2002 Redevelopment Plan. Table 3.17-2 reflects the most up-to-date estimated water demand for the proposed project. The maximum day flow water demand of approximately 410,980 gpd for the proposed project is still less than EBMUD’s estimated water demand (440,000 gpd) for the OARB sub-district. Therefore, the estimated water demand rate is below the water demand assessed by EBMUD in 2002 and 2012.

The system-wide demand for water in EBMUD’s service area is evaluated and planned for in the District’s 2010 Urban Water Management Plan. According to the 2010 Urban Water Management Plan, EBMUD has sufficient water rights to meet the demand through 2040 during normal years. However, under drought conditions, EBMUD would not have sufficient water supply to serve all demands within its service boundary. Implementation of EBMUD’s Drought Management Program and Mitigation Measures 4.9-4, 4.9-5, and 4.9-6, would ensure the use of recycled water on the 2012 Project site and substantially reduce demand for potable water during critical water supply events,

consistent with EBMUD policies. In addition, implementation of SCA UTL-1, compliance with the City's Green Building Ordinance would further reduce this impact. Compliance may include the incorporation of water-efficient landscaping; the installation of water-efficient equipment such as water-conserving toilets, showerheads, and faucet aerators; or other design or technologies that would reduce water demand.

The 2012 Project includes redevelopment of the project site at a similar scale as the 2002 Project. The 2012 Project would not result in any new or more significant impacts related to water supply than were described in the 2002 EIR.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measures 4.9-4, 4.9-5, and 4.9-6

2012 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measures 4.9-4, 4.9-5, and 4.9-6, supplemented with SCA UTL-1

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

e) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider, which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?

As previously described, with the construction of new wastewater facilities, the EBMUD wastewater treatment plant would have adequate capacity to handle additional flow generated by the 2012 Project. The 2012 Project would generate an average day flow of approximately 101,390 gallons of wastewater per day (gpd), and would have a maximum day flow of approximately 380,212 gpd. Peak wet weather flows would be approximately 904,619 gpd. The average day flow from the 2012 Project represents 0.1 percent of EBMUD's main wastewater treatment plant's average flow of 70 mgd. Both the maximum day flow and the peak wet weather flow from the 2012 Project would represent approximately 0.5 percent and 1.3 percent of EBMUD's main wastewater treatment plant's average flow, respectively.

Although the EBMUD's wastewater treatment plant has adequate dry weather capacity to treat wastewater generated by development projects within EBMUD's service area, inadequate capacity exists during wet weather events. As previously described, the 2012 Project would be subject to Standard Condition of Approval SCA HYD-4 (Stormwater and Sewer), which would require the project applicant to confirm adequate capacity and to fund any necessary sewer infrastructure improvements, including mechanisms to control increases in infiltration/inflow.

The 2012 Project would not be expected to exceed the capacity of wastewater collection and treatment facilities. The 2012 Project includes redevelopment of the project site at a similar scale as the 2002 Project. The 2012 Project would not result in any new or more significant impacts related to the capacity of wastewater collection and treatment systems than were described in the 2002 EIR.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted; Implementation of SCA HYD-4 would further reduce impacts related to the capacity of wastewater collection and treatment systems to less-than-significant levels.

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

f) Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?

The 2012 Project would be served by landfills with sufficient permitted capacities to accommodate the solid waste disposal needs of the 2012 Project and would not require or result in construction of new or expanded landfill facilities.

Construction of the 2012 Project would generate construction waste and debris. Construction-generated waste would be removed from the site and disposed of primarily at the Vasco Road Landfill, which is estimated to have sufficient capacity through approximately 2019.

The 2012 Project would be subject to Mitigation Measures 4.9-7, 4.9-8, and 4.9-9, and SCA UTL-2 (Waste Reduction and Recycling). The mitigation measures identified in the 2002 EIR require 1) the project applicant to participate in a deconstruction program to capture materials and recycle them into the construction market; 2) concrete and asphalt during construction activities to be crushed on-site or at a near-site location, and reused in redevelopment or recycled to the construction market; and 3) the submission of a plan that demonstrates a good faith effort to divert at least 50 percent of operations phase solid waste from landfill disposal.

SCA UTL-2 requires the project applicant to submit a Construction and Demolition Waste Reduction and Recycling Plan (WRRP) for review and approval by the City's Public Works Agency. Compliance with the WRRP would require at least 50 percent of all construction and demolition debris generated by the 2012 Project to be diverted from landfills. Therefore, construction of the 2012 Project would not contribute a substantial amount of waste to the Vasco Road Landfill such that the capacity of the landfill would be compromised.

During the operational phase of the 2012 Project, types and quantities of solid waste associated with transportation, industrial, and research and development uses would be generated. Using the same analysis of the quantity of solid waste generation, diversion, and disposal identified in the 2002 EIR, the 2012 Project is expected to generate approximately 2,847 tons of waste per year that would require disposal at landfills.

The Altamont Landfill has a permitted maximum daily disposal of 11,500 tons per day. The waste generated by the 2012 Project (approximately 2,847 tons per year, or approximately 7.8 tons per day) would represent far less than one percent of the maximum disposal permitted at this facility. Additionally, SCA UTL-2 requires the project applicant to prepare an Operational Diversion Plan and identify how the project would comply with the City's Recycling Space Allocation Ordinance and

specify the methods by which the project would meet the required diversion of solid waste generated by project operation. Therefore, the landfill would have adequate permitted capacity to accommodate the increase in solid waste disposal.

The 2012 Project includes redevelopment of the project site at a similar scale as the 2002 Project. The 2012 Project would not result in any new or more significant impacts related to the solid waste demand than were described in the 2002 EIR. The 2012 Project would not require or result in construction of landfill facilities or expansion of existing facilities. Therefore, this impact would be less than significant.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measures 4.9-7, 4.9-8, and 4.9-9

2012 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measures 4.9-7, 4.9-8, and 4.9-9, superseded by SCA UTL-2

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

g) Comply with federal, State, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?

Because the 2012 Project would be subject to City construction- and operation-period waste-diversion requirements, the 2012 Project would not impede the City of Oakland's ability to meet the waste diversion requirements of AB 939 or the Alameda County Waste Reduction and Recycling Initiative, or cause the City to violate other applicable federal, State, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste.

As previously identified, the 2012 Project would be subject to Standard Condition of Approval SCA UTL-2 (Waste Reduction and Recycling), which requires the project applicant to submit a WRRP and ODP for review and approval by the City's Public Works Agency. The WRRP must specify the methods by which construction and demolition waste generated by the 2012 Project would be diverted from landfill disposal in accordance with City requirements and would be expected to divert at least 50 percent of construction-period waste from landfills. The ODP must identify how the 2012 Project would comply with the City's Recycling Space Allocation Ordinance methods by which the project would meet the required diversion of solid waste generated by project operation. Therefore, the 2012 Project would be in compliance with statutes and regulations related to solid waste.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measures 4.9-7, 4.9-8, and 4.9-9

2012 Mitigation: 2002 EIR Mitigation Measures 4.9-7, 4.9-8, and 4.9-9, superseded by SCA UTL-2

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

h) Would the project violate applicable federal, state and local statutes and regulations relating to energy standards?

The 2012 Project would not violate statutes or regulations relating to energy standards. Development allowed by the 2012 Project would be required to comply with the standards of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations, Condition of Approval SCA UTL-1 (Compliance with the Green Building Ordinance), and would be subject to City-wide energy efficiency requirements that were or would be adopted as part of the City of Oakland sustainability programs and the Draft City of Oakland Energy and Climate Action Plan. Additionally, the 2012 Project includes sustainable design concepts such as energy efficient building design, central plants for heating and cooling with interconnected hot and chilled water distribution systems, an energy monitoring system to verify and promote the success of energy efficiency designs, and recycled water for landscape irrigation and/or toilet flushing. Therefore, the impact of the 2012 Project on applicable energy standards would therefore be less than significant.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted; Implementation of SCA UTL-1 would further reduce impacts related to applicable energy standards to less-than-significant levels.

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

i) Would the project result in a determination by the energy provider which serves or may serve the project that it does not have adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the providers' existing commitments and require or result in construction of new energy facilities or expansion of existing facilities, construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?

New underground electrical systems and gas distribution pipes would be constructed as part of the 2012 Project since much of the existing infrastructure on the project site is old, in disrepair and inadequate to serve the level and type of development proposed. Power would be provided by either the Port or PG&E, depending on capacities and commitments of both providers and preliminary project planning has been undertaken to accommodate either source. The 2012 Project also would include sustainable design concepts such as energy efficient building design, central plants for heating and cooling with interconnected hot and chilled water distribution systems, an energy monitoring system to verify and promote the success of energy efficiency designs.

Currently, the Port has adequate power for the 2012 Project, but other adjoining users, not part of the 2012 Project, could demand more electricity than the Port's total output in which case an additional substation may be required on the project site. A new power source for such a substation would be required and the routing for this source, outside the project site, has not been determined.

Because construction activities associated with new or expanded energy facilities are to be located within construction areas already subject to widespread ground disturbance on the project site, the removal, installation, and replacement of existing energy facilities would not cause significant envi-

ronmental effects that have not already been identified in the 2002 EIR and this Initial Study. Therefore, this impact would be considered less than significant.

As shown in Figure 3.17-3, as part of the 2012 Project, electrical services would be provided as part of the utility corridor along Maritime Street, 14th Street and Burma Road. The existing Davis, 14th Street, and Cuthbertson substations would be retained. Gas service would be delivered by new underground gas piping extending back to existing and new gas mains throughout the project site. It is anticipated that new gas distribution lines would be installed in utility corridors and the capacities of existing gas mains would not increase due to the relatively low demands generated from the proposed uses.

The 2002 EIR included the estimated electricity consumption for the entire Redevelopment Plan area as 4.4 megawatts; however estimated electricity consumption for each sub-district was not specified. Additionally, the 2002 EIR did not include estimated natural gas consumption rates.

The 2012 Project would create a demand for approximately 98,052 megawatt hours of electricity per year^{192,193} and approximately 82,639,400 kilo British Thermal Units (kBtu) of natural gas per year. As previously described, the 2012 Project would be subject to Condition of Approval SCA UTL-1 (Compliance with the Green Building Ordinance), City-wide energy reduction and sustainability strategies, including those outlined in the City of Oakland Energy and Climate Action Plan, that would further reduce the energy demand of the project and the need to build new energy facilities or expand existing facilities.

The 2012 Project includes redevelopment of the project site at a similar scale as the 2002 Project. The 2012 Project would not result in any new or more significant impacts related to the construction of new energy facilities, such that the construction would cause significant environmental impacts, than were described in the 2002 EIR.

2002 Impact: Less Than Significant

2012 Impact: Less Than Significant

2002 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted

2012 Mitigation: No Mitigation Warranted; Implementation of SCA UTL-1 would further reduce impacts related to energy facilities to less-than-significant levels.

Significance After Implementation: Less Than Significant (No New Impact)

3.17.6 CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

The geographic scope for assessing the potential for cumulative utilities impacts consists of the service areas of the agencies providing services to the 2012 Project area. The Existing Conditions

¹⁹² AECOM. 2011. Memorandum to James Heilbronner, Architectural Dimensions, December 14.

¹⁹³ The proposed project may also include solar panels on 50 percent of the roofs. The AECOM Memorandum to James Heilbronner notes that it would be possible for these solar panels to produce about one-fifth of the power consumed by the new project development.

subsection above describes past, present, and foreseeable future conditions in these area. The following discussion evaluates the potential for cumulative impacts.

3.17.6.1 Water Supply

For water service, the geographic scope for assessing cumulative impacts is the EBMUD service area. The 2012 Project, in conjunction with other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future projects, could result in a cumulative increase in demand for water services. However, as previously identified, demand from the 2012 Project would not exceed available water supplies or require construction of new or expanded water facilities of which could cause significant environmental impacts.

The cumulative demand for water in EBMUD's service area is evaluated and planned for in the EBMUD 2010 Urban Water Management Plan. According to the 2010 Urban Water Management Plan, EBMUD estimates that water demand will increase to approximately 230 mgd by the year 2040 (from the 2010 demand of 174 mgd), taking into account the implementation of planned water recycling and conservation programs. While the demand for water in 2040 could be accommodated by EBMUD's water rights during normal and above-normal water years, these water rights would not be adequate to satisfy water demand during dry years. To address this shortfall, EBMUD would implement a Drought Management Program during a single-dry year. Additionally, EBMUD is currently updating its Water Conservation Master Plan (WCMP) to include existing and planned efforts in support of meeting long-term water conservation planning goals through the year 2040.

Additionally, all cumulative projects would be required to comply with City ordinances and policies regarding water supply, as well as water conservation measures, and wherever feasible, participate in water recycling programs established by EBMUD to address effects of severe drought. Therefore, the cumulative impact of past, present, and reasonably foreseeable projects on water supply would not be significant, and the 2012 Project would not make a significant contribution to this impact.

The 2012 Project includes redevelopment of the Army Base at a similar scale as the 2002 Project and would not result in any new or more significant cumulative impacts related to water supply and service than were described in the 2002 EIR. Therefore, the 2012 Project would not result in or contribute to any significant cumulative water supply and service impacts.

3.17.6.2 Wastewater

For wastewater services, the geographic scope for assessing cumulative impacts is the City of Oakland (for wastewater collection) and the EBMUD service area (for wastewater treatment). The 2012 Project, in conjunction with past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future projects, could result in a cumulative increase in wastewater generation, resulting in increased demand on wastewater collection and treatment facilities. However, it is not anticipated that the wastewater demands of the 2012 Project combined with past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future projects in Oakland would exceed City or EBMUD capacity. Other cumulative projects would be required to comply with the City's programs and ordinances regarding adequate function and capacity of the sanitary sewer system.

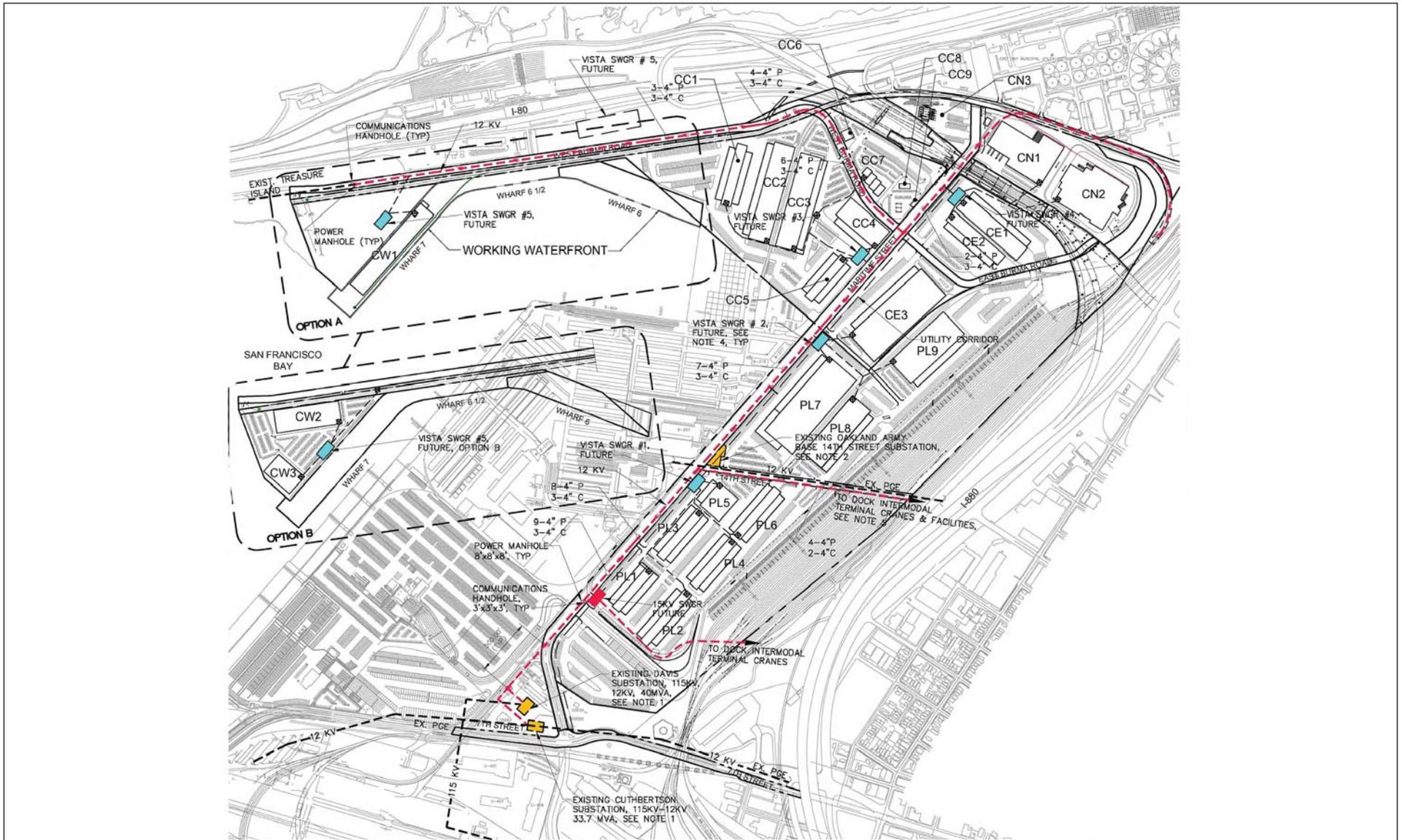
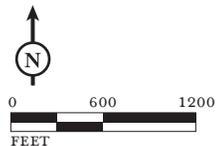


FIGURE 3.17-3

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SOURCE: AECOM, 2011.

- NEW ELECTRICAL/ COMMUNICATION FACILITY
- EXISTING FACILITY
- VISTA SWITCHGEAR
- EXISTING SUBSTATION
- UTILITY CORRIDOR
- 480V SWITCHBOARD, INDOOR TYPE (TYP.)
- 15KV SWITCHGEAR

2012 Oakland Army Base Project
Electrical Utility Area Plan

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The 2012 Project would generate an average day flow of approximately 101,390 gpd and would have a maximum day flow of approximately 380,212 gpd. Peak wet weather flows would be approximately 904,619 gpd. As previously identified, the 2012 Project would be subject to Standard Condition of Approval SCA HYD-4 (Stormwater and Sewer), which would require the project applicant to confirm adequate capacity and to fund any necessary sewer infrastructure improvements, including mechanisms to control increases in infiltration/inflow. Other cumulative projects would also be subject to SCA HYD-4 and applicable wastewater fees and therefore would not result in a significant cumulative impact to wastewater capacity.

Other wastewater facilities in the EBMUD service area also may be at or near capacity, and cumulative projects could result in overflows. However, such projects would also be subject to similar measures requiring upgrades to sewer infrastructure and therefore would not result in significant cumulative impacts.

Although the EBMUD wastewater treatment plant has adequate dry weather capacity to treat wastewater generated by cumulative projects (annual average flow is 70 mgd and the plant provides secondary treatment for up to 168 mgd and primary treatment for up to 320 mgd), inadequate capacity exists during wet weather events. As previously identified, wastewater infrastructure improvements would be required as part of the 2012 Project; the 2012 Project would not make a significant contribution to cumulative impacts to wastewater discharges or the overall wastewater system.

Overall, the effect of the 2012 Project on the need for new or expanded wastewater facilities, in combination with other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable projects, would be less than significant. The 2012 Project includes redevelopment of the project site at a similar scale as the 2002 Project and would not result in any new or more cumulative significant impacts related to wastewater capacity and service than were described in the 2002 EIR. Therefore, the 2012 Project would not result in or contribute to any significant cumulative wastewater service impacts.

3.17.6.3 Stormwater

Please refer to Section 3.9, Hydrology and Water Quality, for discussion of cumulative storm drainage impacts.

3.17.6.4 Solid Waste

For solid waste disposal service, the geographic scope for assessing cumulative impacts consists of the service areas of the Altamont and Vasco Road Landfills. The 2012 Project, in conjunction with past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future projects, could result in a cumulative increase in solid waste and debris generated by project construction and operations. However, comprehensive implementation of City waste reduction and diversion requirements and programs would reduce the potential for exceeding existing capacities of the two landfills, which still have adequate capacity.

Construction-generated waste would be removed from the site and disposed of primarily at the Vasco Road Landfill, which is estimated to have sufficient capacity through approximately 2019. The 2012 Project would be subject to Standard Condition of Approval SCA UTL-2 (Waste Reduction and Recycling), which requires the project applicant to submit a Construction and Demolition WRRP for review and approval by the City's Public Works Department. Similar requirements would be imposed on other cumulative development projects. Therefore, construction of the 2012 Project would not

result in a significant cumulative reduction in the capacity of the Vasco Road Landfill. Standard Condition of Approval SCA UTL-2 (Waste Reduction and Recycling) also requires the preparation of an Operational Diversion Plan for the operational phase of the 2012 Project. Implementation of the Operational Diversion Plan would be expected to reduce operational-period waste generation associated with the 2012 Project, in compliance with AB 939. Other cumulative development projects would be required to implement similar waste reduction measures, reducing the overall cumulative effect on landfill capacity.

Therefore, the effect of the 2012 Project on landfill capacity, in combination with other foreseeable projects, would be less than significant. The 2012 Project includes redevelopment of the project site at a similar scale as the 2002 Project and would not result in any new or more significant cumulative impacts related to landfill capacity and solid waste disposal service than were described in the 2002 EIR.

3.17.6.5 Energy and Telecommunications

For electrical and natural gas services, the geographic scope for assessing cumulative impacts is PG&E's northern and central California service area. Despite annual statewide increases in energy consumption, the net increased energy demand generated by the 2012 Project, combined with other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future projects, would not result in a significant cumulative impact. Urbanized portions of City of Oakland are already served by gas and electricity infrastructure, and the net increased energy demand from reasonably foreseeable projects, relative to the regional service area, would be minimal and would not require expanded or new energy facilities as a direct result of project development.

PG&E produces much of its energy from renewable sources and has plans in place to increase reliance on renewable energy sources. Of the energy provided to PG&E customers in 2010, approximately 16 percent came from renewable resources. In 2010, 24 percent of energy provided to PG&E customers came from nuclear generation; 23 percent came from unspecified sources; 20 percent from natural gas; 16 percent came from large hydroelectric facilities; 16 percent came from renewable resources (e.g., wind, geothermal, biomass, and small hydroelectric sources); and 2 percent came from coal and other fossil fuels.¹⁹⁴

The Port adopted a Renewable Energy Resource Procurement Plan in December 2011 to increase reliance on renewable energy sources. In this program, the Port commits to make reasonable progress towards achieving renewable energy goals of 20 percent, 25 percent, and 33 percent by 2013, 2016, and 2020, respectively.

Because many agencies in California, including the City of Oakland, have adopted policies seeking increased use of renewable resources (and have established minimum standards for the provision of energy generated by renewable resources), it is expected that the Port and PG&E will continue to meet future demand for energy via increasing reliance on renewable resources. In addition, the 2012 Project and all cumulative projects would be required to comply with all standards of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations, Standard Condition of Approval UTL-1 (Compliance with Green Building

¹⁹⁴ PG&E, 2012. Clean Energy Solutions. Website: www.pge.com/mybusiness/environment/pge/cleanenergy/index.shtml (accessed February 17).

Ordinance), and City-wide energy reduction measures, such as those outlined in the City of Oakland Energy and Climate Action Plan.

The effect of the 2012 Project on energy services, in combination with other past, present, and foreseeable projects, would be less than significant. The 2012 Project includes redevelopment of the Army Base at a similar scale as the 2002 Project and would not result in any new or more significant cumulative impacts related to energy services than were described in the 2002 EIR. Therefore, the 2012 Project would not result in or contribute to any significant cumulative energy service impacts.

3.17.7 CONCLUSIONS

Redevelopment of the Army Base would not result in significant new utilities impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified utilities impacts compared to the 2002 EIR. Therefore, impacts would be similar or less than to those addressed in the 2002 EIR, and would continue to be less than significant. Previously imposed mitigation measures from the 2002 EIR have been identified and, where appropriate, have been clarified, refined, revised, or deleted. No new mitigation measures are required.

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