

1 **4.12 PUBLIC SERVICES**

2 Public services addressed in this section are police protection, fire protection, and emergency
3 services. The analysis of the need for additional police and emergency service facilities is based
4 on the number of people to be served, whereas the need for additional fire protection facilities is
5 based on the amount of development. Factors considered in determining whether an
6 alternative would have significant impacts on public services included the extent or degree to
7 which its implementation would:

- 8 1. Require or result in unplanned construction of new facilities that would cause changes
9 or alterations to the physical environment; or
- 10 2. Result in a demand for public services or facilities that would exceed the available or
11 planned capacity of those services.

12 The impacts presented in this section have been evaluated against the baseline environmental
13 conditions presented in Chapter 3. Navy recognizes that changes in the environmental
14 conditions may have occurred in the period between the baseline years and the present.
15 Although these changes may result in different, and in many cases, lesser impacts to certain
16 resources, changes to the impact analysis based on any interim change in resource conditions is
17 not appropriate.

18 **4.12.1 Alternative 1**

19 ***Not Significant Impacts***

20 As discussed below, impacts to fire protection, police protection, and emergency medical
21 services are considered not significant. There is land available on NSTI to accommodate any
22 new public service facilities, such as an ambulance company. In addition, funding for new
23 facilities or services could be made available through a variety of mechanisms, such as
24 development impact fees, special taxes, and other public revenues. Developing NSTI property
25 would provide an expanded funding base for San Francisco. The method of funding for
26 expanded public services would be determined during the permitting process for specific
27 development projects, development agreements entered into between San Francisco and
28 developers, or city development policy enactments.

29 *Fire protection (Factors 1 and 2).* Alternative 1 would increase demand on San Francisco Fire
30 Department fire prevention and protection services because the amount of development on the
31 site would increase. Individual development projects within the site would be required to meet
32 existing San Francisco Fire Department regulations codified in the 1998 San Francisco Fire Code
33 regarding construction materials and methods, emergency access, water mains, fire flow, fire
34 hydrants, sprinkler systems, building setbacks, and other relevant regulations. Adherence to
35 the San Francisco Fire Department regulations would reduce the risk of uncontrollable fire and
36 increase the ability to efficiently provide fire protection services to the reuse plan area.

37 As discussed in section 2.4.2, under this alternative, two fire stations would be operated, a new
38 station on Treasure Island and an existing station on Yerba Buena Island. Both stations would
39 be necessary to maintain the department's response time goal of three minutes because the San

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1 Francisco Fire Department's nearest station (36 Bluxome Street) is approximately 4.5 miles (7
2 km) from NSTI (San Francisco Fire Department 1996). Both stations would be required for one
3 engine company to respond to calls on-site if the other were occupied with an incident on the
4 SFOBB. Because the two stations would meet the demands created by the new development on
5 the site, there would be no significant impact related to provision of new or expanded facilities.
6 Each station would require a staff of one officer and three fire fighters per shift, so that
7 approximately eight officers and 30 fire fighters would be needed altogether. This would
8 represent an approximate 2.5 percent increase in total department staff. The themed attraction
9 developer would be responsible for contracting with the San Francisco Fire Department or
10 another provider for services requiring additional personnel, if required; no new fire
11 department facilities are anticipated for the themed attraction. No mitigation is proposed.

12 Police protection (Factors 1 and 2). Development of the site under Alternative 1 would increase
13 the need for police emergency protection services. The need for police protection services in
14 San Francisco is assessed on the basis of the number of people to be served. At buildout of
15 Alternative 1, the San Francisco Police Department would need to add about 21 officers, three
16 sergeants, and two patrol cars to cover the additional responsibility (San Francisco Police
17 Department 1998). The added officers would represent an approximate 1.2 percent increase in
18 departmental personnel. Increased police services would be provided to meet projected needs.
19 Under this alternative, the provision of this personnel and equipment would be accommodated
20 at existing facilities and at the new police station that would be constructed on Treasure Island.
21 Because these planned facilities would meet the demands created by the new development on
22 the site, there would be no significant impact related to the provision of police protection
23 services.

24 The San Francisco Police Department would review future development plans for projects to
25 evaluate visibility, lighting, circulation patterns, emergency access, building design, and other
26 security issues. This would maximize their ability to respond to emergencies.

27 The themed attraction developer would be responsible for contracting with the San Francisco
28 Police Department or another provider for services requiring additional personnel, if required.
29 Impacts would be not significant, and no mitigation is proposed.

30 Emergency medical services (Factors 1 and 2). Alternative 1 would increase demand on local
31 emergency medical services because the number of people living and working on the site and
32 the amount of urban development on the site would increase. Under this alternative, the San
33 Francisco Paramedic Division would locate one ambulance company at the new fire station on
34 Treasure Island to serve the site. To meet this increased demand, the division would need to
35 add eight paramedics to its staff (San Francisco Department of Public Health 1996, 1997). The
36 themed attraction developer would be responsible for contracting with the paramedic division
37 or another provider for services requiring additional personnel, if required; no new paramedic
38 facilities are anticipated for the themed attraction. This impact is not significant, and no
39 mitigation is proposed.

1 4.12.2 Alternative 2

2 *Not Significant Impacts*

3 Fire protection (Factors 1 and 2). Similar to Alternative 1, Alternative 2 would require operating
4 two fire stations, a new station on Treasure Island and an existing station on Yerba Buena
5 Island. Fire protection impacts would be the same as those described for Alternative 1. This
6 impact would not be significant, and no mitigation is proposed.

7 Police protection (Factors 1 and 2). Similar to Alternative 1, Alternative 2 would construct a new
8 police station on Treasure Island. Police protection impacts would be the same as those
9 described for Alternative 1. This impact would not be significant, and no mitigation is
10 proposed.

11 Emergency medical services (Factors 1 and 2). Similar to Alternative 1, Alternative 2 would
12 involve the San Francisco Paramedic Division locating one ambulance company on Treasure
13 Island to serve the site. Emergency medical service impacts would be the same as those
14 described for Alternative 1. This impact would not be significant, and no mitigation is
15 proposed.

16 4.12.3 Alternative 3

17 *Not Significant Impacts*

18 Fire protection (Factors 1 and 2). Under this alternative, San Francisco would not build a new
19 fire station; the San Francisco Fire Department would operate the existing fire stations on
20 Treasure Island and Yerba Buena Island. Although there would be less overall development,
21 fire protection impacts would be similar to those described for Alternative 1. This impact
22 would not be significant, and no mitigation is proposed.

23 Police protection (Factors 1 and 2). Under this alternative, a new police station would be
24 constructed on Treasure Island to replace existing facilities, similar to Alternative 1. Although
25 there would be fewer residents, employees, and visitors, police protection impacts would be
26 similar to those described for Alternative 1. This impact would not be significant, and no
27 mitigation is proposed.

28 Emergency medical services (Factors 1 and 2). Similar to Alternative 1, Alternative 3 would
29 involve the San Francisco Paramedic Division locating one ambulance company on Treasure
30 Island to serve the site. Although there would be less overall development, emergency medical
31 service impacts would be similar to those described for Alternative 1. This impact would not be
32 significant, and no mitigation is proposed.

33 4.12.4 No Action Alternative

34 The No Action Alternative would not result in additional demand for public services and
35 would have no impact. Public services provided by San Francisco and private contractors under
36 current Navy agreements and contracts would be expected to continue under caretaker status.

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