4.5 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND FACILITIES

4.5.1 INTRODUCTION

The community services and facilities within approximately 1/4-mile (walking distance) of the SVRTC study area were described in Section 4.5 and listed in Table 4.5-1 of the FEIR. The section also evaluated the impacts of the Project on these facilities. Community services and facilities are defined as schools, fire stations, police stations, hospitals, libraries, civic/community centers, parks, religious institutions, and museums.

4.5.2 ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

The description and list of community services and facilities within 1/4-mile of the SVRTC study area are updated. The changes are described below.

4.5.2.1 Police Services

The FEIR stated that, as of January 2003, the BART Police Department has 269 employees, 188 of which were sworn police officers. The staffing information is updated and, as of September 2006, the BART Police Department has 277 police personnel with 194 sworn police personnel and 83 civilian personnel.

4.5.2.2 Hospitals

The FEIR identified the San Jose Medical Center, located at 675 East Santa Clara Street in San Jose, as the only major medical facility located within 1/4-mile of the SVRTC study area. On December 9, 2004, this facility was closed and vacated. This facility is deleted from the list.

4.5.2.3 Schools

The FEIR identified six public elementary schools within 1/4-mile of the SVRTC study area. The following public elementary school is also within 1/4-mile of the SVRTC study area and is added to the list.

- Curtner Elementary School at 275 Redwood Avenue in Milpitas

4.5.2.4 Civic, Community, and Cultural Facilities

The FEIR identified seven civic and community facilities within 1/4-mile of the SVRTC study area. The following two facilities are also within 1/4-mile of the SVRTC study area and are added to the list.

- The Sal Cracolice Building/Milpitas Senior Center at 540 South Abel Street in Milpitas
- SES Portuguese Society Hall at 3995 The Alameda in Santa Clara
4.5.2.5 Parks and Recreational Facilities

The FEIR identified 16 parks and recreation facilities within 1/4-mile of the SVRTC study area. The following park is also within 1/4-mile of the SVRTC study area and is added to the list.
- Hidden Lake Park on North Milpitas Boulevard between Escuela Parkway and Jacklin Road

4.5.2.6 Religious Institutions

The FEIR identified 46 religious institutions with 1/4-mile of the SVRTC study area. The following four religious institutions are also within 1/4-mile of the SVRTC study area and are added to the list.
- Zion Church of Praise at 195 North Main Street in Milpitas
- Living Word Fellowship Church at 1494 California Circle in Milpitas
- India Community Center at 555 Los Coches in Milpitas
- Avatamsaka Buddhist Lotus Society at 50 South Main Street in Milpitas

4.5.3 Regulatory Setting

There are no local, State, or federal regulations that specifically pertain to community services and facilities. Design guidelines and mutual aid agreements with the cities of Fremont, Milpitas, San Jose, and Santa Clara provide guidance for the Project and for addressing Project impacts on community services and facilities. Please refer to Section 4.5.3.2 of the FEIR for the discussion of these guidelines and agreements.

4.5.4 Project Impacts and Mitigation Measures

Two design changes merit discussions of potential Project impacts to community services and facilities. These changes are related to the relocation of a BART Transit Police Station from the Yard and Shops Facility to the Alum Rock Station.

Design Change 33. Alum Rock Station.
A BART Transit Police Station will be included at the Alum Rock Station. The presence of the police station at the Alum Rock Station, midway along the Project alignment, will provide a more visible security presence for passengers and enhance the responses to emergency calls at this and other stations in the Project.

Design Change 51. Yard and Shops Facility.
In the FEIR, a BART police facility was identified at the Yard and Shops Facility in San Jose. The facility is relocated to the Alum Rock Station in San Jose, a more centralized location along the alignment.

Conclusion

These design changes result in no new significant impacts related to community services and facilities. Therefore, no new mitigation measures are necessary.