

4.5 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND FACILITIES

4.5.1 INTRODUCTION

This section describes the community services and facilities in the SVRTC within approximately¹ one-quarter mile (walking distance) of the Baseline and BART alternatives, and evaluates the impact of the project on those 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 EXISTING CONDITIONS

Community services and facilities within one-quarter mile of the SVRTC are listed in Table 4.5-1 and shown in Figures 4.5-1 through 4.5-6. In the table, facilities within one-quarter mile of the Baseline and BART alternatives are also identified. For the Baseline Alternative, community services and facilities are those within one-quarter mile of any of the bus stops serving express bus routes departing from the BART Warm Springs Station. For the BART alternative, the community services and facilities include those within one-quarter mile of a proposed BART station.

4.5.2.1 Police Services

Police protection and traffic enforcement in the SVRTC are provided by the Alameda County Sheriff's Department, Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department, City of Fremont Police Department, City of Milpitas Police Department, City of San Jose Police Department, the City of Santa Clara Police Department and the California Highway Patrol. A Milpitas City police station and Santa Clara City police station are located in the SVRTC.

The BART Police Department provides the full range of law enforcement services to ensure the safety and security of BART District patrons, employees, and their property throughout the BART District. As of January 2003, the department has 269 police personnel, including 188 sworn police officers. The department provides special training to select officers regarding emergency procedures in BART facilities. A standard emergency response time of under four minutes is strictly enforced.

4.5.2.2 Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service

Fire protection services and emergency medical rescue in the SVRTC are provided by the cities of Fremont, Milpitas, San Jose, and Santa Clara, as described below. These cities maintain mutual aid agreements with the area, municipal, and county fire departments through the Santa Clara County Local Mutual Aid Plan, as well as with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. Seven fire stations are located in or near the SVRTC.

City of Fremont

The Fremont Fire Department has 11 fire stations, one of which is within one-quarter mile of the SVRTC.

Fire Station 5, located at 55 Hackamore Lane, is staffed with a minimum of three firefighters and serves the SVRTC from South Grimmer Boulevard south to Dixon Landing Road. This fire station has its own fire engine and is capable at all times of providing fire protection, fire rescue, and emergency response, including emergency medical services.

¹ The distance of one-quarter mile as used in this section is an approximate distance.

Table 4.5-1: Community Services and Facilities Within 1/4 Mile of the SVRTC, Baseline Alternative, and BART Alternative					
#	Map	Facility	Location	1/4 Mile of Baseline Bus Stop	1/4 Mile of BART Station
Schools					
S1	2, 3	Brooktree Elementary School	1781 Olive Tree Drive, Milpitas		
S2	3	Vinci Park Elementary School	1311 Vinci Park Way, Milpitas		
S3	4	San Jose High Academy	275 North 24 th Street, San Jose		✓
S4	4	San Jose State University	One Washington Square, San Jose	✓	✓
S5	4	Saint Patrick Elementary School	51 North 9 th Street, San Jose	✓	✓
S6	4	Horace Mann Elementary School	55 North 7 th Street, San Jose	✓	✓
S7	4, 6	Hester Elementary School	1460 the Alameda, San Jose		
S8	4, 6	Bellarmine Preparatory High School	850 Elm Street, San Jose		
S9	4, 6	Santa Clara University	500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara		✓
S10	4	Five Wounds National Portuguese Elementary School	1350 Five Wounds Lane, San Jose		✓
Fire Stations					
FS1	1	Fremont Fire Station 5	55 Hackamore Lane, Fremont		
FS2	2	Milpitas Fire Station 3	45 Midwick Street, Milpitas		
FS3	2	Milpitas Fire Station 1	777 South Main Street, Milpitas		
FS4	4	San Jose Fire Station 8	802 East Santa Clara Street, San Jose	✓	
FS5	4	San Jose Fire Station 1	201 North Market Street, San Jose	✓	✓
FS6	4, 6	San Jose Fire Station 7	800 Emory Street, San Jose		
FS7	6	City of Santa Clara Fire Station 1	777 Benton Street, Santa Clara		
Police Stations					
PS1	2	Milpitas Police Station	1275 North Milpitas Boulevard, Milpitas		
PS2	6	Santa Clara Police Department	601 El Camino Real, Santa Clara		
Hospitals					
H1	4	San Jose Medical Center	675 East Santa Clara Street, San Jose	✓	
Libraries					
L1	2	Milpitas Community Library	40 North Milpitas Boulevard, Milpitas		✓
L2	4	East San Jose Carnegie Branch Library	1102 East Santa Clara Street, San Jose		✓
L3	4	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library	152 East San Fernando Street, San Jose	✓	✓
Civic/Community Centers					
CC1	2	Milpitas Civic Center	455 Calaveras Boulevard, Milpitas		✓
CC2	3,4	Watson Community Center	1082 Jackson Street, San Jose		
CC3	4	Roosevelt Community Center	901 East Santa Clara Street, San Jose		
CC4	4	Grace Baptist Church Community Center	484 East San Fernando Street, San Jose	✓	✓
CC5	4	Portuguese Band and Social Center	100 North 27 th Street, San Jose		✓

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#	Map	Facility	Location	1/4 Mile of Baseline Bus Stop	1/4 Mile of BART Station
CC6	2	Milpitas City Hall	455 Calaveras Boulevard, Milpitas		✓
CC7	4	San Jose City Hall (under construction)	East Santa Clara Street, San Jose (between 4 th and 5 th streets)	✓	✓
Parks					
P1	1,2	Dixon Landing Park	City of Milpitas		
P2	1,2	Hall Memorial Park	City of Milpitas		
P3	3	Brooktree Park	City of San Jose		
P4	3	Flickinger Park	City of San Jose		
P5a	3	Townsend Park	City of San Jose		
P5b	3	San Jose Municipal Golf Course	1560 Old Oakland Road, San Jose		
P6	3	Penitencia Creek County Park	City of San Jose		
P7	3,4	Watson Park	City of San Jose		
P8	4	Roosevelt Park	City of San Jose	✓	
P9	4	St. James Park	City of San Jose	✓	✓
P10	4	McEnery Park	City of San Jose	✓	✓
P11	4	Plaza de Cesar Chavez	City of San Jose	✓	✓
P12	4	Arena Green	City of San Jose		✓
P13	4	Guadalupe River Park	City of San Jose		✓
P14	6	Larry J. Marsalli Park	City of Santa Clara		✓
P15	2	Parc Metropolitan Park	City of Milpitas		
Religious Institutions					
R1	1	Warm Springs Baptist Church	111 East Warren Avenue, Fremont		
R2	1	First Baptist Church	303 Hackamore Lane, Fremont		
R3	2	Greater Love of God Church	159 Dixon Road, Milpitas		
R4	2	First Baptist Church of Milpitas	200 Abbott Avenue, Milpitas		
R5	2	True Holiness Church of God	1067 Herman Street, Milpitas		
R6	2	Crosspoint Chinese Church	680 Calaveras Boulevard #690, Milpitas		✓
R7	2	Jehovah's Witnesses	300 South Hollow Drive, Milpitas		✓
R8	2	Bibles Way Apostolic Church	82 North Main Street, Milpitas		
R9	2	Emanuel Community Church	346 South Abel Street, Milpitas		
R10	2	Spring Valley Bible Church	220 South Main Street, Milpitas		✓
R11	2	St. John Baptist Catholic	279 South Main Street, Milpitas		✓
R12	2	Zion Church of Praise	195 North Main Street, Milpitas		
R13	2	Macedonia Missionary Baptist	121 Sinnott Lane, Milpitas		✓
R14	2	Bochasanwasi Swaminarayan	25 Corning Avenue, Milpitas		
R15	2	Chinese Church in Christ	399 South Main Street, Milpitas		
R16	2	Genesis United Methodist Church	633 South Main Street, Milpitas		
R17	3, 5	Five Wounds National Portuguese Church	1375 East Santa Clara Street, San Jose		

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#	Map	Facility	Location	1/4 Mile of Baseline Bus Stop	1/4 Mile of BART Station
R18	5	Church of Living God	1465 East San Antonio Street, San Jose		✓
R19	5	Mathis Memorial Church of God	264 North 27 th Street, San Jose		✓
R20	5	Greater St. John Baptist	1230 East San Antonio Street, San Jose		
R21	5	San Jose First Vietnamese Church	102 South 21 st Street, San Jose		
R22	5	First AME Zion Church	95 South 20 th Street, San Jose		
R23	5	Mt. Hermon AME Church	12 South 14 th Street, San Jose	✓	
R24	5	San Jose Missionary Baptist	499 East St. James Street, San Jose	✓	
R25	5	Church in San Jose	124 South 11 th Street, San Jose	✓	
R26	5	Grace Baptist Church	484 East San Fernando Street, San Jose	✓	
R27	5	Seventh Day Adventist Church	425 East St. John Street, San Jose	✓	
R28	5	St. Patrick's Cathedral	389 East Santa Clara Street, San Jose	✓	
R29	5	Church of Christ	81 North 8 th Street, San Jose	✓	✓
R30	5	Message of Peace Assembly	246 North 7 th Street, San Jose	✓	✓
R31	5	Metropolitan Community Church	65 South 7 th Street, San Jose	✓	✓
R32	5	Church of Jesus Christ	66 South 7 th Street, San Jose	✓	✓
R33	5	Seventh Day Adventist Church	77 North 5 th Street, San Jose	✓	✓
R34	5	Star of David Church	80 South 5 th Street, San Jose	✓	✓
R35	5	First Christian Church	80 South 5 th Street, San Jose	✓	✓
R36	5	Apostolic Assembly of Faith	77 North 5 th Street, San Jose	✓	✓
R37	5	First United Methodist Church	24 North 5 th Street, San Jose	✓	✓
R38	5	Antioch Baptist Church	268 East Julian Street, San Jose	✓	✓
R39	5	First Presbyterian Church	49 North 4 th Street, San Jose	✓	✓
R40	5	First Unitarian Church	160 North 3 rd Street, San Jose	✓	✓
R41	5	Nuestra Senora De Guadalupe	81 North 2 nd Street, San Jose	✓	✓
R42	5	Trinity Episcopal Cathedral	81 North 2 nd Street, San Jose	✓	✓
R43	5	La Iglesia De Cristo	12 South 1 st Street, San Jose	✓	✓
R44	5	St. Josephs Cathedral Basilica	80 South Market Street, San Jose	✓	✓
R45	5, 6	Eckankar-CA Satsung	871 Coleman Avenue, San Jose		
R46	6	Ambassadors of Christ Church	500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara		✓
Other Community Facilities					
OC1	4, 6	HP Pavilion at San Jose	525 West Santa Clara Street, San Jose		✓
OC2	4	Center for the Performing Arts	255 Almaden Boulevard, San Jose	✓	✓
OC3	4	Civic Auditorium	145 West San Carlos Street, San Jose	✓	✓
OC4	4	San Jose McEnery Convention Center	408 Almaden Boulevard, San Jose	✓	✓
Museums					
M1	4	San Jose Museum of Art	110 South Market Street, San Jose	✓	✓
M2	4	Tech Museum of Innovation	145 West San Carlos Street, San Jose	✓	✓

Source: VTA, 2003.

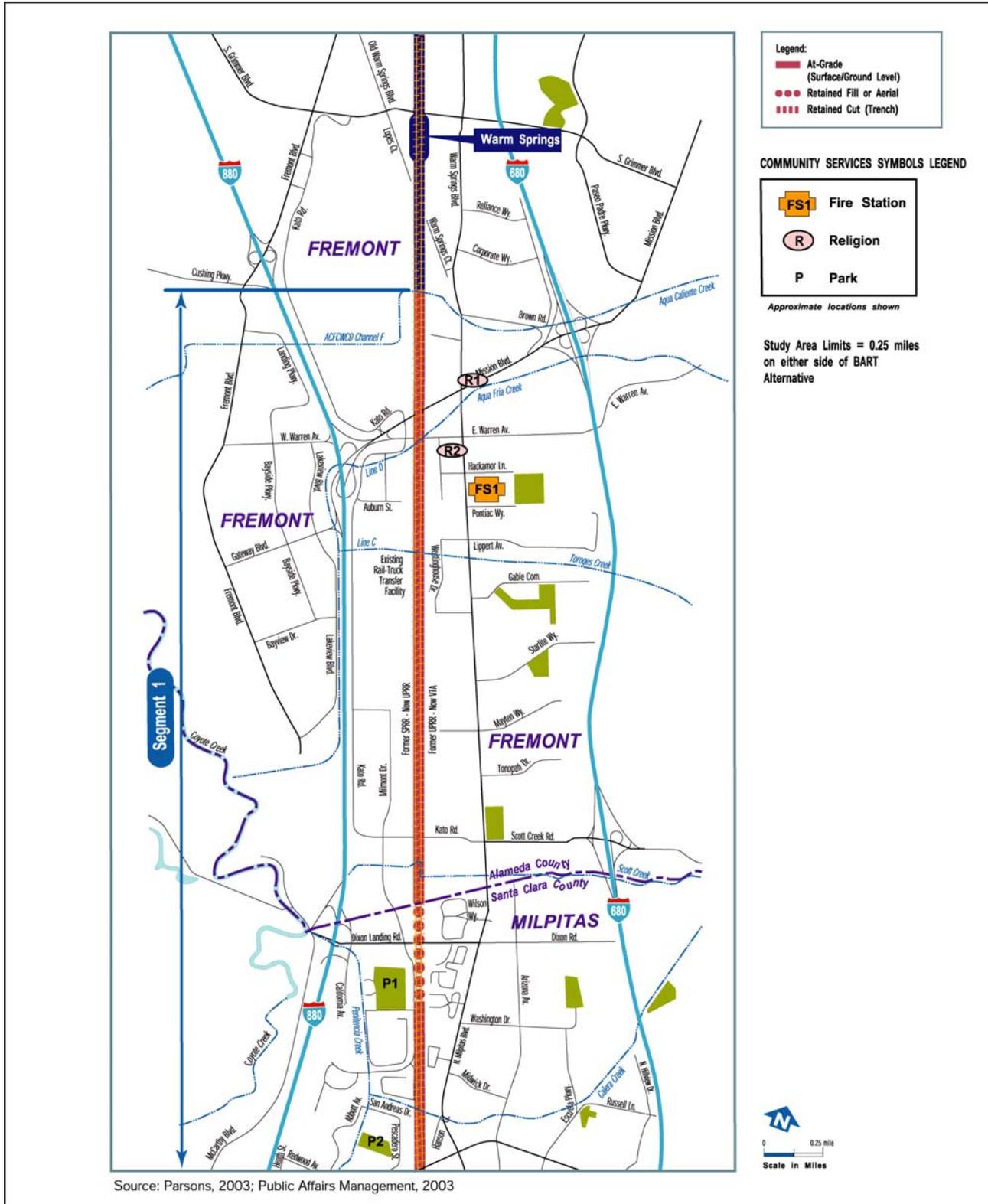
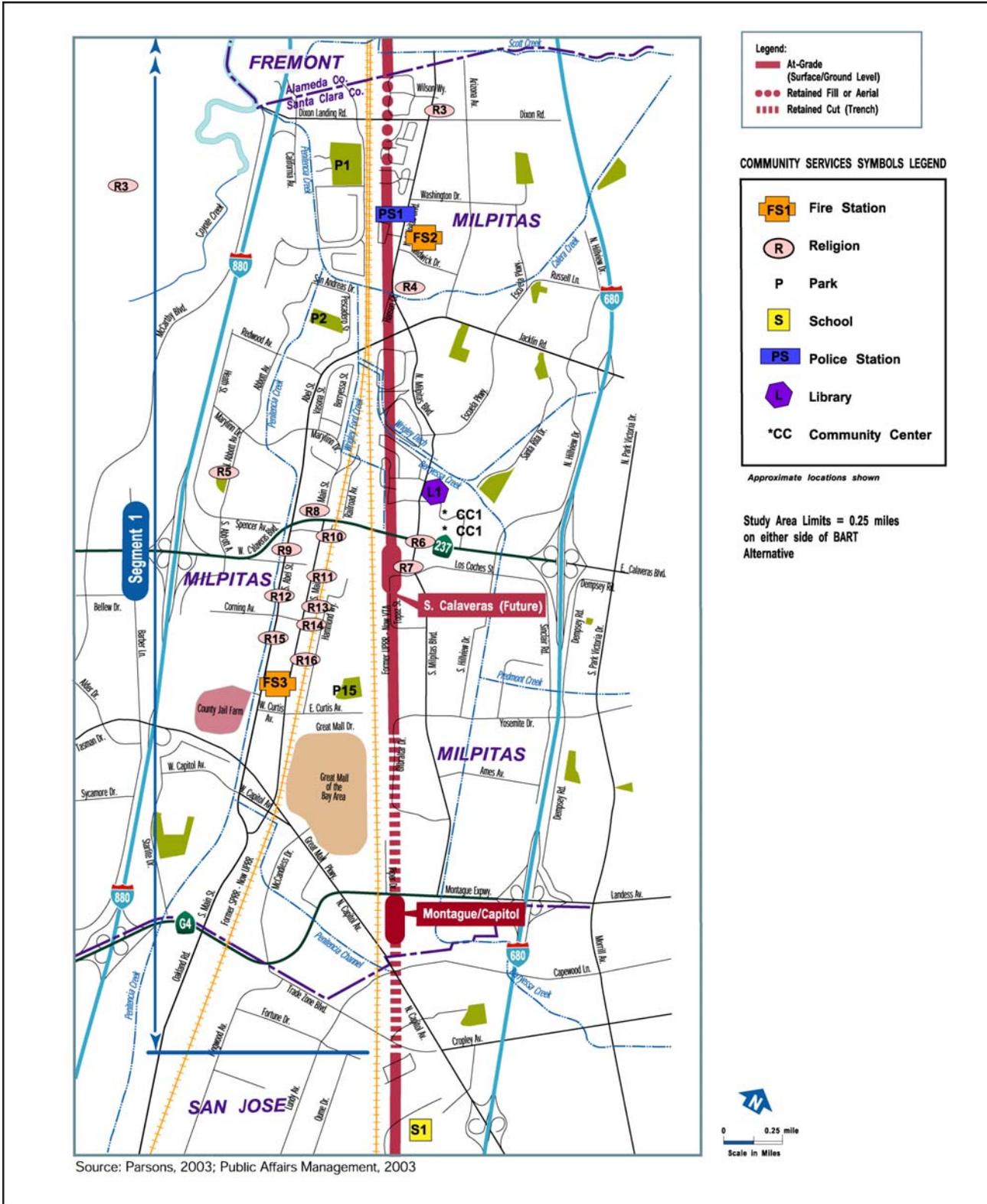


Figure 4.5-1: Community Facility Map – Segment 1 (northern portion of segment)



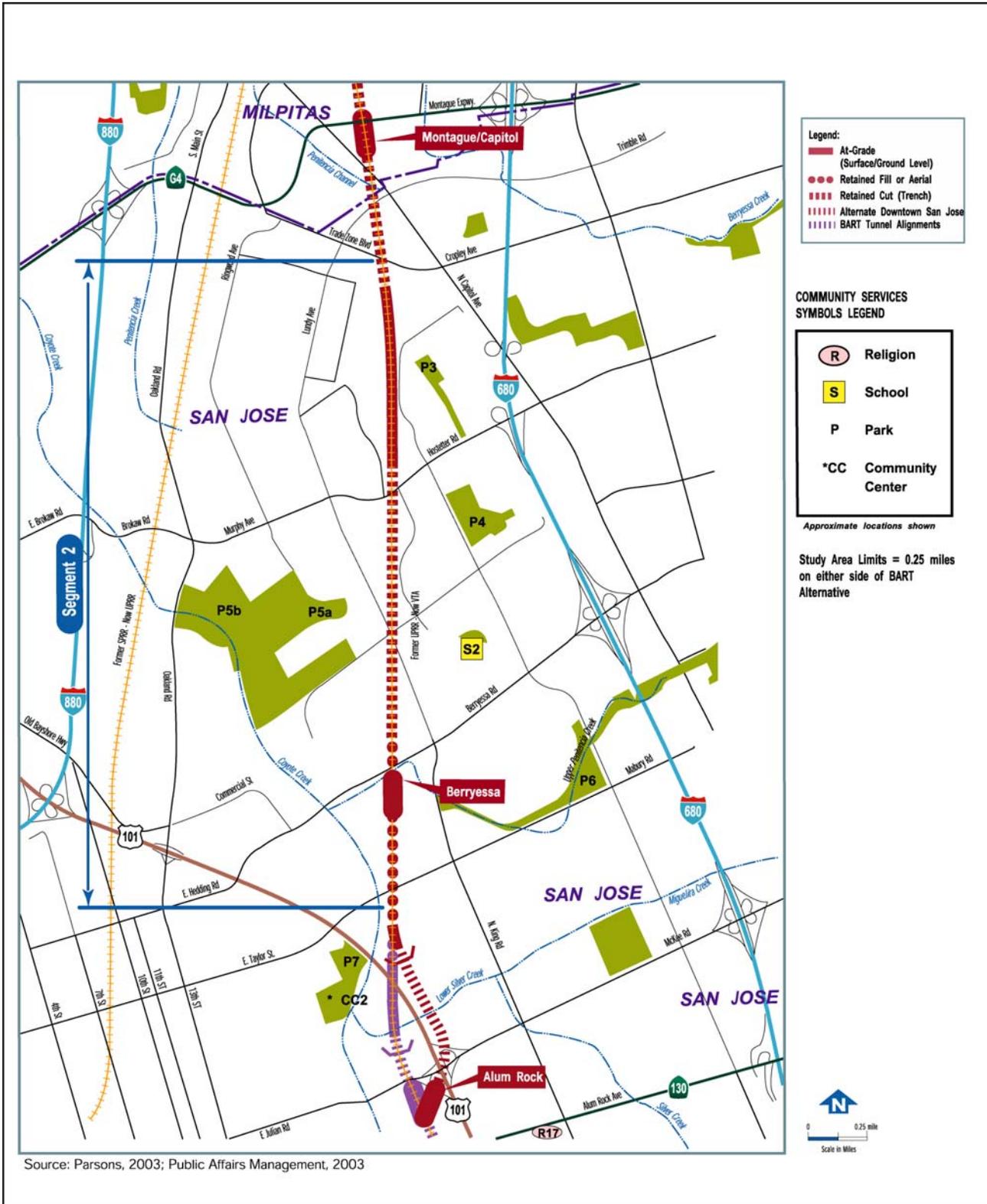


Figure 4.5-3: Community Facility Map - Segment 2

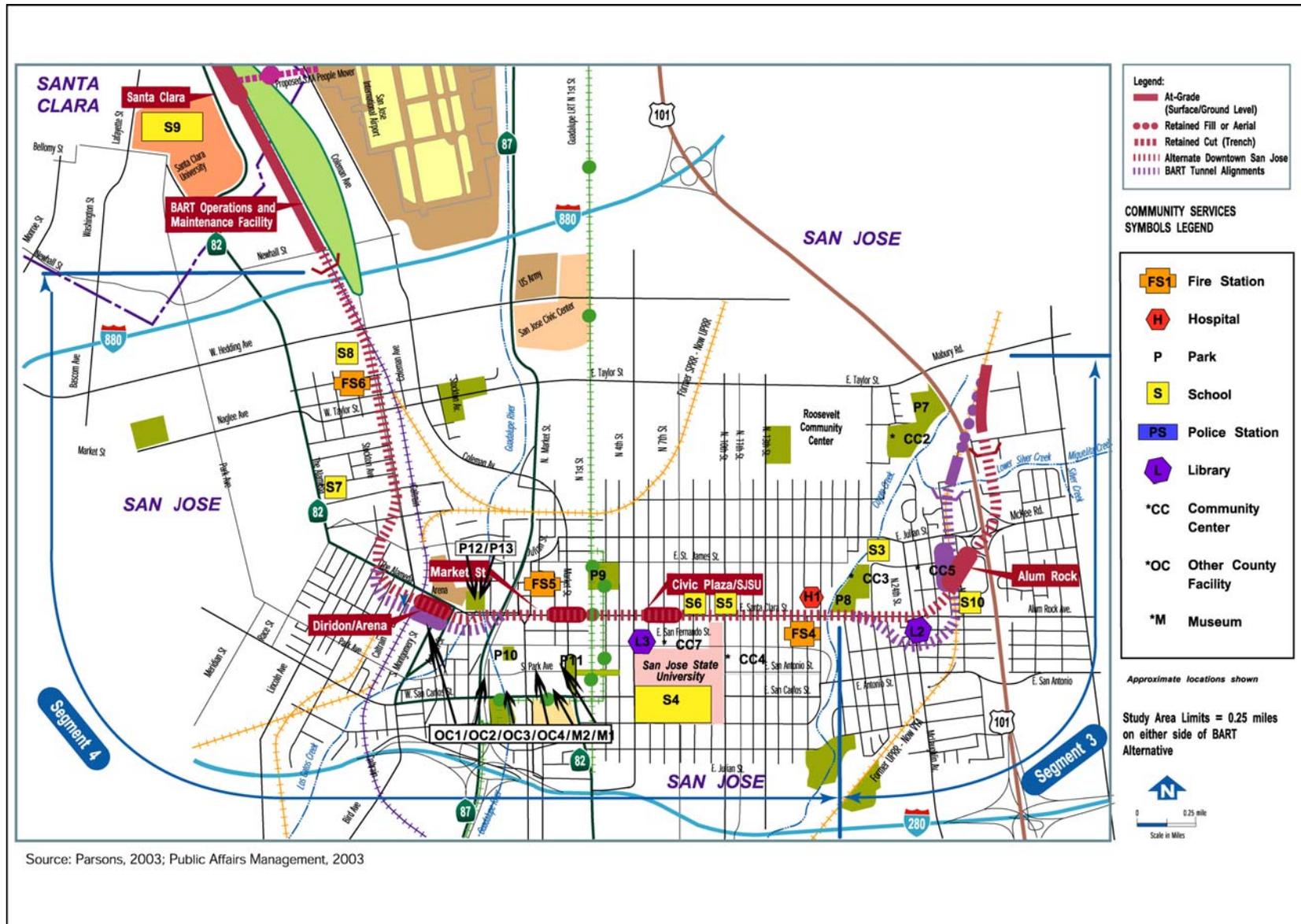


Figure 4.5-4: Community Facility Map - Segments 3 and 4

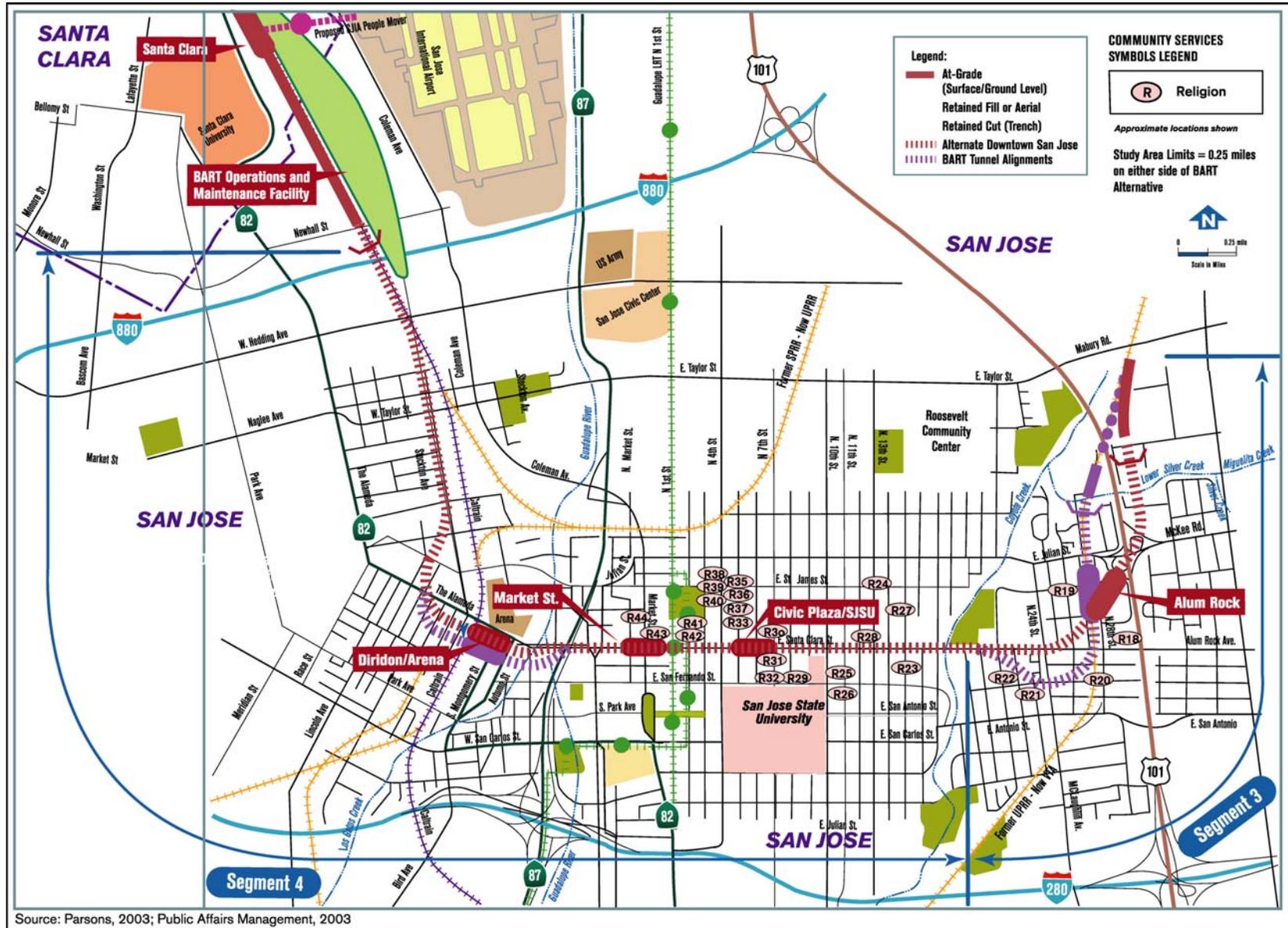


Figure 4.5-5: Community Facility Map - Religious Institutions - Segments 3 and 4

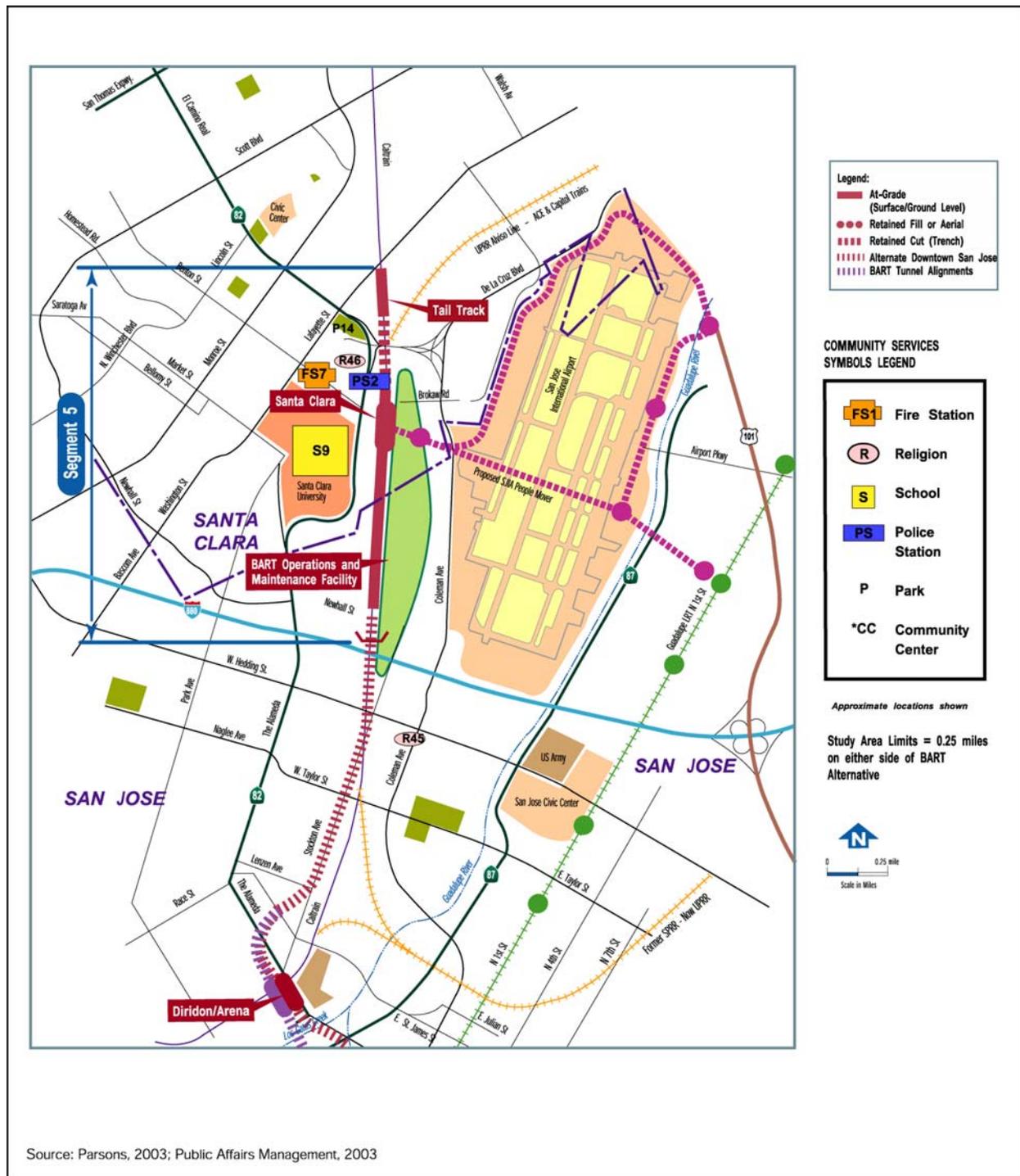


Figure 4.5-6: Community Facility Map - Segment 5

City of Milpitas

The Milpitas Fire Department has four fire stations, two of which are within one-quarter mile of the SVRTC. Each fire station has its own fire truck and is capable at all times of providing fire protection, fire rescue, and emergency response, including emergency medical services.

- Fire Station 1, located at 777 South Main Street, is the largest of the Milpitas fire stations and is staffed with nine firefighters. This fire station serves the area from Calaveras Boulevard to Montague Expressway.
- Fire Station 3, located at 45 Midwick Street, is staffed with a minimum of three firefighters and serves the area from Dixon Landing Road to Calaveras Boulevard.

City of San Jose

The City of San Jose Fire Department provides fire protection and emergency services to the entire City of San Jose. Each fire station is capable at all times of providing fire protection, fire rescue, and emergency response, including emergency medical services. There is a fire engine housed at each station. The SVRTC corridor is served primarily by three fire stations, each located within approximately one-quarter mile of the corridor.

- Fire Station 1, located at 201 North Market Street, is staffed with 10 fire personnel, 24 hours a day. Within the SVRTC, this station handles calls from I-280 and north to the city limits.
- Fire Station 7, located at 800 Emory Street, is a single-engine company staffed with four fire personnel, 24 hours a day. This station serves the SVRTC in the area from Newhall to Taylor streets.
- Fire Station 8, located at 802 East Santa Clara Street, is a single-engine company staffed with four fire personnel, 24 hours a day. Within the SVRTC, this station handles calls in the area from Mabury Street to I-280, encompassing US 101 and the downtown area.

City of Santa Clara

The City of Santa Clara Fire Department provides fire protection and emergency services to the entire City of Santa Clara.

- Fire Station 1, located at 777 Benton Street, handles calls within the SVRTC. This station is staffed with nine firefighters, 24 hours a day.

4.5.2.3 Hospitals

The San Jose Medical Center, located at 675 East Santa Clara Street in San Jose, is the only major medical facility located in the SVRTC within one-quarter mile of the SVRTC alternatives.

4.5.2.4 Schools

Public school districts in the SVRTC include the Fremont Unified School District, Milpitas Unified School District, Berryessa Union School District, Orchard Elementary School District, East Side High School District, San Jose Unified School District, and Santa Clara Unified School District. There are five public and one private elementary schools, and one public and one private secondary school within the SVRTC.

Two universities are located within the SVRTC. SJSU, a California State University with an enrollment of over 26,000, is located at One Washington Square in San Jose. Santa Clara University, with an enrollment just over 8,000, is a private Jesuit university located at 500 El Camino Real in Santa Clara.

4.5.2.5 Civic, Community, and Cultural Facilities

There are seven civic and community facilities located within the SVRTC. The City of Milpitas Civic Center and City Hall are within one-quarter mile of the corridor. The City of San Jose has the Watson Community Center, Roosevelt Community Center, Grace Baptist Church Community Center, Portuguese Band and Social Center and the new San Jose City Hall, which is currently under construction.

The corridor also offers a variety of cultural and entertainment attractions. Downtown San Jose museums include the San Jose Museum of Art and the Tech Museum of Innovation. Other cultural facilities in downtown San Jose include the HP Pavilion, San Jose Center for Performing Arts, San Jose Civic Auditorium, and the San Jose McEnery Convention Center.

There are three libraries in the corridor: the Milpitas Community Library, the East San Jose Carnegie Branch Library, and the [new] Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library. In addition, there are a variety of historic resources in the SVRTC. These are discussed in Section 4.6, *Cultural and Historic Resources*.

4.5.2.6 Parks and Recreational Facilities

Santa Clara County and the cities of Milpitas, San Jose and Santa Clara parks and recreation departments provide a variety of park facilities in the SVRTC, including neighborhood parks, county parks, golf courses, and community gardens. There are sixteen parks and recreational facilities in the corridor, including one municipal golf course.

4.5.2.7 Religious Institutions

There are at least 46 religious institutions of various denominations located within one-quarter mile of the SVRTC. These facilities, which often serve as community focal points, are identified on Figures 4.5-1 through 4.5-6.

4.5.3 IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND MITIGATION MEASURES

4.5.3.1 Impacts

No-Action Alternative

Projects planned under the No-Action Alternative would undergo separate environmental review to define geologic, soils, and seismic impacts. (See Section 3.2.1.2 for a list of future projects under the No-Action Alternative.)

Baseline Alternative

Expansion of express bus service under the Baseline Alternative would not adversely affect community services and facilities, schools, religious institutions, or parks and recreational facilities in the SVRTC. To the contrary, the proposed bus routes would facilitate access to the BART Warm Springs Station and to employment centers along the US 101 Corridor between SR 237 and I-880 and downtown San Jose and would improve transit access to community facilities within the SVRTC. Express bus service from the BART Warm Springs Station to downtown San Jose would provide direct benefits for 40 community facilities within the corridor. Table 4.5-1 identifies each type of facility that would be within one-quarter mile walking distance of a bus stop under this alternative. Table 4.5-2 summarizes this information.

Table 4.5-2: Community Facilities within Approximately 1/4 Mile from a Proposed Bus Stop Under the Baseline Alternative				
Schools	Parks and Recreational Facilities	Religious Institutions	Other	Total
3	4	22	11	40
<i>Source: VTA, 2003.</i>				

Police Service, Fire Protection, and Emergency Response Time. Express bus expansion under the Baseline Alternative would have no adverse effect on emergency response times, performance objectives, or service ratios for the police and fire departments in the cities of Fremont, Milpitas, San Jose, and Santa Clara. Transit improvements would marginally improve level of service on area freeways, thereby supporting emergency response.

Schools. Expanded bus service under the Baseline Alternative would benefit SJSU students and faculty, as well as other community members attending university events. Saint Patrick and Horace Mann Elementary schools would be within walking distance of a bus stop under the Baseline Alternative.

Parks and Recreation Facilities. Four parks and recreational facilities would be within walking distance of a proposed bus stop along the Baseline Alternative. Saint James Park, McEnery Park, Plaza de Cesar Chavez, and Roosevelt Park would be within one-quarter mile of proposed Baseline Alternative bus stops in downtown San Jose.

Religious Institutions. Twenty-two religious institutions representing a broad range of faiths were identified within one-quarter mile of a proposed bus stop in the Baseline Alternative.

Other Community Facilities. Ten other community facilities in downtown San Jose would be within walking distance of a proposed Baseline Alternative bus stop: San Jose Fire Stations One and Eight, San Jose Medical Center, Grace Baptist Church Community Center, San Jose City Hall (opening early 2005), the Center for Performing Arts, San Jose Civic Auditorium, San Jose McEnery Convention Center, San Jose Museum of Art, and the Tech Museum of Innovation.

BART Alternative

Improved transit access to community facilities would occur as a result of the BART Alternative. Table 4.5-1 identifies each type of facility that would be within walking distance of a BART station under the BART Alternative. Table 4.5-3 summarizes this information. Fifty-one community facilities would realize direct benefits of improved transit access as a result of the BART Alternative. Extending BART service would also improve accessibility to community facilities in San Francisco, Oakland, and other regional activity centers along the existing BART system.

MOS-1E provides the same beneficial impacts for community, institutional, and parkland facilities described for the full-build BART Alternative, with the exception of those located near the Berryessa and Civic Plaza/SJSU stations. Since these stations would be deferred to MOS-2E, access to the community facilities and parklands that are within walking distance of these two stations (refer to Figures 4.5-3 and 4.5-4) would temporarily not be provided.

Police Service, Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service. The BART Alternative would not adversely affect emergency response times, performance objectives, or service ratios for the police

Table 4.5-3: Community Facilities within Approximately 1/4 Mile from a BART Station Under the BART Alternative				
Schools	Parks and Recreational Facilities	Religious Institutions	Other	Total
6	6	24	15	51
<i>Source: VTA, 2003.</i>				

and fire departments in the cities of Fremont, Milpitas, San Jose, and Santa Clara. Mutual aid agreements among local police, fire and emergency service providers would be expanded to include BART police services, BART station areas and facilities. The BART Alternative would improve level of service on area freeways, thereby supporting emergency response.

Schools. The Civic Plaza/SJSU Station would directly benefit SJSU students and faculty as well as other community members attending educational and cultural events at the university. Faculty members and students of Santa Clara University would benefit similarly from the Santa Clara Station.

Four other schools would be within one-quarter mile of a BART station under the BART Alternative. San Jose High Academy and Five Wounds Elementary would be within walking distance of the Alum Rock Station. Two schools, Saint Patrick Elementary School and Horace Mann Elementary School, would be within walking distance of the Civic Plaza/SJSU Station.

Parks and Recreation Facilities. Six city operated park and recreational facilities would be within walking distance of a proposed BART station under the BART Alternative. St. James Park, McEnery Park, and Plaza de Cesar Chavez in downtown San Jose would be within one-quarter mile of the Market Street Station. The Diridon/Arena Station would be within walking distance of the Arena Green and Guadalupe River Park. Larry J. Marsalli Park would be within walking distance of the Santa Clara Station.

The BART Alternative alignment segment just south of the UPRR Milpitas Yard north of the Great Mall would require a 20-foot-wide strip of land from a property that has been dedicated by the Parc Metropolitan Development complex to the City of Milpitas for a public park. This impact and mitigation, which apply to the MOS scenarios as well, are discussed in Section 4.15, *Socioeconomics*, and Chapter 7, *Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation*.

Religious Institutions. Twenty-four religious institutions representing a broad range of faiths were identified within walking distance of a BART station under the BART Alternative.

Other Community Facilities. The BART Alternative would improve access to 14 other community facilities including libraries, civic/community centers, museums, and performing arts and entertainment centers. The Milpitas Civic Center, City Hall, and Milpitas Community Library would be within walking distance of the proposed South Calaveras Future Station.

Within one-quarter mile of the Alum Rock Station there are two community facilities: the Portuguese Band and Social Center and the East San Jose Carnegie Library. The San Jose City Hall and Grace Baptist Church Community Center would be within walking distance of the Civic Plaza/SJSU Station. Five other community facilities would be within walking distance of the Market Street Station: Center for Performing Arts, San Jose Civic Auditorium, San Jose McEnery Convention Center, San Jose Museum of Art, and the Tech Museum of Innovation. The HP Pavilion would be within walking distance of the Diridon/Arena Station.

4.5.3.2 Design Requirements and Best Management Practices

Baseline Alternative and BART Alternative

For both the Baseline and BART alternatives, VTA will continue to work with Milpitas, San Jose, and Santa Clara in the implementation of the VTA Community Design and Transportation Guidelines to better facilitate pedestrian/bicycle circulation and the use of transit to access community facilities.

In addition, VTA and BART would expand existing mutual aid agreements with the cities of Fremont, Milpitas, San Jose, and Santa Clara to ensure appropriate coordination and training to address the requirements of the BART Alternative.

4.5.3.3 Mitigation Measures

No-Action Alternative

Projects planned under the No-Action Alternative would undergo separate environmental review to define geologic, soils, and seismic impacts and to determine appropriate mitigation measures.

Baseline Alternative

Expansion of express bus service under the Baseline Alternative would not adversely affect community services and facilities in the SVRTC; therefore, no mitigation measures are necessary.

BART Alternative

Mitigation of the impact of the ROW acquisition from the Parc Metropolitan dedicated parkland is addressed in detail in Chapter 7, *Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation*. Some combination of the following measures will be implemented through coordination between VTA and City of Milpitas to address parkland impact for the BART Alternative and MOS scenarios: acquire replacement park property immediately adjacent to parkland site; expand a nearby park; provide additional amenities at the affected parkland site; and/or assist in funding a pedestrian crossing over the railroad corridor that would link and facilitate access to the affected park, possibly at Curtis Avenue.

Measures to mitigate impacts to community services and facilities as a result of air emissions, noise and vibration, and visual changes are described in their respective sections of this environmental document.

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