2.14 PUBLIC SERVICES

2.14.1 EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Comment

Over the years, I’ve always been keen about asking about emergency services, because of the unique location of the island. And the study, of course, stated, and all of us know that the Bay Bridge is the only emergency access to and from San Francisco as well as the East Bay. I feel that there could be a little bit more adequate information in terms of how we mitigate the measures, because certainly the increase in population over tenfold from what it is to date between now and built out, fully built out other projects will increase the amount in public services. I am, specifically, referring to under the analysis for fire department.

We are looking at national -- natural disasters, emergency medical services. The EIR talked about the new joint police and fire station. I think that’s definitely something that needs to be done, but I would like to have more adequate information in terms of mitigation measures, because I think, purely because of the population increase, the impact is not insignificant or less significant.

And members of the public have mentioned that, you know, we are within the earthquake zone, and I think that many natural disasters can happen, as well as just because of the pure population increase, and I would like to see mitigation measures being suggested in terms of how we would deal with these situations. (Claudine Cheng, Director, Treasure Island Development Authority Board) [TR.22.3]

Response

Existing conditions related to emergency access to/from the Islands are discussed in EIR Section IV.E, Transportation, on EIR p. IV.E.25. Impacts of the Proposed Project on the need for and availability of emergency access are discussed in Impact TR-38, on EIR pp. IV.E.116-IV.E.117. Emergency medical service is discussed in EIR Section IV.L, Public Services, Subsection L.2, Fire and Emergency Medical Services, on pp. IV.L.12-IV.L.20. As explained on p. IV.L.18, the Fire Department may need to station additional personnel and/or deploy additional equipment on Treasure Island to address the increased demand for emergency medical service; however, the need for additional staff and/or equipment does not, in itself, constitute a significant physical environmental impact. The need for additional physical space to house the staff and equipment would be met by the Proposed Project providing for the construction of a new joint police/fire station. Earthquake emergencies are discussed in EIR Section IV.N, Geology and Soils, particularly in Impacts GE-2 and GE-3, on EIR pp. IV.N.24-IV.N.29. As explained there, adherence to building code requirements in effect at the time that new buildings are constructed, and implementation of established geotechnical stabilization measures that are part of the Proposed Project, would reduce the impacts of groundshaking to less-than-significant levels.

The Treasure and Yerba Buena Emergency Response Plan was prepared by the Treasure Island Development Authority and the City’s Department of Emergency Management in January 2009,
and is discussed at the beginning of the Impacts discussion in EIR Section IV.P, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, on pp. IV.P.38-IV.P.39. The discussion explains that the Proposed Project would not impede emergency access and would implement a transportation system that meets current standards for emergency response. The *Emergency Response Plan* includes a provision requiring it to be updated regularly as the resident and employee populations increase during implementation of the Proposed Project.

No significant physical environmental impacts were identified in the EIR that require mitigation.

### 2.14.2 VANDALISM

**Comment**

Refer to: 1.2, 1.3; II.28-29; IV.C.15: HOMELESS: I recall that on visits to T.I. that housing near homeless residences was marred by vandalism and graffiti. Would hope that perpetrators not be allowed to live on the Island. *(Neil Malloch)* [44.5]

**Response**

The comment raises concerns about vandalism and graffiti on Treasure Island, but does not raise any specific comment on the adequacy and accuracy of the analysis presented in the EIR. Vandalism and similar issues would continue to be addressed by the San Francisco Police Department. There is an existing police station on Treasure Island, serving the existing businesses and residents. A new joint police/fire station is included in the Proposed Project (see EIR Chapter II, Project Description, p. II.16, and the discussion of police services in EIR Section IV.L, Public Services). Therefore, police services would continue to be provided on the Islands.