



5.11 POLICE PROTECTION

This section provides an analysis of police services, which is based on information provided by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LACSD). The LACSD maintains ultimate review and approval authority over aspects of proposed development that relate to police protection, and may identify further recommendations and/or requirements.

5.11.1 REGULATORY SETTING

CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE

The *California Penal Code* establishes the basis for the application of criminal law in California.

5.11.2 ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

The LACSD provides law enforcement services to the City of Duarte. The Duarte Satellite Station, located at 1042 Huntington Drive, is approximately 1.3 miles northwest of the project site. The Satellite Station serves as a launching center for officers to begin and end their shift. However, the station does not have dispatch or booking ability. These services are provided through the Temple Station, located at 8838 Las Tunas Drive in Temple City.

LACSD's targets for response times are 60 minutes for routine calls; 20 minutes for priority calls; and 10 minutes for emergency calls. Current response times are 35.4 minutes for routine calls, 6.8 minutes for priority calls and 5.9 minutes for emergency calls.¹

Staffing is determined by the City in combination with an agreement that there are sufficient units to handle workload. According to the LACSD, current staff levels are sufficient.²

5.11.3 SIGNIFICANCE THRESHOLD CRITERIA

The issues presented in the Initial Study Environmental Checklist (*CEQA Guidelines* Appendix G) have been utilized as thresholds of significance in this Section. Accordingly, a project may create a significant environmental impact if it causes one or more of the following to occur:

- 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.

Based on these standards, the effects of the proposed project have been categorized as either a "less than significant impact" or a "potentially significant impact." Mitigation measures are recommended for potentially significant impacts. If a potentially significant impact cannot be reduced to a less than significant level through the application of mitigation, it is categorized as a significant unavoidable impact.

¹ Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Sgt. John L. Carter, Duarte Liaison Sergeant, email correspondence, July 2, 2013.

² Ibid.



5.11.4 PROJECT IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES

POLICE SERVICES

■ IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT COULD RESULT IN IMPACTS TO POLICE SERVICES.

Impact Analysis: Implementation of the proposed project would allow for increased development within the Plan Area, including hotel, office, retail, and residential uses. The increased development could result in an increased demand for police protection services to the project area. While an increased demand for services may occur, the LACSD has confirmed that project implementation would not result in a significant impact and additional calls for service are not anticipated to require any additional units.³ Further, the LACSD does not anticipate the need for any new construction of facilities as a result of the proposed project. However, the LACSD may make suggestions to the City for increased services once the proposed project is complete and if any unanticipated problems arise.⁴ Future development associated with the proposed project would occur in phases over multiple years, based on market demand; thus, any increase in demand for police protection services would occur gradually as additional development occurs within the area. Through contractual agreements, the City and LACSD would ensure that adequate law enforcement services are available to serve the City. Impacts would be less than significant in this regard.

Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures are required.

Level of Impact Significance: Less Than Significant Impact.

5.11.5 CUMULATIVE IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES

■ DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATED WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT AND OTHER RELATED CUMULATIVE PROJECTS COULD RESULT IN CUMULATIVELY CONSIDERABLE IMPACTS TO POLICE SERVICES.

Impact Analysis: The cities wherein cumulative development projects would occur are served by their own police departments. Thus, development associated with the proposed project and related cumulative projects within neighboring jurisdictions would not result in cumulatively considerable impacts on law enforcement services. Development of the proposed project and cumulative projects within the City of Duarte could result in increased demand on police protection services provided by LACSD. Individual development projects would be reviewed on a project-by-project basis to determine potential impacts to law enforcement services as a result of the proposed development. The City would continue to coordinate with the LACSD through their contractual agreement to ensure that adequate personnel and facilities are available to serve the City. Cumulative impacts would be less than significant in this regard.

Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures are required.

Level of Significance: Less Than Significant Impact.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.

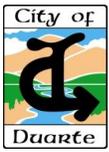


5.11.6 SIGNIFICANT UNAVOIDABLE IMPACTS

Implementation of the proposed project would result in less than significant project and cumulative impacts related to police protection services and facilities during both construction and operation. As such, no significant unavoidable impacts would result from implementation of the Duarte Station Specific Plan.

5.11.7 SOURCES CITED

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Sgt. John L. Carter, Duarte Liaison Sergeant, email correspondence, July 2, 2013.



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