



4.15 RECREATION

<i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?			✓	
b. Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?			✓	

- a) ***Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?***

Less Than Significant Impact. Refer to Response 4.14(a)(4). The proposed project would not result in a substantial increase in demand for parks or other recreational facilities, and would not result in physical deterioration of these facilities. Less than significant impacts would occur in this regard.

Mitigation Measures: No mitigation is required.

- b) ***Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?***

Less Than Significant Impact. The project does not include recreational facilities, nor would it require the construction or expansion of existing recreational facilities. It should also be noted that the MUST facility would include facilities that may result in enhanced recreational opportunities in the project area (i.e., open channel conveyance facilities, pretreatment wetlands, and storage pond). In addition, the MUST facility and its proposed water features (i.e., pretreatment wetlands and storage pond) may become an integrated component of an expansion/improvement of Cesar E. Chavez Park located at 401 Golden Avenue (a separate project under development by the City's Parks, Recreation, and Marine Department).

The existing LA River Bicycle Path runs along the easterly side of the River, immediately adjacent to the River levee along the entire project corridor. The only project construction activities occurring in the immediate vicinity of the existing path would occur at the MUST facility, in the vicinity of the Shoemaker Bridge. However, construction activities associated with the MUST facility would not affect the existing path, and the path would remain open to the public at all times.

A number of City-owned multi-use trails exist within and surrounding the MUST facility site. These trails generally provide for recreational activity and connectivity within the existing Cesar E. Chavez Park. In order to implement the MUST facility and associated pretreatment and storage ponds, a realignment of portions of these existing trails would be required. However, it is anticipated that the new segments of these realigned trails can be constructed while the existing trails remain open for use, and that closure of the trail system within this area would not be required. Moreover, as an integrated component of Cesar E. Chavez Park, the MUST facility would be designed to accommodate a proposed multi-use recreational trail network that would further enhance recreational opportunities in the project area. Thus, impacts in this regard would be less than significant.

Mitigation Measures: No mitigation is required.



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