

2. AGRICULTURE RESOURCES:

Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less-Than- Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less-Than- Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program in the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Existing Conditions

Based on site visits and reviews of the general plans of communities in the project corridor, there are no agricultural resources in the project area. The project area runs along the west side of San Francisco Bay and traverses parklands, commercial and industrial areas, and sensitive biological habitats in the West of Bayshore parcel and on San Bruno Mountain. However, there are no areas in or near the project corridor that are or are planned to be in agricultural cultivation. None of the land crossed by the route is used, zoned, or highly suitable for agricultural production. In addition, none of the parcels crossed by the line are under Williamson Act contract,¹ according to the San Mateo County Agricultural Preserves (Land under Williamson Act Contract) Map. Since the project area does not encroach into or come near any of the important farmlands or agricultural areas in the jurisdiction comprising the project area, agricultural policies from these jurisdiction would not apply to the proposed project.

Significance Criteria

The significance criteria for this analysis is based on Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines. The project is considered to have a significant impact on agricultural resources if it would:

- Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program in the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use;

¹ The Williamson Act, California Government Code Section 51200 et seq., established a program to preserve agricultural land, under which the owner of an agricultural parcel may enter into a contract with the County in which the owner agrees to maintain agricultural operations on the parcel. In exchange, the County assesses the property based solely on the agricultural value of the parcel, lowering the property tax obligation of the property owner. The contracts are valid for a 10-year period and are automatically renewed unless the property owner files for non-renewal.

- Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract; or
- Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use.

Explanation of Agricultural Resources Checklist

a. Conversion of Farmland **No Impact**

Since there are no agricultural resources in the project area, the proposed project would not cause or facilitate conversion of Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance to non-agricultural uses.

b. Conflict with Agricultural Zoning **No Impact**

Zoning within the project corridor is predominantly for open space, commercial, industrial, and office use (see Section B.9, Land Use and Planning). There is no land subject to a Williamson Act contract in the project area, and construction of the project would not conflict with zoning for agricultural land because no portion on or adjacent to the proposed project right-of-way is zoned for agricultural uses or is under a Williamson Act land contract.

c. Loss of Farmland **No Impact**

Since there are no agricultural resources in the project area, there is no potential for individual or cumulative loss of farmland.