

4.14 Recreation

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less-Than-Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less-Than-Significant Impact	No Impact
Would the project:				
a) 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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does the project:				
b) Include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

Regional Setting

Up to 20 parks lie within a 5-mile radius of the Main Facility. The large Whittier Narrows Recreation Area, a Los Angeles County facility, is located approximately 5 miles east of the MGSF. Whittier Narrows Recreation Area provides fishing lakes, picnicking areas, playgrounds, a nature center, an equestrian facility, trails, a multipurpose athletic complex, a military museum, soccer fields, volleyball courts, and archery, skeet, pistol, and trap ranges. Tennis courts and a pro shop are available and rentals are available for boats, bikes, and group area picnics. The Whittier Narrows area also includes the Whittier Narrows Golf Course along the west side of the Rio Hondo River.

The Montebello Golf Course also provides regional level recreational facilities and services and has been divided to add the Bicknell Park along Garfield Ave.

Local Setting

The cities of Montebello and Monterey Park maintain a number of local recreational opportunities throughout the area. The Montebello General Plan established a goal of 4.0 ac of parkland per 1000 people. The estimated population of Montebello for the year 2000 was 64,592 people. The acreage devoted to parks and recreation in Montebello is generally on par with neighboring cities, however the city does not meet their stated goal of 4 ac of park land per 1000 people.

The estimated population of Monterey Park for the year 2000 is 67,409 people.

According to the 2000 Monterey Park Draft General Plan, the city currently meets the NRPA standards for provision of total park space, although the remaining open space in the city is constantly diminishing.

REGULATORY SETTING

The cities of Montebello and Monterey Park establish via their General Plan and zoning ordinances requirements for the provision of park facilities within the context of new development.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Significance Criteria

The criteria to assess a level of significance for potential environmental impacts associated with transportation is predicated on the checklist questions above and reiterated below:

- 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
- Include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment

Decommissioning and Sale

Checklist Question a - b) Recovery of cushion gas and decommissioning of the MGSF will not generate a demand for new park facilities nor alter existing demand or use levels; nor does the project include the development of such facilities.

Future Development

Checklist Question a) The probable future development of 22 homes on the various MGSF properties (excluding the two Monterey Park Lots which are designated for industrial development) will represent a minor incremental increase in the demand for park and recreation facilities. The projected population increase for the probable 22 new homes is approximately 75 people. Within the context of the city of Montebello's population of 64,600 people, an increase in population of approximately 75 people cannot be regarded as a significant increase. Such an increase also represents a less than significant impact on existing facilities.

Checklist Question b) The proposed Project does not include the construction of recreational facilities. The incremental increase in population and in demand for recreational services and facilities is minor and is regarded as less than significant.

MITIGATION MEASURES

No mitigation required.