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## ACRONYMS

ALRT	At-Grade Emphasis
CALTRANS	California Department of Transportation
CBC	California Building Code
CCR	California Code of Regulations
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
FIDM	Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising
FLRT	Fully Underground LRT Alternative
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
LACFD	Los Angeles County Fire Department
LACSD	Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
LADOT	Los Angeles Department of Transportation
LAFD	Los Angeles Fire Department
LAPD	Los Angeles Police Department
LAUSD	Los Angeles Unified School District
LRT	Light Rail Transit
LTSM	TSM Lower Grand Shuttle Bus
Metro	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA)
MOCA	Museum of Contemporary Art
MONA	Museum of Neon Art
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act

SAFETEA-LU	Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users
TPS	Transport Priority System
TSM	Transportation Management System
UFC	Uniform Fire Code
ULRT	Underground Emphasis
USC	United States Code
USDOT	US Department of Transportation
UTSM	TSM Upper Grand Shuttle Bus

## 1.0 SUMMARY

This technical memorandum analyzes whether construction and operation of the proposed Regional Connector Transit Corridor project would result in potential adverse (National Environmental Policy Act [NEPA]) and significant (California Environmental Quality Act [CEQA]) short-term, long-term, and cumulative impacts on local parklands and community facilities. The analysis addresses potential direct and indirect impacts based on proposed acquisitions and potential effects on access.

Existing parklands and community facilities are located within 0.25 miles of the proposed Regional Connector Transit Corridor project alignments, stations, and construction sites. After cataloging the parklands and community facilities in close proximity to the proposed project, including those facilities found to be potential Section 4(f) resources, it was determined that the impacts to these facilities are less than significant (not adverse) for all alternatives and no mitigation is required.



## 2.0 INTRODUCTION

Transit improvements typically can enhance accessibility to parklands and community facilities, particularly for those individuals who are transit dependent. However, physical features associated with construction and operation of the transit improvements can also have direct and indirect adverse effects by acquisition of physical property, disruption to parkland users and other community facilities and their associated services, and changes to roadways and public right-of-ways that reduce pedestrian or vehicular access to facilities.

This technical memorandum identifies existing and potentially affected parklands and community facilities along and/or within 0.25 miles of either side of proposed project alignments, stations, and sites associated with construction activities. Parklands include public parks and outdoor recreational facilities, but do not include private plazas or private building-related open space. Community facilities include police and fire services, libraries, educational facilities (including day cares), churches, cemeteries, hospitals, and convalescent homes.



## 3.0 METHODOLOGY FOR IMPACT EVALUATION

### 3.1 Regulatory Framework

The following sections describe the regulatory framework used to guide parkland and community facility development by applicable jurisdictions in the project area, as well as determine adverse and significant impacts.

#### 3.1.1 Federal

##### 3.1.1.1 Parklands and Schools

Section 4(f) of the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Act of 1966 (re-codified as amended at 49 United States Code [USC] Section 303) affords special protection to public recreational lands and facilities, including local parks and school facilities, that are open and available to the general public for recreational purposes, significant cultural resources, and natural wildlife refuges. Federally funded transportation improvement projects are prohibited from encroachment (direct impacts, constructive use, or a taking) on Section 4(f) lands unless it can be demonstrated that no other alternative exists. Parks and recreational Section 4(f) lands within or adjacent to the proposed corridor are discussed in Section 4. The Historic, Archaeological and Paleontological Resources Technical Memorandum discusses Section 4(f) as it relates to historical resources.

Since 1966, Section 4(f) has undergone several changes. In August 2005, Section 6009(a) of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) made the first substantive revision to Section 4(f) since the 1966 USDOT Act. Section 6009, which amended existing Section 4(f) legislation at both Title 49 USC Section 303 and Title 23 USC Section 138, simplified the process and approval of projects that would have only *de minimis* impacts on lands impacted by Section 4(f). Under the new provisions, once the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) determines that a transportation use of Section 4(f) property results in a *de minimis* impact, analysis of avoidance alternatives is not required and the Section 4(f) evaluation process is complete.

##### 3.1.1.2 Fire Services

The Uniform Fire Code (UFC) contains regulations relating to building construction and maintenance and the use of their premises. Topics addressed in the UFC include fire department access, fire hydrants, automatic sprinkler systems, fire alarm systems, fire and explosion hazards safety, and hazardous materials storage and use. The regulations also include provisions intended to protect and assist fire responders, industrial processes, and many other general and specialized fire safety requirements for new and existing buildings and their premises. The UFC contains specialized technical regulations related to fire and human safety.

### 3.1.2 State

#### 3.1.2.1 Fire Services

California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 24 of the California Building Code (CBC) is a compilation of building standards. State fire regulations are set forth in Section 13000 et seq. of the California Health and Safety Code and include regulations for building standards (as also set forth in the CBC), fire protection and notification systems, fire protection devices such as extinguishers and smoke alarms, high-rise building and childcare facility standards, and fire suppression training. If there is no local fire authority and in state-owned and state-occupied facilities, the California State Fire Marshall has full enforcement jurisdiction of state fire regulations.

#### 3.1.2.2 Educational Facilities:

Each of the state school districts is subject to the regulations of the California Education Code (CEC) and the governance of the California State Board of Education, relative to funding, school curriculum, operations, and facilities (including location considerations).

### 3.1.3 Local

Parklands, public services (i.e., police and fire protection), libraries, and other community facilities (i.e., educational facilities) are generally regulated by local agencies. Therefore, these components and implementation of the proposed project alternatives would be regulated primarily by agencies and policies of Los Angeles County and the City of Los Angeles.

In addition, public schools within 0.25 miles of either side of the proposed project alignments, stations, and maintenance and operations facility sites are within the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), which has its own policies and procedures. Specific policies pertaining to other community facilities are implemented through land use and zoning, and are described in more detail in the Land Use and Development Technical Memorandum.

The following sections summarize many of the applicable local policies, listed by jurisdiction:

#### 3.1.3.1 Los Angeles County

Parklands and community facilities are subject to the guidelines set forth in the Los Angeles County General Plan. The County's General Plan has policies that affect park and recreation facilities and police and fire services in the project area, including the following:

- *Parks and Recreation:* Policy C/OS 1.1 promotes acquisition and preservation of open space areas throughout the County.
- *Police Services:* Policy PS 8.1 promotes phased development, whereby land use proposals are developed in conjunction with approved law enforcement capabilities.

- *Fire Services:* The Los Angeles County Fire Code and General Plan establish standards, policies, and goals for fire suppression facilities within the County. In addition, the County's General Plan includes policies (such as Policy PS 7.1) that promote phased development, whereby land use proposals are developed in conjunction with approved fire protection capabilities.

### 3.1.3.2 City of Los Angeles

#### Citywide Level

*Parks and Recreation:* Recreational planning is accomplished through various land use plans, including the City of Los Angeles General Plan and various community plans, specific plans, and recreational use plans developed by the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks.

According to the City of Los Angeles Public Recreation Plan, a satisfactory recreation system must measure up to accepted standards in three respects. The first standard is sufficient land area must be set aside for recreation; the second is recreation areas must be properly distributed in residential areas throughout the City; and third, facilities must meet different recreation needs, including both active and passive recreation and provisions for every age (City of Los Angeles 1980).

*Police Services:* While there are no specific local or regional plans that address police services, the City's General Plan framework and specific community plans contain policies and objectives that ensure adequate police service infrastructure for the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD).

*Fire Services:* The City of Los Angeles both surrounds and adjoins other cities, counties, and state and federally controlled lands; therefore, it has joined a variety of mutual aid agreements with other jurisdictions for the cooperative response and management of fires and other emergency incidents. The Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) participates in automatic response agreements with the County. The City's General Plan and Fire Code (part of the City's municipal code) contain the goals, objectives, and policies related to fire prevention and suppression services.

#### Community Level

The project area crosses two designated City of Los Angeles communities: Central City and Central City North. Both of these communities have community plans that contain applicable policies regarding existing parklands and community facilities. These policies are discussed in the following sections.

### Central City Community Plan

Central City is a community within the City of Los Angeles located south of Sunset Boulevard/Cesar Chavez Avenue, north of the Santa Monica Freeway (I-10), east of the Harbor Freeway (I-110), and west of Alameda Street. The following paragraphs summarize applicable Central City Community Plan policies, listed by community facility type.

*Parks and Recreation:* Policy 4-1.1 seeks to expand the range of potential open space resources at the neighborhood and community levels. Policy 4-2.1 fosters physical and visual links between open spaces and public spaces in downtown Los Angeles with the implementation of the Civic Center Shared Facilities and Enhancement Plan and Metro's Angel's Walk Pedestrian Master Plan. Increased use of existing parks and recreational spaces is encouraged with Policy 4-3.1. Policy 4-4.1 supports improvement of Central City's pedestrian environment in recognition of its important role in the efficiency of the downtown's transportation and circulation systems. This policy also promotes improvement of the quality of life for its residents, workers and visitors.

*Police Services:* Policy 5-1.1 requires consultation with the LAPD during review of development projects and land use changes to determine law enforcement needs and requirements. This policy also requires decision-makers for proposed projects to include findings relevant to impacts to police service demand

*Fire Services:* Policy 6-1.1 requires coordination with the LAFD during review of significant development projects to determine the impacts on fire service demand. This policy requires decision-makers for proposed development projects to include findings regarding potential impacts to fire service demand and encourages continued consultation with the LAFD.

*Libraries:* Policy 8-1.1 encourages flexibility in locating libraries in mixed-use projects, pedestrian-oriented areas, transit-oriented districts, and similar areas.

*Educational Facilities:* Policy 7-1.1 encourages the location and design of school locations to be compatible with the surrounding neighborhood and to use schools to create a logical buffer between different land uses. It also requires that decision-makers be involved in review of proposed schools and adopt findings that support the application of this objective. Policy 7-1.2 encourages changes to the planning and building code to allow reuse of existing buildings for educational purposes.

### Central City North Community Plan

Central City North is a community within the City of Los Angeles adjacent to downtown Los Angeles. The community is bounded by the Los Angeles River on the east; the City of Vernon to the south; Alameda Street, Cesar Chavez Avenue, Sunset Boulevard, and Marview Avenue to the west; and Stadium Way, Lilac Terrace, and North Broadway to the north. The following

paragraphs summarize applicable Central City North Community Plan policies, listed by community facility type:

*Parks and Recreation:* Policy 4-1.1 seeks to protect and preserve recreational facilities and park space by designating city recreation and park facilities as open space. Policy 5-1.1 encourages retention of passive and visual open space to provide a balance to the urban development of the Plan area. Policy 5-2.1 promotes accessibility, security, and safety of park users, especially families with children and senior citizens, by park design, construction, and maintenance methods.

*Police Services:* Policy 8-1.1 requires consultation with the LAPD during review of significant development projects to determine potential impacts on police service demand. Decision-makers are required to include findings considering potential impacts of a proposed project on police service demands.

*Fire Services:* Policy 9-1.1 requires coordination with the LAFD during review of significant development projects to determine the potential impact on fire service demands. This policy requires decision-makers to include findings regarding potential impacts on fire service demands of a proposed project.

*Libraries:* Policy 7-1.1 encourages flexibility in locating libraries in mixed-use projects, shopping malls, pedestrian-oriented areas, transit stations, office buildings, and other similar areas.

*Educational Facilities:* Policy 6-1.1 encourages the development and design of school locations to be compatible with the surrounding land uses and community character, and to use schools as a logical transition and buffer between different land uses.

## 3.2 Standards of Significance

### 3.2.1 NEPA and Section 4(f)

NEPA does not have specific requirements related to potential impacts on parklands and community facilities. However, Section 4(f) of the USDOT Act of 1966 requires protection of certain parklands and community facilities, as specified in the regulation. Section 4(f) properties are considered significant if they play an important role in meeting community objectives in terms of availability and functions of recreation, park, or wildlife and waterfowl.

Only selected levels of significance are relevant to this project because not all of the resources described in the guidance are present in the urban-built environment of downtown Los Angeles. Significance is determined by consultation with local, state, or federal agencies with jurisdiction over the resources. Therefore, a significant adverse impact to Section 4(f) properties would occur if an alternative would require:

- Direct use of Section 4(f) lands (physical acquisition, displacement or relocation)
- Constructive use (indirect effect) of Section 4(f) lands by which a project's proximity to the Section 4(f) resources substantially impairs the normal use of the land (i.e., altering access, introducing significant noise or vibration, casting shadows, or other substantive changes to the visual setting)

### 3.2.2 CEQA

CEQA thresholds for parklands are identified in Section K of the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide* (City of Los Angeles 2006). In accordance with CEQA, a project would normally have a significant impact on parklands if it could:

- Result in substantial adverse physical impacts from new or physically altered government facilities, need for new or physically altered government facilities, and construction that could cause significant environmental impacts to maintaining acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives for parks.
- Increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other regional facilities to the extent that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated.
- Include recreational facilities or require construction or expansion of recreational facilities that might have a physical effect on the environment.

As indicated in the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide* (City of Los Angeles 2006), significant impacts to community/public facilities would occur if the project could:

- Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with providing new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, and construction that could cause significant environmental impacts to maintaining acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives for police protection, fire protection, schools, or other public facilities.
- Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan.

## 3.3. Methodology

Potential impacts to parkland and community facilities, including Section 4(f) resources, were assessed by conducting an inventory of facilities located within 0.25 mile of either side of proposed project alignments, stations, and sites associated with construction (also referred to as the "project area"). A 0.25-mile radius from proposed alignments is consistent with

previous environmental analyses for Metro transit projects and identifies the facilities that are in closest proximity, thereby indicating those that could be directly or indirectly impacted by the proposed transit improvements.

Direct effects/impacts are those caused directly by, and immediately related to, project activities such as land acquisitions or noise from construction. This would occur only at facilities located adjacent to the project. Indirect effects/impacts are caused by the proposed project, but may occur later in time and at some distance from the project, or are in the chain of cause-and-effect relationships (such as elimination of parking that negatively affects a resource). Indirect effects/impacts would most likely occur at facilities adjacent to or in close proximity to the project.

This impact analysis for parklands and community facilities, including Section 4(f) resources, identifies locations of these facilities within the project area, and overlays the sites on the proposed transit alternatives to assess direct and indirect impacts. The first step was to identify parklands and community facilities within the area of potential impact. These sites were identified from existing sources, including planning documents for the City and County of Los Angeles; various internet sites for federal, state, and local agencies; map and satellite imagery of the area of potential impact; and field investigations. It should be noted that public parklands are protected as Section 4(f) resources, and were also identified for analysis. These sites are included on the figures in Section 4 that show the area of impact and are listed in the tables in Section 4 that show the proximity of each site to the alternative alignments.

The second step in the impact analysis was to consider potential short-term and long-term impacts on parklands and community facilities associated with construction and operation of the proposed project. The analysis addressed potential direct impacts from proposed acquisitions and indirect impacts from potential effects of project activities (i.e., construction of guideways and trackwork, underground and at-grade stations, tunnels, and below-grade separations) on pedestrian and vehicular access (including parking). Indirect impacts could be potentially significant if they create barriers or substantial disruption to pedestrian and vehicular access. , All applicable regulatory requirements and standards of significance were applied to analyze the potential for impacts.

Construction period impacts are discussed for each type of community facility, and specific facilities as appropriate. Operational impacts are anticipated to be primarily beneficial if they increase access to parks and community facilities.

Proximity impacts related specifically to traffic, safety, air quality, noise, and other related issues could also have an effect on parklands and community facilities. Effects on pedestrian and vehicular access are discussed further in the Transportation Technical Memorandum. Existing and future safety and security issues for motorists and the surrounding community are discussed in the Safety and Security Technical Memorandum. Other potential indirect

impacts related to air quality and noise impacts are addressed in the Air Quality and Noise Technical Memorandums, respectively.

This analysis also discusses cumulative (including growth inducing) impacts from construction and operation of the project alternatives. Cumulative impacts are environmental changes that result from the incremental impact of the project when added to other closely related past, present, and reasonably foreseeable projects. If there are no direct or indirect impacts, then there would be no cumulative effects.

### **3.4 Section 4(f) Evaluation Methodology**

For Section 4(f) resources, the impact analysis includes a description of each affected public recreational land and facility and its significance. Significance is determined by consultation with federal, state, or local agencies that have jurisdiction over the site. Section 4(f) criteria for “use” (i.e., direct and constructive impacts) are applied to each resource identified. The analysis also describes alternatives that would avoid the use of the resource, measures that would minimize harm, and required coordination with other agencies.

Section 4(f) requires that lands meeting the 4(f) criteria must be protected unless unusual factors or unique problems are present, or the cost, environmental impacts, or community disruption from potential alternatives are particularly large. Therefore, if a Section 4(f) property would be impacted by a proposed project, the analysis must demonstrate that there are no other prudent and feasible alternatives that do not affect the 4(f) property.

If all potential alternatives include the use of Section 4(f) lands, the alternative that has the least overall impact on the resource (including mitigation measures), while still being prudent and feasible, is the alternative that must be selected.

This technical memorandum analyzes only Section 4(f) public recreational lands and facilities. An analysis of Section 4(f) effects related to historical resources is provided in the Historic, Archaeological, and Paleontological Resources Technical Memorandum.

## 4.0 AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

This section describes the existing parklands and community facilities within the project area. The first part describes the general County and City settings for these facilities and the second part provides an inventory of existing facilities and maps showing the locations of each facility relative to each alternative's alignment.

### 4.1 Existing Parks and Community Facilities Context

The project area is encompassed by the jurisdictions of Los Angeles County and the City of Los Angeles. The following provides a general context for the parklands and community facilities under these jurisdictions:

#### 4.1.1 Los Angeles County

*Parks and Recreation:* Los Angeles County offers its residents an array of parks, gardens, and beaches. There is one county park, the Civic Center Mall, located within 0.25 miles of the proposed alternatives. It is located adjacent to the Hall of Administration and the County Courthouse, on the block bounded by 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Hill Street, Temple Street, and Grand Avenue.

*Police Services:* The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LACSD) currently employs approximately 9,474 sworn peace officers and 7,738 professional staff. The LACSD is comprised of 11 divisions, which provide law enforcement services to 40 contract cities, 90 unincorporated communities, 9 community colleges, Metro, and 48 superior courts (County of Los Angeles 2007). There are no LACSD stations located within 0.25 miles of the proposed alternatives.

*Fire Services:* The Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACFD) provides fire and safety services to unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, contracted cities, and cities that are under an agreement for the cooperative response and management of fires and other emergency incidents, including the City of Los Angeles. The LACFD currently employs over 4,500 personnel, ranging from firefighters and paramedics to lifeguards and pilots. The LACFD operates 165 fire stations and several fire prevention offices (County of Los Angeles 2007). There are no LACFD fire stations within 0.25 miles of the proposed alternatives.

*Libraries:* Los Angeles County provides library services to residents living in the unincorporated areas of the County. One Los Angeles County library (Los Angeles County Law Library) is located within 0.25 miles of the proposed project.

*Educational Facilities:* There are no Los Angeles County educational facilities within the project area.

*Other Community Facilities:* A portion of the project area extends through the Civic Center, where there are number of government buildings and public facilities. There are five Los Angeles County government offices within the project area: the Los Angeles County Hall of Records, Los Angeles Archives & Records Center, Los Angeles County Courthouse, and two Los Angeles Superior Court locations (Broadway and Temple Street and 1<sup>st</sup> and Hill Streets).

## 4.1.2 City of Los Angeles

### 4.1.2.1 Central City Community Plan Area

*Parks and Recreation:* Downtown Los Angeles has the least amount of public open space of any major U.S. urban center. There are seven public parks and recreational facilities operated by the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks in the Central City Community Plan area. Four of those parks (Pershing Square, City Hall South Lawn Park, Grand Hope Park, and Los Angeles Plaza Park) are located within 0.25 miles of the proposed project. Maguire Gardens is a landscaped open space located adjacent to all of the proposed alternatives at 5<sup>th</sup> and Flower Streets, but it is designated by the City of Los Angeles as a public facility, not a park. Fletcher Bowron Square is located near the proposed alternatives, but it is also designated as a public facility, not a park. In addition to these public spaces, there are a number of private building-related parks and plazas.

*Police Services:* The LAPD provides police protection services in the City of Los Angeles, which is an area of approximately 483 square miles, with 21 communities representing approximately four million residents (LAPD 2007). In addition to administrative and special investigative units, the City of Los Angeles is divided into four smaller operational units, or bureaus: the Central Bureau, the South Bureau, the West Bureau, and the Valley Bureau.

To facilitate response times, the LAPD has approximately 21 individual police stations located throughout the bureaus. The LAPD employs approximately 9,600 sworn and 2,900 civilian personnel, providing an average of approximately 2.4 sworn officers per 1,000 people (LAPD 2007). The LAPD Headquarters is located within 0.25 miles of the proposed project. The Central Bureau Station also services the area, but is located more than 0.25 miles from the proposed build alternatives. Additionally, the United States Department of Justice Los Angeles Federal Metropolitan Detention Center jail facility is located within 0.25-miles of all of the alternatives.

*Fire Services:* The LAFD provides fire suppression, emergency medical care, technical rescue, hazardous materials handling, disaster response, and community services to the City of Los Angeles. The LAFD has 3,594 uniformed personnel and 346 non-sworn support personnel located at 106 neighborhood fire stations, serving a 471-square-mile jurisdiction (LAFD 2008). There are 1,101 uniformed firefighters, including 226 firefighter/ paramedics, always on duty throughout the City. The location and number of stations that would be called in the event of a fire or other emergency depends on a number of factors, including the type of emergency,

severity of the emergency, and availability of the nearest fire station. In actuality, the resources of the entire LAFD force could be available collectively. There are three fire stations within the Central City Community Plan area and one of them lies within 0.25-miles of the proposed alternatives: Fire Station No. 3 at 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Fremont Avenue.

*Libraries:* There are two public libraries operated by the Los Angeles Public Library system within the Central City Community Plan area. Both of these are located within 0.25 miles of the proposed project. These libraries are the Central Library in the Financial District on Flower and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets and the Little Tokyo Branch Library at Alameda and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets. Additionally, there are six other libraries in the area that are open to the public at least on a limited basis.

*Educational Facilities:* The LAUSD is the primary school district within the City of Los Angeles. The LAUSD encompasses a service area of almost 704 square miles, which is broken into eight local districts. In addition to the City of Los Angeles, the LAUSD serves all or portions of several incorporated cities and portions of the County, thus representing a total population of approximately 4.5 million residents. The LAUSD operates approximately 1,190 schools, including kindergarten through grade 12 (K-12), community and occupational centers, and charter schools (LAUSD 2008). The LAUSD is undergoing a \$19.3 billion voter-approved transformation to build new schools and improve existing facilities. These improvements are being implemented to reduce overcrowding throughout the district. Since the program began in 2000, 67 new schools have been constructed, 12 new schools are currently under construction, 19 projects are under construction, and 171 projects have been completed (LAUSD 2008). Within the Central City Community Plan area, there is only one public elementary school. However, the area is also served by another elementary school in Chinatown, a high school in Westlake, a junior high in Boyle Heights, and the planned Edward R. Roybal Learning Center in Central City West. Three LAUSD high schools lie within 0.25 miles of the proposed project (California Academy for Liberal Studies Early College High School, Oscar de la Hoya Amino Leadership Charter High School, and High School for the Visual and Performing Arts).

*Other Community Facilities:* There are a number of other community facilities both within the Central City Community Plan area and within 0.25 miles of the proposed project alternatives. These include six museums, two medical facilities, ten day-care facilities, and numerous religious facilities.

#### **4.1.2.2 Central City North Community Plan Area**

*Parks and Recreation:* The City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks operates two community parks and nine neighborhood parks in the Central City North Community Plan area. None of these parks is located with 0.25 miles of the proposed project.

*Police Services:* Police protection services are provided by the LAPD. One police station, the Chinatown Substation, serves the area. There are no Central City North Community Plan police stations located within 0.25 miles of the proposed project alignments.

*Fire Services:* Fire services are provided by the LAFD. Two fire stations provide fire protection in the Central City North Community Plan area. Only one is within 0.25 miles of the proposed alignments. LAFD Station No. 4, is located on Temple Street between Garey and Alameda Streets.

*Libraries:* Two public libraries serve the Central City North Community Plan area. The Chinatown Branch Library in Chinatown at Castelar Elementary School is located outside the 0.25-mile radius around the proposed alignments. The Little Tokyo Branch Library is in the Central City Community Plan area, but serves the Central City North Community Plan area as well. The Little Tokyo Branch Library lies within 0.25 miles of the proposed project alignments.

*Educational Facilities:* The LAUSD is the primary school district servicing the Central City North Community Plan area. Within the community plan area are two elementary schools and one high school. Other LAUSD schools outside of the Central City North Community Plan area that serve the area include an elementary and junior high school in Boyle Heights, an elementary school in Central City, a high school in Westlake, and a junior high school in Lincoln Heights. None of these LAUSD schools are within 0.25 miles of the proposed project. No private schools are located within 0.25 miles of the proposed alignments.

*Other Community Facilities:* Other community facilities within the Central City North Community Plan area include two daycares, two religious facilities, and one medical facility within 0.25 miles of the proposed project alternatives.

## 4.2 Existing Parklands and Community Facilities

Existing parklands and community facilities within the area are described in the following paragraphs. The parklands and community facilities that service the area or are within 0.25 miles of the proposed project alternatives alignments and stations are detailed in Figures 4-1 through 4-12 and Tables 4-2 through 4-4. Figures 4-1 through 4-4 show parklands and recreational resources within 0.25 miles of each alternative and correspond to the numbers on Table 4-2, which describes each facility. Figures 4-5 through 4-8 show public services and religious facilities within 0.25 miles of each alternative and correspond to the numbers on Table 4-3, which describes each facility. Figures 4-9 through 4-12 show educational facilities within 0.25 miles of each alternative and correspond to the numbers on Table 4-4, which describes each facility.

Table 4-1 summarizes the number of parklands and community facilities located within 0.25 miles of the proposed project. Figures 4-1 through 4-4 and Table 4-2 pertain to the parklands

and other recreational resources—including parklands, museums, and recreational facilities—located within the project area and associated with the proposed alternatives.

**Table 4-1. Summary of the Parklands and Community Facilities Located Within 0.25 Miles of the Project Alternatives**

Facility Type	Project Alternatives				
	TSM	At-Grade Emphasis LRT	Underground Emphasis LRT	Fully Underground LRT – Little Tokyo Variation 1	Fully Underground LRT – Little Tokyo Variation 2
Parks	5	5	5	5	5
Recreational Facilities	7	6	6	6	6
Police Services	4	3	3	3	3
Fire Services	2	2	2	2	2
Libraries	9	4	3	3	3
Day-Care and Pre-School	13	6	7	8	8
Public Elementary and Middle Schools	0	0	0	0	0
Public High Schools	3	2	2	2	2
Colleges, Universities, & Trade Schools	12	8	9	10	10
Private Schools	0	0	0	0	0
Government Offices	13	13	12	12	12
Medical Facilities	1	1	1	1	1

**Table 4-1. Summary of the Parklands and Community Facilities Located Within 0.25 Miles of the Project Alternatives**

Facility Type	Project Alternatives				
	TSM	At-Grade Emphasis LRT	Underground Emphasis LRT	Fully Underground LRT – Little Tokyo Variation 1	Fully Underground LRT – Little Tokyo Variation 2
Religious Facilities	13	10	11	11	11
Museums	6	6	4	4	4

Source: CDM 2009



Figure 4-1. Parklands and Recreational Resources – TSM Alternative



Figure 4-2. Parklands and Recreational Resources – At-Grade Emphasis LRT Alternative



Figure 4-3. Parklands and Recreational Resources – Underground Emphasis LRT Alternative

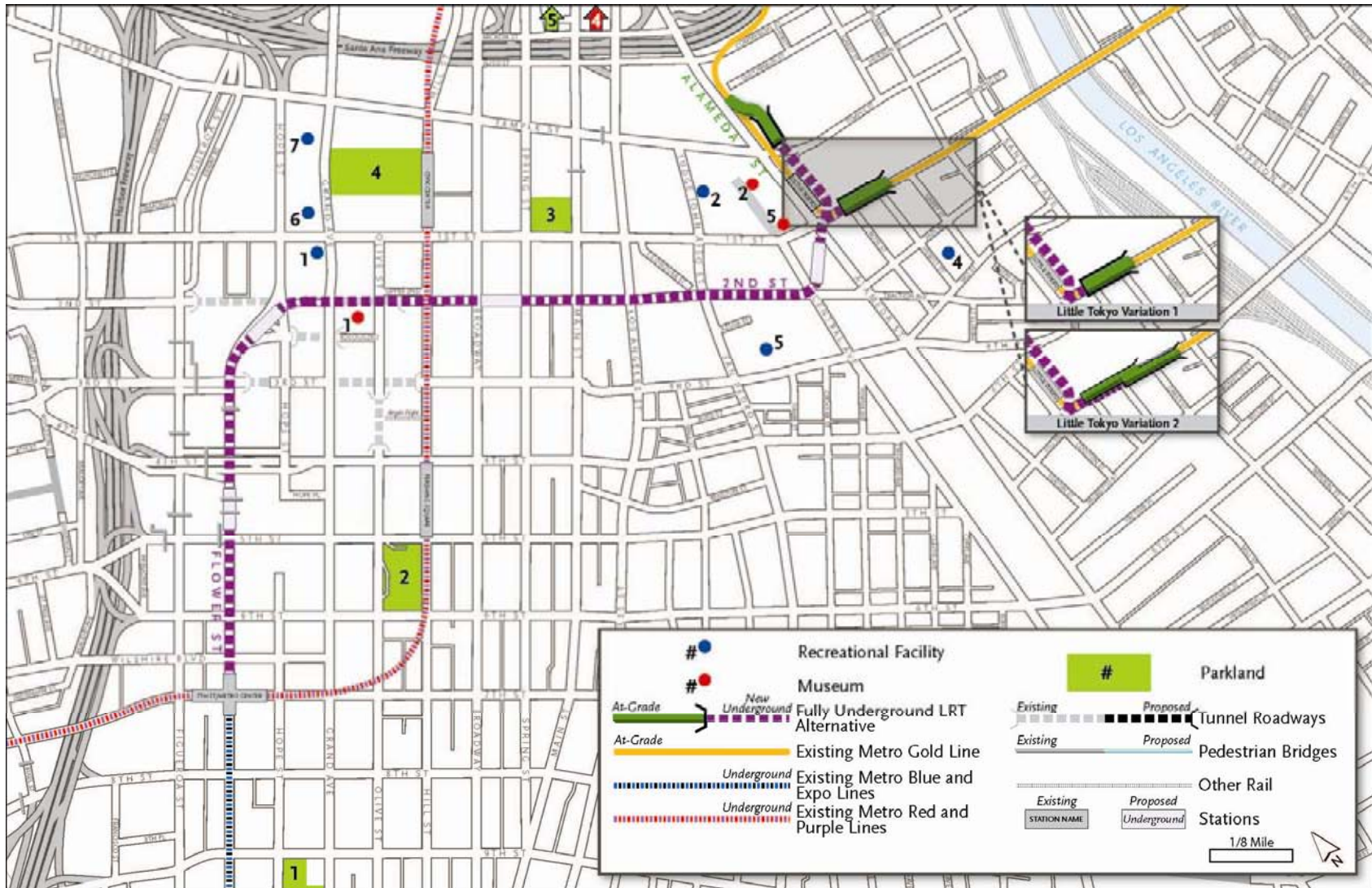


Figure 4-4. Parklands and Recreational Resources – Fully Underground LRT Alternative – Little Tokyo Variation 1 and Fully Underground LRT Alternative – Little Tokyo Variation 2

**Table 4-2. Parklands and Recreational Resources  
Within 0.25 Miles of the Project Alternatives**

Map No <sup>1</sup>	Name	Type of Facility	Approx Size (acres)	Location	Regulatory Agency	Proximity to Alignment (miles <sup>2</sup> )
<b>Parklands</b>						
1	Grand Hope Park	Special Features: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decorative sidewalks</li> <li>• 2 fountains</li> <li>• Clock tower</li> <li>• Pergolas</li> <li>• Children's play area</li> <li>• Displays of various artists' work</li> </ul>	2.5	919 S Grand Avenue	City of Los Angeles	0.16 ALRT 0.16 ULRT 0.16 FLRT 0.16 LTSM 0.25 UTSM
2	Pershing Square	Special Features: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ice Skating Rink (seasonal)</li> <li>• Stage</li> <li>• Sunken Amphitheatre</li> </ul> Other Programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Earth Day</li> <li>• Shakespeare in the Park</li> <li>• Special Events Concert</li> <li>• St. Patrick's Day Parade</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	5.0	532 S Olive Street	City of Los Angeles	0.24 ALRT 0.24 ULRT 0.24 FLRT 0.24 LTSM 0.01 UTSM
3	City Hall South Lawn Park	Landscaped grounds of City Hall	4.0	200 N Main Street	City of Los Angeles	0.04 ALRT 0.14 ULRT 0.14 FLRT 0.14 LTSM 0.13 UTSM

**Table 4-2. Parklands and Recreational Resources  
Within 0.25 Miles of the Project Alternatives**

Map No <sup>1</sup>	Name	Type of Facility	Approx Size (acres)	Location	Regulatory Agency	Proximity to Alignment (miles <sup>2</sup> )
4	Civic Center Mall	Special Features: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large fountain</li> <li>• Multi-story parking garage for county employees underneath</li> <li>• Coffee shop</li> </ul>	5.0	Block bounded by S Hill Street, S Grand Avenue, W 1 <sup>st</sup> Street, & W Temple Street	County of Los Angeles	0.14 ALRT 0.14 ULRT 0.14 FLRT 0.14 LTSM 0.01 UTSM
5	Los Angeles Plaza Park	Special Features: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Part of El Pueblo de Los Angeles (see Museums)</li> <li>• Restaurants and Shops</li> <li>• Olvera Street</li> </ul>	7.0	125 Paseo de la Plaza	City of Los Angeles	0.25 ALRT 0.25 ULRT 0.25 FLRT 0.10 LTSM 0.01 UTSM
<b>Museums</b>						
1	Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA)	Museum devoted to contemporary art	N/A	250 S Grand Avenue	City of Los Angeles	0.09 ALRT 0.09 ULRT 0.09 FLRT 0.03 LTSM 0.04 UTSM
2	The Geffen Contemporary at MOCA	Museum devoted to contemporary art, it is part of MOCA	N/A	152 N Central Avenue	City of Los Angeles	0.09 ALRT 0.09 ULRT 0.09 FLRT 0.03 LTSM 0.04 UTSM
3	Los Angeles Children's Museum	Not open to the public yet. Beginning fabrication of exhibits.	1.3	310 N Main Street	Private	0.06 ALRT 0.32 ULRT 0.28 FLRT 0.18 LTSM 0.03 UTSM

**Table 4-2. Parklands and Recreational Resources  
Within 0.25 Miles of the Project Alternatives**

Map No <sup>1</sup>	Name	Type of Facility	Approx Size (acres)	Location	Regulatory Agency	Proximity to Alignment (miles <sup>2</sup> )
4	El Pueblo de Los Angeles State Historical Monument	A living museum whose role is as a historic and symbolic heart of the City  Attractions include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avila Adobe</li> <li>• Chinese American Museum</li> <li>• Plaza Firehouse Museum</li> <li>• Sepulveda House</li> <li>• Italian Hall Museum</li> <li>• Pico House</li> <li>• Olvera Street</li> </ul>	44.0	500 Block of N Main Street	City of Los Angeles	0.24 ALRT 0.50 ULRT 0.20 FLRT 0.08 LTSM 0.03 UTSM
5	Japanese American National Museum	Museum to promote understanding and appreciation of America's ethnic and cultural diversity by sharing the Japanese American experience.	N/A	369 E 1 <sup>st</sup> Street	Private	0.13 ALRT 0.02 ULRT 0.02 FLRT 0.01 LTSM 0.13 UTSM
6	Museum of Neon Art (MONA)	Museum to encourage learning and curiosity through the preservation, collection, and interpretation of neon art.	N/A	136 W 4 <sup>th</sup> Street	Private	0.26 ALRT 0.26 ULRT 0.26 FLRT 0.13 LTSM 0.35 UTSM
<b>Recreational Facilities</b>						
1	The Walt Disney Concert Hall	Concert House, Los Angeles Music Center	3.6	111 S Grand Avenue	County of Los Angeles	0.06 ALRT 0.06 ULRT 0.06 FLRT 0.04 LTSM 0.08 UTSM

**Table 4-2. Parklands and Recreational Resources  
Within 0.25 Miles of the Project Alternatives**

Map No <sup>1</sup>	Name	Type of Facility	Approx Size (acres)	Location	Regulatory Agency	Proximity to Alignment (miles <sup>2</sup> )
2	Union Center for the Arts	Exhibition space for LA Artcore where new and original art works are displayed each month.	N/A	120 Judge John Aiso Street	Private	0.10 ALRT 0.14 ULRT 0.14 FLRT 0.14 LTSM 0.10 UTSM
3	Ahmanson Theatre	Performance Center	N/A	135 N Grand Avenue	County of Los Angeles	0.29 ALRT 0.29 ULRT 0.29 FLRT 0.29 LTSM 0.03 UTSM
4	Maryknoll Shotokan Karate Club	Nonprofit organization dedicated to teaching traditional karate.	N/A	222 S Hewitt Street	Private	0.20 ALRT 0.20 ULRT 0.10 FLRT 0.16 LTSM 0.34 UTSM
5	Japanese American Cultural and Community Center	Mission is to present, perpetuate, transmit and promote Japanese and Japanese American arts and culture to diverse audiences, and to provide a center to enhance community programs.	N/A	244 S San Pedro Street, Suite 505	Private	0.13 ALRT 0.07 ULRT 0.07 FLRT 0.07 LTSM 0.13 UTSM
6	Dorothy Chandler Pavilion	Concert House, Los Angeles Music Center	N/A	135 N Grand Avenue	County of Los Angeles	0.14 ALRT 0.14 ULRT 0.14 FLRT 0.14 LTSM 0.03 UTSM

**Table 4-2. Parklands and Recreational Resources  
Within 0.25 Miles of the Project Alternatives**

<b>Map No<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Type of Facility</b>	<b>Approx Size (acres)</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Regulatory Agency</b>	<b>Proximity to Alignment (miles<sup>2</sup>)</b>
7	Mark Taper Forum	Performance Center	N/A	135 N Grand Avenue	County of Los Angeles	0.25 ALRT 0.25 ULRT 0.25 FLRT 0.25 LTSM 0.04 UTSM

*Source: CDM, 2009*

<sup>1</sup> Map numbers correspond to Figures 4-1 through 4-4.

<sup>2</sup> Distance to At-Grade Emphasis (ALRT), Underground Emphasis (ULRT), Fully Underground LRT Alternative – Little Tokyo Variation 1 and Fully Underground LRT Alternative – Little Tokyo Variation 2 (FLRT), Transportation System Management (TSM) Lower Grand Shuttle Bus (LTSM) and TSM Upper Grand Shuttle Bus (UTSM) unless otherwise noted.

*Note: Distances are approximate following a straight line from location to the alternative line.*

Table 4-3 and Figures 4-5 through 4-8 pertain to public service facilities (which include police and fire services, libraries, government offices, medical facilities, and religious facilities) within the project area and associated with the proposed alternatives.

**Table 4-3. Public Services and Religious Facilities  
Within 0.25 mile of the Project Alternatives**

<b>Map No<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Facility</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Proximity to Alignment (miles)<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>Police Services<sup>3</sup></b>			
1	LAPD Parker Center	150 N Los Angeles Street	0.00 ALRT 0.14 ULRT 0.14 FLRT 0.14 LTSM 0.12 UTSM
2	New LAPD Headquarters	100 W 1 <sup>st</sup> Street	0.01 ALRT 0.00 ULRT 0.00 FLRT 0.01 LTSM 0.17 UTSM
3	LAPD Central Division	251 E 6 <sup>th</sup> Street	0.40 ALRT 0.40 ULRT 0.40 FLRT 0.24 LTSM 0.70 UTSM
4	Los Angeles Federal Metropolitan Detention Center	535 N Alameda Street	0.10 ALRT 0.20 ULRT 0.20 FLRT 0.01 LTSM 0.01 UTSM
<b>Fire Services</b>			
1	Fire Station #3	108 N Fremont Avenue	0.25 ALRT 0.25 ULRT 0.25 FLRT 0.15 LTSM 0.25 UTSM
2	Fire Station #4	450 E Temple Street	0.20 ALRT 0.20 ULRT 0.20 FLRT 0.20 LTSM

**Table 4-3. Public Services and Religious Facilities  
Within 0.25 mile of the Project Alternatives**

<b>Map No<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Facility</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Proximity to Alignment (miles)<sup>2</sup></b>
			0.20 UTSM
<b>Libraries</b>			
1	Little Tokyo Branch Public Library	203 S Los Angeles Street	0.02 ALRT 0.01 ULRT 0.01 FLRT 0.32 LTSM 0.02 UTSM
2	Los Angeles County Law Library	301 W 1 <sup>st</sup> Street	0.13 ALRT 0.13 ULRT 0.13 FLRT 0.13 LTSM 0.16 UTSM
3	Los Angeles Central Library	630 W 5 <sup>th</sup> Street	0.09 ALRT 0.09 ULRT 0.13 FLRT 0.09 LTSM 0.03 UTSM
4	Nonprofit Resource Library	1000 N Alameda Street, Ste 250	0.25 ALRT 0.25 ULRT 0.25 FLRT 0.25 LTSM 0.02 UTSM
5	United States Court Library	312 N Spring Street, #G8	0.08 ALRT 0.29 ULRT 0.29 FLRT 0.29 LTSM 0.02 UTSM
<b>Government Offices</b>			
1a	Los Angeles City Hall	200 N Spring Street	0.03 ALRT 0.20 ULRT

**Table 4-3. Public Services and Religious Facilities  
Within 0.25 mile of the Project Alternatives**

Map No <sup>1</sup>	Facility	Address	Proximity to Alignment (miles) <sup>2</sup>
			0.20 FLRT 0.20 LTSM 0.07 UTSM
1b	City Hall East/Annex	200 N Main Street	0.00 ALRT 0.11 ULRT 0.11 FLRT 0.12 LTSM 0.01 UTSM
2	Los Angeles County Archives & Records Center	222 N Hill Street	0.11 ALRT 0.25 ULRT 0.25 FLRT 0.25 LTSM 0.03 UTSM
3	Los Angeles Superior Stanley Mosk Courthouse	110 N Grand Avenue	0.15 ALRT 0.15 ULRT 0.15 FLRT 0.15 LTSM 0.08 UTSM
4	Los Angeles Superior Stanley Mosk Courthouse	111 N Hill Street	0.15 ALRT 0.15 ULRT 0.15 FLRT 0.15 LTSM 0.14 UTSM
5	State of California Administrative Offices	300 S Spring Street	0.13 ALRT 0.13 ULRT 0.13 FLRT 0.01 LTSM 0.32 UTSM
6	State of California Department Offices	320 W 4 <sup>th</sup> Street	0.26 ALRT 0.26 ULRT 0.26 FLRT 0.13 LTSM

**Table 4-3. Public Services and Religious Facilities  
Within 0.25 mile of the Project Alternatives**

<b>Map No<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Facility</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Proximity to Alignment (miles)<sup>2</sup></b>
			0.22 UTSM
7	Former Site of State of California Department Offices (Planned Federal Courthouse Site)	107 S Broadway	0.09 ALRT 0.09 ULRT 0.09 FLRT 0.09 LTSM 0.21 UTSM
8	United States Federal Government Offices	251 S Olive Street	0.09 ALRT 0.09 ULRT 0.09 FLRT 0.04 LTSM 0.07 UTSM
9	United States Federal Building (Roybal Center)	255 E Temple Street	0.01 ALRT 0.23 ULRT 0.18 FLRT 0.23 LTSM 0.03 UTSM
10	United States Federal Courthouse	312 N Spring Street	0.06 ALRT 0.30 ULRT 0.30 FLRT 0.30 LTSM 0.03 UTSM
11	Caltrans – District 7	100 S Main Street	0.01 ALRT 0.00 ULRT 0.00 FLRT 0.02 LTSM 0.25 UTSM
12	Los Angeles Superior Courthouse – Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center	210 W Temple Street	0.10 ALRT 0.23 ULRT 0.23 FLRT 0.23 LTSM 0.01 UTSM

**Table 4-3. Public Services and Religious Facilities  
Within 0.25 mile of the Project Alternatives**

<b>Map No<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Facility</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Proximity to Alignment (miles)<sup>2</sup></b>
13	Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration	500 W Temple Street	0.25 ALRT 0.23 ULRT 0.23 FLRT 0.23 LTSM 0.01 UTSM
<b>Medical Facilities</b>			
1	Veterans Administration Los Angeles Ambulatory Care Center	351 E Temple Street	0.02 ALRT 0.17 ULRT 0.15 FLRT 0.05 LTSM 0.01 UTSM
<b>Religious Facilities</b>			
1	Third Church of Christ Scientist	730 S Hope Street	0.10 ALRT 0.10 ULRT 0.10 FLRT 0.10 LTSM 0.07 UTSM
2	Higashi Honganji Buddhist Temple	505 E 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street	0.13 ALRT 0.13 ULRT 0.13 FLRT 0.12 LTSM 0.10 UTSM
3	Koyasan Buddhist Temple	342 E 1 <sup>st</sup> Street	0.18 ALRT 0.05 ULRT 0.05 FLRT 0.04 LTSM 0.18 UTSM
4	Union Church of Los Angeles	401 E 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street	0.19 ALRT 0.12 ULRT 0.12 FLRT 0.01 LTSM

**Table 4-3. Public Services and Religious Facilities  
Within 0.25 mile of the Project Alternatives**

<b>Map No<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Facility</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Proximity to Alignment (miles)<sup>2</sup></b>
			0.36 UTSM
5	Centenary United Methodist Church	300 S Central Avenue	0.22 ALRT 0.22 ULRT 0.22 FLRT 0.09 LTSM 0.45 UTSM
6	St. Francis Xavier Chapel Japanese Catholic Center	222 S Hewitt Street	0.19 ALRT 0.19 ULRT 0.15 FLRT 0.13 LTSM 0.33 UTSM
7	Zenshuji Soto Mission	123 S Hewitt Street	0.12 ALRT 0.13 ULRT 0.08 FLRT 0.12 LTSM 0.23 UTSM
8	Nishi Hongwanji Buddhist Temple	815 E 1 <sup>st</sup> Street	0.28 ALRT 0.20 ULRT 0.01 FLRT 0.22 LTSM 0.28 UTSM
9	Jodo Shu North America Buddhist	442 E 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street	0.13 ALRT 0.13 ULRT 0.13 FLRT 0.01 LTSM 0.36 UTSM
10	Vision Full Gospel Church	420 S Grand Avenue	0.15 ALRT 0.15 ULRT 0.15 FLRT 0.15 LTSM

**Table 4-3. Public Services and Religious Facilities  
Within 0.25 mile of the Project Alternatives**

Map No <sup>1</sup>	Facility	Address	Proximity to Alignment (miles) <sup>2</sup>
			0.01 UTSM
11	Church Federation of Southern California	401 E 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street	0.01 ALRT 0.13 ULRT 0.13 FLRT 0.13 LTSM 0.36 UTSM
12	Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels	555 W Temple Street	0.30 ALRT 0.30 ULRT 0.30 FLRT 0.30 LTSM 0.01 UTSM

Source: CDM, 2009

<sup>1</sup> Map numbers correspond to Figures 4-5 through 4-8.

<sup>2</sup> Distance to At-Grade Emphasis (ALRT), Underground Emphasis (ULRT), Fully Underground LRT Alternative – Little Tokyo Variation 1 and Fully Underground LRT Alternative – Little Tokyo Variation 2 (FLRT), TSM Lower Grand Shuttle Bus (LTSM), and TSM Upper Grand Shuttle Bus (UTSM) unless otherwise noted.

<sup>3</sup> The Central Community Police Station of the Central Bureau serves the project area, but is not located within 0.25 miles of the proposed project alternatives.

Note: Distances are approximate following a straight line from location to the alternative line.

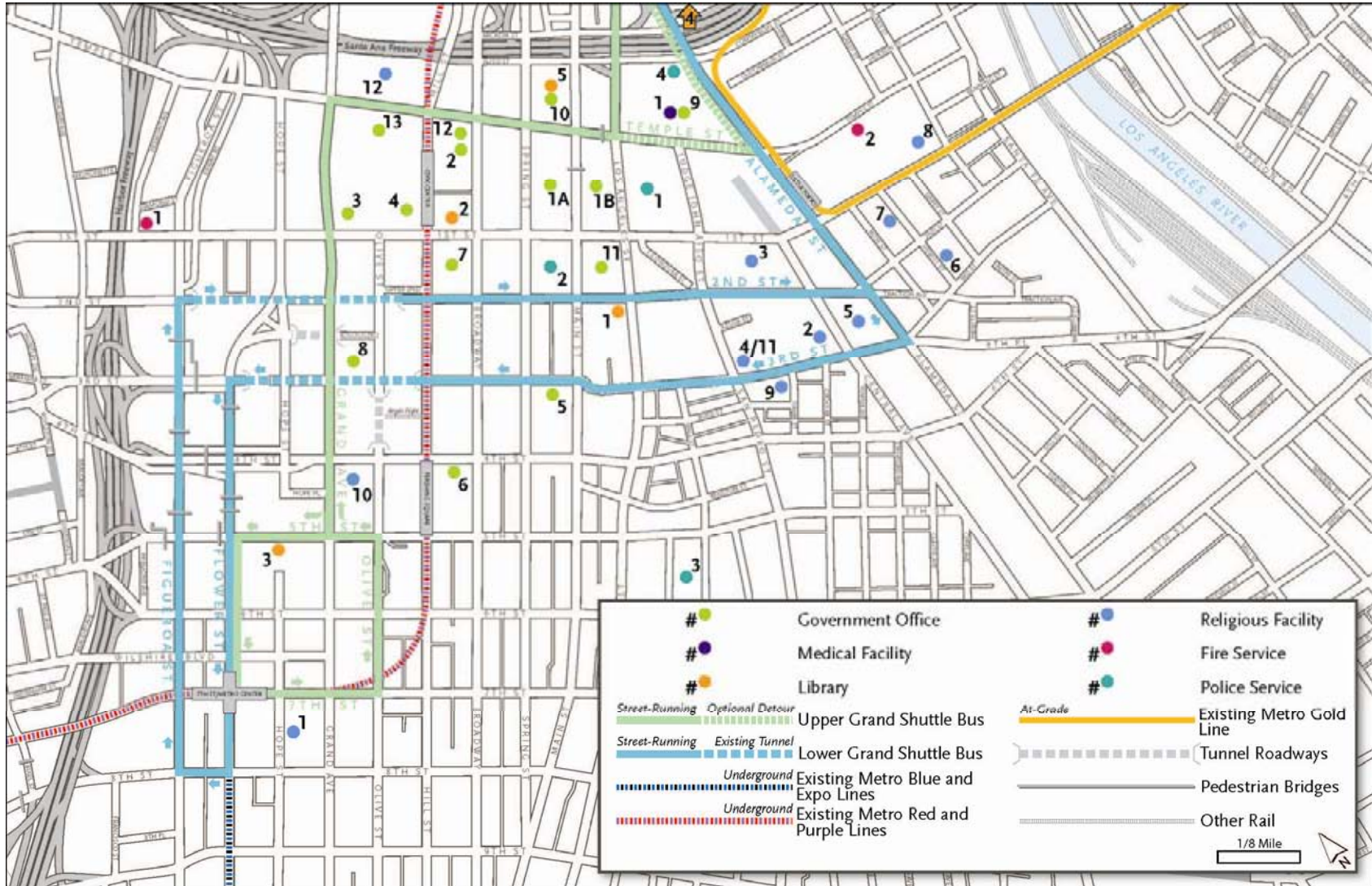


Figure 4-5. Public Services and Religious Facilities – TSM Alternative

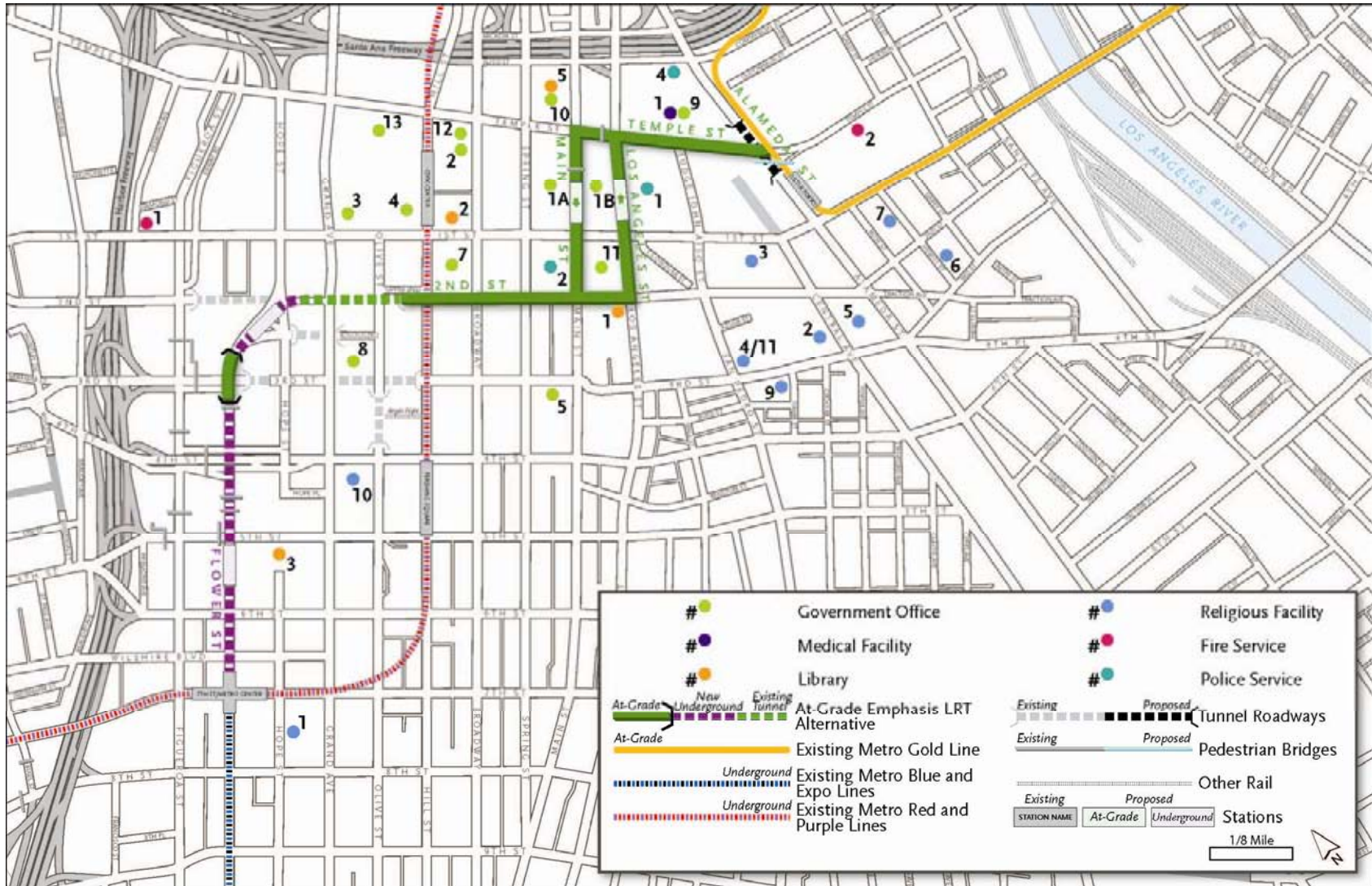


Figure 4-6. Public Services and Religious Facilities – At-Grade Emphasis LRT Alternative

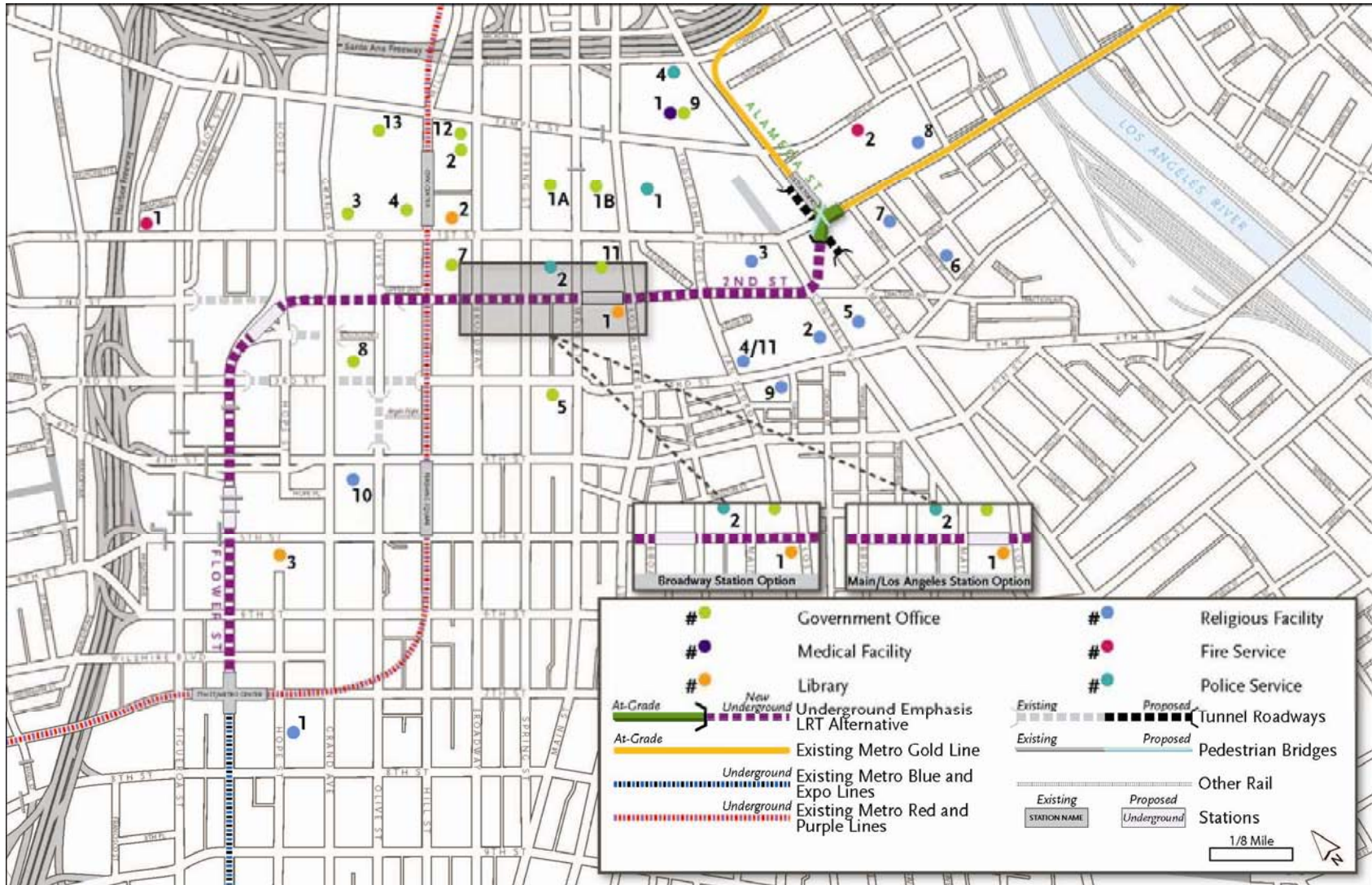


Figure 4-7. Public Services and Religious Facilities – Underground Emphasis LRT Alternative