

1    **5.14       RECREATION**

2    This section discusses existing recreational facilities in the vicinity of the proposed San Francisco  
3    Bay Area and Los Angeles Basin Networks that could be affected by project construction and  
4    operation. Recreational facilities (e.g., parks, campgrounds, picnic areas, beaches, playgrounds,  
5    natural reservations, bicycling and hiking trails) are typically developed and maintained by local  
6    governments, such as cities, counties and special districts, though state and federal governments  
7    also operate such facilities.

8    **5.14.1     Regulatory Setting**

9    **5.14.1.1   San Francisco Bay Area Network**

10   Metromedia’s San Francisco Bay Area Network would pass through five of the nine counties that  
11   comprise the San Francisco Bay Area: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Mateo and Santa Clara.  
12   The Bay Area is home to a number of neighborhood parks, open space and wilderness areas with  
13   seven national park sites, 42 state parks and several regional and county parks. The Bay Area also  
14   includes a network of regional, county, and local trails. A number of regional agencies manage  
15   these public lands. For example, the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) manages lands in  
16   Alameda and Contra Costa counties. The National Park Service manages the Point Reyes National  
17   Seashore and the Golden Gate National Recreational Area in Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo  
18   counties. State park and recreation areas are scattered throughout the region. In addition, water  
19   and utility districts preserve and manage thousands of acres of watershed lands throughout the  
20   Bay Area. Large areas of publicly owned open space and a large percentage of private lands  
21   throughout the Bay Area are retained as open space and managed as vineyards, orchards, and  
22   ranchland.

23   Regional agencies such as the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and the Bay  
24   Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) also maintain undeveloped or  
25   predominantly undeveloped land and water in the Bay Area that provide a variety of public  
26   recreational resources. The Bay Trail, which encircles the San Francisco and San Pablo bays, is a  
27   planned recreational corridor that upon completion will include a continuous 400-mile network of  
28   bicycling and hiking trails. When complete, the Bay Trail will connect the shoreline of all nine Bay  
29   Area counties, link 47 cities, and cross the major toll bridges in the region. Approximately one-  
30   third of the trail already exists, either as hiking-only paths, combined hiking and bicycling paths,  
31   or as on-street bicycle lanes. Implementation of the Bay Trail is being coordinated by the Bay Trail  
32   Project, a nonprofit organization under the administration of ABAG.

33   **5.14.1.2   Los Angeles Basin Network**

34   Metromedia’s Los Angeles Basin Network would pass through Orange and Los Angeles counties.  
35   Both counties are home to several parks, gardens, lakes, trails, and other natural areas. Los  
36   Angeles County includes 43 state parks, one national park (Santa Monica Mountains National  
37   Recreational Area), one national forest (Angeles National Forest), and many local parks and  
38   recreation centers, including a number of golf courses. The Angeles National Forest includes the  
39   Cucamonga, San Gabriel, and Sheep Mountain Wilderness parks. Orange County contains nine  
40   state parks, one national forest (Cleveland National Forest), 11 wilderness parks, eight regional  
41   parks, and several local parks and recreation centers. The Aqua Tibia, Hauser, Pine Creek, and San  
42   Mateo Canyon Wilderness parks lie within the Cleveland National Forest.

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**Table 5.14-1. Parks and Recreational Facilities Potentially Affected by Construction of the San Francisco Bay Area Network Backbone**

<i>Facility Name</i>	<i>Jurisdiction</i>
EAST BAY BACKBONE	
Stonehurst Recreational Area	Oakland
Rancho Arroyo Park	Fremont
Vallejo Mill Park	Fremont
Fremont Central Park	Fremont
Gomes Park <sup>1</sup>	Fremont
Sunny Hill Golf Center	Fremont
Quarry Lakes Regional Park	Fremont
Martin Park	San Jose
Kelley Park <sup>1</sup>	San Jose
PENINSULA BACKBONE	
Holbook Palmer Park	Atherton and Menlo Park
El Camino Park	Palo Alto
Peers Park	Palo Alto
Bracher Park	Santa Clara
PACIFIC BELL STRUCTURE	
Yee Tock Chee Park	Sausalito
Acalanes Ridge Open Space Area	Walnut Creek
Shannon Park	Dublin
<i>Source:</i> Thomas Brothers Map, San Francisco Bay Area, 1999 1. Cable route would cross through the park	

2 **5.14.2 Environmental Setting**

3 **5.14.2.1 San Francisco Bay Area Network**

4 *East Bay North and South Backbone*

5 The entire East Bay Backbone is located within the Union Pacific railroad right-of-way, with the  
 6 exception of the connection to the POP site at 1956 Webster Street in Oakland. The proposed  
 7 conduit installation would cross through a number of jurisdictions and urbanized areas of the East  
 8 Bay from Luther Junction in San Jose to a point in the northwestern-most part of Oakland.

9 There are no state or national parks located within close proximity to the railroad right-of-way that  
 10 comprises this segment, although several regional recreational facilities are located adjacent to this  
 11 portion of the proposed cable route. The length of the cable route adjacent to each recreational  
 12 facility would range from several hundred feet to approximately 1 mile. Table 5.14-1 identifies

1 local parks and recreational facilities that could be affected by conduit installation along the East  
2 Bay Backbone. The route would pass adjacent to the boundary of each recreational area, except for  
3 portions of the project route that would cross through Gomes Park in Fremont and Kelley Park in  
4 San Jose. Where the Union Pacific railroad right-of-way bisects those facilities, conduit installation  
5 would primarily occur on Union Pacific property and would not directly affect park property.  
6 Table 5.14-2 identifies sections of the alignment that either cross or run along segments of the Bay  
7 Trail. The alignment also crosses the Alameda Creek Trail in Fremont and Old Alameda Creek  
8 Trail, a potential EBRPD regional trail in Union City.

#### 9 *Peninsula North and South Backbone Segments*

10 The entire Peninsula Backbone is located within the Caltrain railroad right-of-way. The proposed  
11 conduit installation would cross through a number of urbanized areas along the peninsula from  
12 Luther Junction in San Jose to a location near 4<sup>th</sup> and Berry streets in San Francisco.

13 There are no national, state, regional, or Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD)  
14 parks or open space preserves within or adjacent to the railroad right-of-way that comprises this  
15 segment, although several regional recreational facilities are located adjacent to this portion of the  
16 proposed cable route. The length of the cable route adjacent to each recreational facility would  
17 range from several hundred feet to approximately 1 mile. Table 5.14-1 identifies local parks and  
18 recreational facilities that could be affected by conduit installation along the Peninsula Backbone.  
19 Where Caltrain railroad right-of-way bisects those facilities identified as being crossed in Table  
20 5.14-1, conduit installation would primarily occur on Union Pacific property and would not  
21 directly affect park property. Table 5.14-2 identifies sections of the alignment that either cross or  
22 run along segments of the Bay Trail.

#### 23 *Pacific Bell Structure*

24 Segments of the Pacific Bell Structure where conduit repair or replacement work would be  
25 required are shown in Figure 4-2 of Chapter 4, Project Route Description. Only those new build  
26 sections that are located within close proximity to recreational facilities are described below.

27 Table 5.14-2 shows those new builds segments that would be in close proximity to the existing and  
28 proposed routes of the Bay Trail. The length of the cable route adjacent to each recreational facility  
29 would range from several hundred feet to approximately 1 mile.

#### 30 **5.14.2.2 Los Angeles Basin Network**

31 Metromedia's conduit installation for the proposed Los Angeles Basin Network would primarily  
32 occur along paved city streets. The proposed conduit installation would not cross through any  
33 local parks, natural trails, state or national parks. The project would, however, run adjacent to 30  
34 local parks and recreation centers and five golf courses (Table 5.14-3). The length of the cable route  
35 adjacent to each recreational facility would range from several hundred feet to approximately 1  
36 mile. However, the proposed cable route would pass adjacent to Heartwell Park and the adjoining  
37 Heartwell Golf Course for a distance of approximately 2 miles. The individual city governments in  
38 which these areas are located manage these parks. The following segments would pass adjacent to  
39 recreational facilities:

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- 1 • Santa Monica Local Segment
- 2 • Century City Local Segment
- 3 • Santa Monica to Burbank Segment
- 4 • Hollywood Local Segment
- 5 • LAX/Florence Segment
- 6 • Long Beach/Downey Segment
- 7 • Cypress/Buena Park Segment
- 8 • Fashion Island Segment
- 9 • Carson/Costa Mesa Segment
- 10 • Irvine Segment

**Table 5.14-2. Segments of the Bay Trail Potentially Affected by Construction of the San Francisco Bay Area Network**

<i>Segment</i>	<i>Jurisdiction</i>
EAST BAY NORTH AND SOUTH BACKBONE	
Section along Union Pacific Yard <sup>2</sup>	Oakland
Between Market Street and Webster Street	Oakland
Between 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue and 10 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	Oakland
PENINSULA NORTH AND SOUTH BACKBONE	
Between San Bruno Avenue and Millbrae Avenue	San Bruno and Millbrae
PACIFIC BELL STRUCTURE <sup>1</sup>	
New Build Location 1	Sausalito
New Build Location 2	Sausalito
New Build Location 14 <sup>2</sup>	Oakland
New Build Location 26	Newark
New Build Location 27	Menlo Park
<p><i>Source:</i> ABAG, San Francisco Bay Trail Maps.</p> <p>1. New Build Locations correspond to those shown in Figure 4-2.</p> <p>2. Cable route would cross through the park.</p>	

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**Table 5.14-3. Local Parks and Recreational Facilities Potentially Affected by Construction of the Los Angeles Basin Network**

<i>Facility Name</i>	<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Adjacent Metromedia Segment</i>
Palisades Park	Santa Monica	Santa Monica Local Segment
Rancho Golf Course	Los Angeles	Century City Local Segment
Hill Crest County Club	Los Angeles	Century City Local Segment
Van Nuys Park & Recreation Center	Los Angeles	Santa Monica to Burbank Segment
Valley Plaza Recreation Center	Los Angeles	Santa Monica to Burbank Segment
Beverly Gardens Park	Los Angeles	Hollywood Local Segment
De Longpre Park	Los Angeles County	Hollywood Local Segment
Delaire Park	Los Angeles	LAX/Florence Segment
Independence Park	Downey	Long Beach/Downey Segment
T. Mayne Thompson Park	Bellflower	Long Beach/Downey Segment
Stock Lions Park	Anaheim	Cypress/Buena Park Segment
Bellis Park	Buena Park	Cypress/Buena Park Segment
Community Recreation Center Park	Buena Park	Carson/Costa Mesa Segment
El Rancho Verde Park & Bicycle Path	Buena Park	Carson/Costa Mesa Segment
Alton Park	Irvine	Fashion Island Segment
Woodbridge Community Park	Irvine	Fashion Island Segment
Dominguez Park	Carson	Carson/Costa Mesa Segment
Peppertree Park	Garden Grove	Carson/Costa Mesa Segment
Chapman Sports Park	Garden Grove	Carson/Costa Mesa Segment
Garden Grove Park	Garden Grove	Carson/Costa Mesa Segment
Park Junipero	Long Beach	Carson/Costa Mesa Segment
Silverado Park	Long Beach	Carson/Costa Mesa Segment
Lincoln Park	Long Beach	Carson/Costa Mesa Segment
Heartwell Park	Long Beach	Carson/Costa Mesa Segment
El Dorado Park West	Long Beach	Carson/Costa Mesa Segment
Buena/Clinton Park	Santa Ana	Carson/Costa Mesa Segment
Bomo Koral Park	Santa Ana	Carson/Costa Mesa Segment
Centennial Regional Park	Santa Ana	Carson/Costa Mesa Segment
Chio Park	Los Angeles	Carson/Costa Mesa Segment
Lenora L. Blakey Park	Westminster	Carson/Costa Mesa Segment
Skylinks Golf Course	Long Beach	Carson/Costa Mesa Segment
Heartwell Golf Course	Long Beach	Carson/Costa Mesa Segment
El Dorado Park Golf Course	Long Beach	Carson/Costa Mesa Segment
Big Canyon Clubhouse Country Club	Newport Beach	Irvine Segment
The Newport Beach Country Club	Newport Beach	Irvine Segment

Source: Thomas Brothers Map, *Los Angeles and Orange Counties: Street Guide and Directory*, 2000.

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