

## October VPCLC Update

October 10, 2016

PPCC's Village Project Community Liaison Committee ([VPCLC](#)) met recently with Caruso Affiliated (CA) as part of our monthly meetings, to recap the recent Haul Route Hearing and approval of application(s), and to clarify facts relative to hauling dirt from the site.

### **Application:**

CA had asked the City to approve a variety of haul route options because they were not sure where the dirt would ultimately be destined and also to have flexibility as related to changing traffic conditions. All routes were approved.

### **Route:**

The Haul Route Application submitted by CA to LADBS was approved in its entirety, with the added provisions recommended by CD11, as delivered by Tricia Keane, and incorporated into the approval: “...we ask that crossing guards be required at the intersections of Sunset/Monument, Sunset/Swarthmore, Sunset/Via de la Paz, and Temescal/Bowdoin during the hours of 7-9 am and 1-3 pm on school days when hauling is taking place.”

The preferred route, at present, provided the destination for the dirt is Protrero Canyon, is to have approximately 9 trucks per hour travel down Chautauqua, take a right onto PCH, and another right onto Protrero Canyon access road. Trucks will deliver/dump the dirt, and head back out on to PCH with a right turn out of Protrero Canyon, a right turn up Temescal, and a right back onto Sunset, for a clean loop route.

There will be no left turn light placed on PCH to allow trucks to turn into Protrero Canyon “Haul Rd.”. The temporary traffic light at Protrero Canyon previously used by the City for the Protrero project allowed only right turns in and left turns out. Caltrans has not indicated they will allow this turn for the Village Project. They have thus far declined to re-install the left turn light at Haul road, objecting to the traffic consequences of the left turn across PCH to Protrero. CA has discussed the possibility of increasing the time to make the turns onto PCH from Chautauqua with Caltrans and will continue to work with them to see if this option can be made possible.

### **Scope of Hauling:**

We estimate a maximum capacity of 100 truckloads a day, about 9 trucks per hour from 7 am to 6 pm, six days a week (no holidays). There will be times during the day or week when, because of traffic, there may be fewer trucks. Hauling will begin sometime

in November and last an estimated 12 weeks. The Winter Holidays will fall within that time period when schools will not be in session, thus reducing the impact of the hauling phase on Palisadian quality of life and Village pedestrian safety.

Two kinds of trucks will be used. One is an “end dump” truck, which is a single long unit, and the other is the “bottom dump” truck which is a two unit extension that is more flexible on the road.

**Safety:**

At the direction of the Commissioners, in response to a request by Councilmember Bonin, crossing guards will be in place to ensure pedestrian safety on school days when hauling is taking place during the hours of 7-9 am and 1-3 pm, at the following four intersections: Sunset/Monument, Sunset/Swarthmore, Sunset/Via de la Paz and Temescal/Bowdoin.

The developer has open lines of communication with community members, schools and the PPCC. Palisades Charter High School in particular, which may be impacted by the haul route, is in direct communications with CA, who believe that using Temescal eastbound with only empty trucks will greatly diminish impact upon PCHS traffic.

**Dirt:**

Dirt being taken to Protrero is fill from the excavation of land that was formerly removed to create Sunset Blvd. It is Palisadian dirt being displaced from one location to another. The dirt is clean and devoid of toxins or waste from either the dry cleaner (remediated and removed last year) or the gas station. The soil being removed has been tested and approved by DTSC for unrestricted use (*report publicly available on DTSC's website.*)

**Communications:**

The developer will communicate with the community through social media, keeping us abreast of the progress of the Project and milestones reached. They will continue to keep the VPCLC informed of accomplishment and impediments that they either foresee or have encountered. The VPCLC will attempt to address those and keep the community aware and offer discussion as necessary at our bi-weekly meetings of the PPCC.

The VPCLC is not a complaint board and any specific or personal issues with the development should be directed to the developer. The public may contact CA directly by telephone, 310-744-2301, or by email to Rick Lemmo: [rlemmo@carusoaffiliated.com](mailto:rlemmo@carusoaffiliated.com).

**Goals/Committee Conclusion**

The VPCLC will continue to meet regularly and update the community on the Project's status and potential impacts, and attempt to ensure the safety of the community. Our goal is to enable this project to move expediently along, while mitigating any adverse effects on Palisadian quality of life.