

# **Pacific Palisades Recovery & Rebuilding Logistics Plan**

## Overview

In the aftermath of the recent devastation, the **Palisades Recovery Coalition** has taken on the challenge of **rebuilding, restoring, and strengthening the community**. This plan provides a structured approach to **logistics, materials management, workforce coordination, and legislative action** to ensure a smooth and efficient recovery process. The coalition's recommendations aim to streamline operations, support residents, and create a **resilient and sustainable future** for the Palisades.

# 1. Logistics: Streamlining Daily Operations

The scale of reconstruction is **immense**, with over **1,000 truck trips per day** and **thousands of workers** expected. Strategic **staging, traffic management, and workforce planning** are critical to preventing congestion and maintaining efficiency.

#### **Basic Construction Material Production & Staging for Streamlined Building:**

- A dedicated concrete plant within the Palisades, anticipated to save tens of millions of dollars by negotiating fees in a competitive RFP process, ensuring a supply of local, tariff-resilient, USA-made cementitious materials and minimizing wait and fuel charges.
- Lumber yard
- Fire resistant sheet metals, framing material
- Homeowners delaying rebuilding may offer their cleared residential or commercial lots for temporary material storage or worker accommodations, and in this way help stagger building and create a stream of income to make up for potential insurance funding shortfall.

#### Workforce Dwelling (for quicker rebuilding, less commute time) & Staging Areas

• Workforce dwelling sites: workers can be stationed across various sites where the burn rate was high, and repopulation is low. This will hasten the rebuilding (perhaps longer working hours or two shifts), and will reduce cars on the road, travel time, and inconvenience to other parts of the city. Suggestions include:



- Private lease lots (Alphabets, Marquez, Via Bluffs, Huntington flat lots).
- Condo properties along Sunset or on Alma Real buildings, once cleared.
- Paul Revere Middle School during summer months.
- Ralphs or Gelson's lots (once cleared)
- Dormitories at Will Rogers parking lots, with shuttle services for transport.
- **Material Staging Sites**: materials for basic building structure can be produced, stored or stocked locally for easier access, price controls and less travel time for delivery (saves in fees). We have divided the Palisades into "North" and "South", in order to serve two ends of the community with materials and workforce, and eliminate the gridlock of trying to cross delivery vehicles in between. (Areas One, Two and Three to the North; Areas five, six and seven to the South; Areas four can benefit from both, depending on location.)
  - To serve South Palisades
    - Will Rogers field (after ACE leaves),
    - Library (once it has been cleared)
    - Other privately held properties like Alma Real building
    - Staging area along PCH
  - To serve North Palisades
    - Los Liones, Westside Waldorf School, multi-family apartment lots along Sunset.
    - Shared Malibu-Palisades locations (e.g. former Cholada, the Reel Inn, Malibu Feed Bin).
    - Secured site at Westside Waldorf for quick access.

## **Traffic & Road Management**

- Swift Delivery Routes:
  - Morning (5am-9am): Inbound one way via Chautauqua & Sunset (eastbound).
  - Afternoon (4pm 6pm): Outbound one way via Chautauqua (westbound).
- Potential Solutions to bottlenecks:
  - One-way street configurations to prevent bottlenecks.
  - Work with LADOT for street overlay
  - Work with trash companies for consolidated bins and lots for storage

# 2. Public Space Compound: A Hub for Recovery

A centralized **Public Space Compound** will support both **workforce operations** and the **local community** by providing essential services: (city owned properties to be identified)



- Plan Check & Inspection Stations Expedited processing of permits and approvals.
- **Community Resource Center** Designated space for communal meals, food trucks, and town hall meetings.
- Material & Landscape Showroom A hub for builders to access resources and ideas.
- Builder's Hall A dedicated space for residents to engage with contractors and architects.

# **3. Resilience: Strengthening Future Preparedness**

The **Coalition's resilience strategy** ensures the Palisades rebuilds with **fire-resistant**, **sustainable**, and **long-term infrastructure**. (See also <u>Resilient Palisades guidance</u>)

- **Fire-Resistant Construction**: Utilize **Pozzolan concrete mixes** in order to resist corrosivity from the fore scarred soils, in addition to our already coastal corrosive soils. Pozzolans make concrete better for coastal use by creating a more waterproof and corrosive resistant mix that will perform better in the long term as post-fire soil contains sulfites and gypsum which are corrosive to concrete.
- Legislative Action: Advocacy for state-funded infrastructure improvements, controlled burns, pump upgrades, and increased brush clearance.
- **Insurance Coordination**: Early engagement with insurance companies and CA Dept of Insurance to ensure homes meet **insurability requirements**. (State representatives can help with the above two items.)
- Sustainability & Research: Collaboration with UCLA, RAND, VerdeXchange, and Resilient Palisades to incorporate 21<sup>st</sup> century building practices.

# 4. Communication Coordination & Safety

A well-structured communication network is critical to keeping residents, contractors, and city officials aligned.

- **Contractor App Development** A digital platform for tracking deliveries, coordinating staging areas, and managing job sites.
- Area Representatives Neighborhood leaders ensuring residents stay informed (Team Palisades has launched Block Captains)
- **Prioritization of Rebuilding** Staggered start times to prioritize **fire-affected homeowners** over corporate developments.
- Security Measures Implementation of neighborhood security protocols. These include license plate readers (PPRA), private security agency engagement in clusters, real



time cameras at checkpoints/choke points, LAPD Six patrol cars, 12 officers (promised formation).

# 5. Key Questions to Address

#### 1. Concrete Plant Feasibility:

- What is the feasibility/costing for a local concrete plant (RFQ)/what is the demand? (must get feedback from several ready mic producers, under some sort of authority by the City, to lead a serious RFQ process that suppliers engage with. (Pali recovery Coalition is working to bring together concrete subcontractors, structural engineers and City officials to evaluate proposals and feasibility. A survey will help us gauge need and location.)
- Could an **independent RFP process** reduce costs for materials and transportation?

#### 2. Logistics & Transportation:

- How can **shuttle services** be fully funded by city or county resources?
- Transportation app to coordinate delivery schedules and foresee congestion (currently developing)
- 3. Community & Financial Support:
  - How do we prioritize homeowners over large-scale developers
  - Could a **philanthropic initiative** stockpile materials to prevent price gouging
    - What state and federal funding options can be leveraged
      - Disaster Recovery District
      - Land Trust Model
      - Governor's Executive Order (price controls)
- 4. **Public Communication**:

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• What platform ensures **consistent updates** for residents, builders, and agencies

## Why...

Without a **structured**, **methodical approach**, our recovery will be slow and wrought with confusion. Residents will be discouraged at the process and pace of the recovery and abandon their projects. We can prevent that by having a clear plan for the reconstruction. A lot clearance proceeds, architects and builders are mobilizing. A clear logistics plan will ensure momentum is sustained and unnecessary obstacles are minimized. Through **consensus**, **authority**, **innovation**, **and ingenuity**, we can set on the road to **rebuilding a stronger**, **safer**, **and more resilient post-fire Palisades**.