

Meeting Notes from the 11/18/15 Davis Street Transfer Station (DSTS) Neighborhood Forum

Attendees:

City Councilmember Jim Prola (Vice-Mayor), Sally Barros (Community Development Department, Principal Planner), Cynthia Battenberg (Director of Community Development), Anjana Mepani (Community Development Department, Planning Division), Rich Spediacci (Waste Management), Rebecca Jewell (Waste Management), Davon Ward (Waste Management), David Tucker (Waste Management), Sergeant Nick Corti (SLPD), Michael Stella (Engineering & Transportation, SL), Reh-Lin Chen (Engineering & Transportation, SL), Scott McCrank (Caltrans, Hayward Office), Kim Fisher (East Bay Regional Parks District/EBRPD). No public attendees.

Welcome & Introductions:

Sally Barros welcomed everyone to the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Status/Update from SLPD:

Sally Barros moved the traffic item to the front of the agenda to allow SLPD personnel to return to regular duties. Sally Barros reported that at a meeting with the Davis West neighborhood, residents complained that Waste Management (WM) trucks were running through the intersection at Davis/Westgate. Rich Spediacci expressed to Traffic Sergeant Corti that WM does not want drivers crossing red lights on Davis Street and that WM has discussed this at length with the drivers. Sergeant Nick Corti reported that there was no increase in incidents at the intersection of Davis Street and Westgate Parkway, which has been undergoing construction, and they have had no issue with WM trucks over the past 8 years. They will not be monitoring this intersection, because there is nowhere to sit, as well as the lack of complaints.

Status/Update from Waste Management Staff:

Rich Spediacci reported that 110 trips per day were eliminated due to a reduction in regular Liquid Compressed Natural Gas (LCNG) fueling trips to Altamont (45 route trucks & 10 tractor trailers).

Davis overpass will be completed in December 2015.

DSTS received \$300K in Q3 for 34 new solid mesh tarps for trailers. Installations are in progress and will be completed Q1 of 2016.

Waste Management PowerPoint Presentation:

- **Master Plan Projects**
 - New Oakland contract - This new contract won't change traffic patterns. They will run trash from Oakland apartments through a sorting facility. This leads to issues of retro-fitting.
 - LCNG - Integrated mixed waste facility, IWPF. Construction will run from Q1 2016-Q1 2018. It's a \$120M investment that will create 100 new jobs. 37 of 48 trucks use LCNG.
 - Earth Care Center Relocated – Kim Fisher wanted to know how this would affect construction traffic. Rich Spediacci of WM responded that staging would take place in the south segment and David Tudor of WM stated that they'd like to know the timing of EBRPD projects to ensure traffic isn't impacted with multiple streams. Kim Fisher responded that she would reach out to WM when the schedule is firm, as it has recently been bumped because they need to fix the rifle club parking lot.
 - Rendering of the Master Plan - included a roof over the public area (SW mitigation); infrastructure; Garden Center moved near office/front entrance; expansion of dry

Materials Recovery Facility (MRF); all wood grinding moved to eliminate noise and reduce dust, and elevations of the new building were shown. EBRPD discussed putting up trees to serve as a natural screen.

- New LCNG filling station – reduced emissions by eliminating trip to the Altamont Landfill fueling station; 98% less emissions than diesel.
- MRF Certification – high diversion mixed waste: customers can opt to have single stream sorted at DSTS. Processing commercial waste for Oakland and Alameda.
- Davis Street/Eden Road
- Traffic and litter – these have been concerns of residents, particularly from the Davis West neighborhood, whose major complaint is that trucks “blow through the lights”. It was mentioned that the four lights within a quarter mile make it confusing for most drivers. Scott McCrank from Caltrans stated that construction is very close to being finished that things should return to normal in the near future. Cynthia Battenberg requested that WM please reiterate to their fleet what constitutes driver’s “best practices”. WM agreed to do so. Cynthia Battenberg mentioned that Eden Road will eventually be open to allow some diversion from Davis/Doolittle for Southbound trucks. Michael Stella stated that an Eden Assessment District is being formed to pay for improvement. The City’s Department of Engineering and Transportation is working on setting contribution levels. Construction could start by 2017. Councilmember/Vice-Mayor Prola said that District residents ask about Eden Road often. He also asked Caltrans who is picking up trash at the overpass construction site. Per the West San Leandro Plan, trucks would use 98th Street to Doolittle to Eden Road.

- Falcons – are on the same schedule they have been (M-F, 6am-11am). The seagulls congregate at DSTS and they leave them there, rather than chase them to FedEx. Seagulls have a 35-year lifespan. WM is meeting with Oakland Fish & Game to strategize mitigation. When facility is covered, problems with birds and smell should be reduced. Transfer times reduced 24 hours, although permit allows for 48 hours.
- Tarp Loads – information has been disseminated to customers and WM is working with SLPD to enforce compliance.

Questions/Additional Comments:

- WM asked City staff about the status of Water Pollution Control Plant recycled water program: Engineering and Transportation is working on this and is in the punch list stage. Recycled water is available for landscaping. Actively looking at the patterns for water pickup. EBRPD was concerned about traffic studies for new park entrance. DSTS weekend traffic query. WM said internal circulation will be improved with separate lanes for dumping, compost & pickup, and transfer station. The City's Department of Engineering & Transportation plans to open access to recycled water one-hour after WM opens to the public
- Jim Prola commented that complaints regarding WM have decreased to "practically zero". A recent Davis St. West in meeting in early October did give rise to complaints, but this was most likely due to more noise and trouble caused by Fleet Week than by WM issues.

Announcements

- Meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on December 3, 2015 at the City Hall, South Offices Conference Room regarding the Davis Street Transfer Station at 2615 Davis Street.