

Hello Mr. Coffin:

I just wanted to follow up on our telephone conversation today and provide you with the following status / update regarding Aldine Drive Slope Restoration Project. Ms. Kerry Santoro & I have shared some of this information with Mr. John Hileman in your community. The following is where the project stands:

1- Project Funding:

Funding for this project will be available in stages; the Federal (Federal Highway Administration / FHWA) money has been approved for Preliminary Engineering (PE) and Design. Once the PE and Design are completed and approved and the required permits are obtained, the construction funds will be appropriated by the FHWA to us. Caltrans has been reviewing the project because a NEPA document is required for any project funded by Federal funds (FHWA).

2- Project Schedule / timeline :

Optimistically speaking; the estimated time for starting the construction is July 2010 and the construction will take about 6 months. The schedule depends on when all the permits are approved and cleared. Once the project is permitted, it goes out to bidding & award which could take 6-8 months with a project of this size.

3- Design status & project challenges at this time:

a) the plans are approximately 90% complete. The plans are being routed for plan check. Contract bid documents are being generated.

b) We have recently discovered that long term maintenance for the landscaping & irrigation system is an issue/challenge on this project. The homeowners' commitment to handle the long term maintenance of the landscaping & irrigation system may require the establishment of a Maintenance Assessment District (MAD). The homeowners' continued cooperation in this process will help the permitting of the project.

c) The westerly section of the west wall will require land acquisition based on the 90% design plans.

d) Construction traffic detour: The footing of the retaining walls that will be built to restore the slope on Aldine Drive extends into the road (please see the attached typical street/wall cross section). Therefore, in order to build the walls the road needs to be temporarily closed (both directions) because more than half of the (southerly part) Aldine Drive will be excavated to construct the footing. This is for safety. The project consultant had originally proposed to completely close Aldine Drive for the entire duration of construction (approximately 6 months).

But now, the consultant is looking at temporarily closing Aldine drive (both directions) during the construction of the footing only (approximately 4 weeks), with the road partially closed (half of the road closed) for the remaining duration of construction. This option will reduce the traffic impacts on Van Dyke Ave. The consultant has been asked to do traffic counts for various intersections in the vicinity of the project to evaluate this construction detour option. Finally; although the entire traffic detour during construction

is still under study I think that the limited work area (Aldine Drive is only 31 feet wide) of the project & safety will require closing Aldine Drive during construction (either partially or totally).

4- Site Development Permit issues:

E&CP has had meetings with Development Services (DSD) and other City Departments to resolve the 15 issues that were identified in the DSD review of the project. The resolution of two of these issues, namely the placement of the wall as it relates to the width of the road ensuring adequate right-of-way to allow for future improvement of a Class II bicycle lane and the proposed traffic detouring during construction of the wall, have taken more time than we originally anticipated. The issue of the traffic detour has become particularly challenging, because of a recent petition by some property owners opposing one of the proposed detour routes, but we believe that we are close to providing the information needed to address their concerns. E&CP believes that our attempts to resolve these issues in this manner (informal meetings as opposed to one or more formal re-submittals of the project to DSD) have been beneficial for the project. We can say with confidence that upon resolution of the traffic detouring issue and establishment of the legal framework for ensuring long-term landscape maintenance, we do not anticipate any further obstacles to proceeding with construction as it relates to the City's permitting process. I have attached for your information the following:

a) Project location map; b) Petition of Van Dyke Ave. residents.

If you have any further questions or would like to follow up on any of these issues, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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