



City and County of San Francisco
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Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of

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A current overview of issues affecting the state of public health in San Francisco

<http://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/aboutdph/insideDept/dirRpts/default.asp>

Addendum

Lech Walesa Construction Project

In the next two weeks, construction activities on an apartment building will begin in the parking lot across from Lech Walesa. The build is scheduled to run for two years. Work will begin at 7 a.m. and end at 8 p.m. daily.

Representatives from Facilities, OSH, and the Director's Office met with the Contractor's (Pacific Structures) project managers to discuss potential health and safety issues for our staff and clients as well as access to the alley and the 101 Grove garage (in and out) and to the Tom Waddell Health Center.

As a result of the discussions, significant changes have been made to the proposed job site that will reduce potential impacts to DPH employees located at 101 Grove and Tom Waddell Health Center and the clients that regularly access our many services. The meeting was very productive and resulted in the Contractor significantly revising their approach to the build.

The final agreement has:

1. Increased 101 Grove and Tom Waddell Health Center employee access to Lech Walesa and our parking garage. The original plan called for Lech Walesa to be a staging area for delivery trucks and ambulance and fire access only.
2. Relocated the loading dock to the Hayes side of the build. Original plans had the loading dock next to Tom Waddell.
3. Prevented Polk Street from being reduced to one lane. Original plans called for making Polk street a one lane road which would have impacted our ability to access Lech Walesa due to increased traffic congestion.

4. Relocated the construction site's power generators (a source of noise and exhaust for part of the build) to Hayes Street. Original plans had the power generators along Lech Walesa. This could have impacted indoor air quality for the clinic and administrative offices located along Lech Walesa. The relocation will significantly reduce potential impacts to indoor air quality and reduce noise as well.

Even with these dramatic changes to the proposed build and job site, it is important to note that during any construction activity, there will be noise and vibration, traffic issues, and potential impacts to indoor air quality during the build. Some ways to cope with the changes include:

1. Increase situational awareness. There will be flaggers in the streets. When accessing the garage be mindful of traffic signals and be vigilant in observing potential access issues. This also applies to using the sidewalks in the area as they will be modified.
2. For those of you that used the parking lot (now job site), it is recommended that you find another parking area before construction begins.
3. Allow for extra travel time.
4. Inform clients and guests that this is a two year project and that there will be far less parking available in the area as a result of this project.
5. Immediately report any concerns you may have regarding this project to Nancy Sarieh of the Director's Office via email or by phone at (415) 554- 2716.

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