

Q&A SUMMARY

Group Business Outreach Meeting

Date January 12, 2022

Meeting Information

Subject	Facilitator	Number of Attendees
Phase 1 - Undergrounding	Berg & Associates, Inc.	36

Questions

- 1 The undergrounding of the utility poles, is that what is taking place over the first six months of the year, as it pertains to La Peer Hotel?**

The La Peer Hotel will not be affected in the first phase, as its location is in the rule 20B part of the project, which is a subsequent phase. As traffic picks up during the summer, the contractor will monitor traffic will more closely to ensure people are moved through the area.

- 2 Is there a timeline when you expect the undergrounding of the poles to occur where we would see traffic impact and noise (subject to change)?**

If we start in February, we are scheduled to complete the pole removal by the second week in July. After that, Edison, Spectrum, and AT&T will put their cable and lines in and do all their undergrounding work, including all cutovers.

- 3 Of the various stages of the first phase, which may be the noisiest as you get close to Melrose and Le Peer that will directly impact the hotel?**

Work on the large Edison structures will be the noisiest. There will be a 90-ton crane, an excavator, and trucks. Noise is expected to last for approximately 3 weeks.

- 4 How much notice will you be giving the businesses in the area prior to the work starting?**

We are hoping for two weeks. Sometimes things change and it can be a week. The team will definitely keep in contact with the businesses who sign-up to be notified – they will be notified first. Businesses will know at least three days in advance when work will begin in their area.

- 5 Can you also confirm the hours of operation?**

Work on larger structures will usually be a 10-hr day. Other than that, construction will stay within the 8:00AM – 4:30PM range Monday through Friday.

- 6 Are there any anticipated parking impacts (valet, street parking)?**

While we're working on Melrose, the contractor will keep trucks off the side streets and coordinate with businesses if valet locations need to be moved temporarily. Typically, it will take a week to a week and a half to get through one block. The biggest impact is on Melrose between La Peer and Almont, that is where the biggest conduit structures are and that's where the biggest time frame for work is. As far as parking, we will manage

that and keep trucks out of the way so we can keep parking open as much as possible. The City and project team will set up meetings with specific business locations to ensure schedules are shared, concerns are discussed, and issues mitigated. Please contact WeHoDesignDistrictStreetscape@bergcm.com to arrange a meeting.

7 Will the out zones (outdoor dining spaces) on Melrose be able to remain during construction?

Construction will take place right next to the out zones. In specific locations, we will need to move the K-rail. As work gets closer to those specific areas, businesses will be contacted, and outreach will be done to let them know.

8 When can we expect the updated set for streetscape 30% plans?

The Designer has prepared a draft schedule for the cities review. They are progressing on the next completion milestone for the northwest quad which is Melrose, La Peer, and Almont from San Vicente to Doheny. The Designer is intending the first submittal (60%) be available in August. The designer requested known information, such as driveway locations, be sent over in CAD format to help expediate the process.

9 Is it possible for us to get a copy of this presentation?

Yes, this presentation is being recorded and is available on the project website.

10 Was it ever considered to have SCE work at night?

Yes, it was discussed and it was decided that the impact was even greater at night, especially for restaurants where a bulk of their business happens in the evening.

11 The summary schedule that was shown in the presentation showed Phase One starting in January, is that correct?

Construction is anticipated to start February (7th). The kick-off meeting of the team will happen end of January.

12 There are adjacent construction projects happening that have similar impacts and related work. Have you considered coordinating with SCE and LA County to do the work at the same time, so impacts are minimized?

As the schedule stands now, the storm drain will be installed before June 1 which will mitigate any sort of interaction between the La Peer and Robertson Street Improvements, providing permits are obtained and work goes as scheduled.

13 The poles that are in-between property lines/easements, are those being undergrounded?

No. Rule 20A and 20B require easements to be on main corridors, they can't be in-between buildings – those don't qualify. Easements off of the main street would be additional out-of-pocket expenses that would not be subsidized in any way.

14 When it comes to the outdoor dining on Melrose, can you work with the businesses as best you can to give notice for when there will be noisy construction?

Yes, we will make efforts to give advance notice and will try to schedule the noisiest construction activities away from peak lunch periods. It will be the noisiest in the morning, but quieter in the afternoon.

15 How do you plan to mitigate dust and dirt (from construction)?

The Contractor will have a sweeper that we will run at the end of every day.

16 When you come up on a pole and it is in front of a particular business, how long will that construction be in front of that business.

Each location will be on a case-by-case basis depending on how much conduit and what kind of work we have. It could be a week to two weeks to get the conduit in. Once we get the conduit in, the restoration is minimal. We will have steel plates out there the whole time get people in and out, and we will also be helping people get in and out of their driveways. Probably a two-week period for the most extensive areas of work.

17 Can we get some regularities of some touch base meetings on scheduling and timelines?

We are going to have regular meetings and the line of communication is going to be on a day to day basis.

18 Is there any hope that undergrounding will continue on to North San Vicente? Alternatively, can individuals commission the undergrounding of lines in the immediate vicinity of one's own business? How could we determine the cost of this—in particular, for our gallery at 417 N. San Vicente at the corner of Ashcroft and Sherbourne.

There are specific requirements that are established by SCE and the level of funding that cities receive for this kind of work and the City has mortgaged itself for the next five years to utilize the funds for this portion of the project so, the City will have to look at when additional work can be scheduled in the future. For individual properties, individual businesses have approached SCE directly to do some of this work, it's something that can be arranged directly with SCE and the City can connect businesses if that is something they would like to learn more about and the cost associated with it.
