

OPPOSE THE BCHD HLC

WHAT THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT TELLS US...AND DOESN'T MENTION

IMPORTANT IMPACTS FROM THE DEIR

At 972 pages, the DEIR is lengthy, as expected. However, it runs short on important details and rationale. We know it's a long and arduous process to go through. In this newsletter, we highlight a few facts from two areas of impact with excerpts direct from the document. BCHD's DEIR claims some areas of impacts that are "Significant", can be mitigated to "Less than Significant". We'll take a closer look at these claims and other areas of impact in upcoming communications.



#1. NOISE is a major "Significant" impact that "cannot be mitigated." [DEIR Sec. 3.11 Noise] Even with standard construction-related mitigations applied, noise levels during the 5+ years of

construction will **EXCEED the Federal Transit Authority (FTA) thresholds**. The table within the EIR shows the Noise levels will exceed both daily and 30-day average standards permitted by law. The DEIR section on noise states in part:

"Prolonged exposure to high levels of noise is known to have several adverse effects on people, including hearing loss, communication interference, sleep interference, physiological responses, and annoyance (Federal Interagency Committee on Urban Noise [FICUN] 1980)." [Ref: DEIR Sec. 3.1 Noise]

Who will be exposed to hazardous noise levels of 80 to 90+ dBA?

The impacts will be greatest throughout the areas surrounding the 11-acre site. **"...significant and unavoidable noise impacts would occur through implementation of proposed construction."** [Ref: DEIR p.3.11-35]

- 1) Residents of Redondo Beach in surrounding homes and residences on Beryl, Diamond, and N. Prospect
- 2) Residents of West Torrance homes to the east
- 3) Tenants of Silverado who reside in the main building of 514 N. Prospect, part of the project site, will be subject to noise hazards for entire construction period.

PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE DEIR

⇒ Tuesday, April 13 from 6:30 – 8 p.m.

⇒ Saturday, April 17 from Noon – 1:30 p.m.

[Join the Virtual meeting here.](#) Give verbal comments to the DEIR. State your opposition.

See [Reasons to Oppose here.](#)

Time to assess where they have gaps, deficiencies, missing information, and faulty assumptions.

All verbal comments at the hearing will be submitted as public comment to the DEIR.

*BCHD is required to disclose and consider the environmental implications of their decisions, and to eliminate or reduce the significant environmental impacts of their decisions whenever it is feasible to do so, per CEQA.

Who is NOT mentioned in these decibel counts tables?

- Staff and patients of the BCHD-owned medical offices on-site in 510 and 520 N. Prospect buildings.
- Redondo Village shopping center business owners, staff, and public.

Click on the tables below to enlarge [Ref. DEIR Table 3.11-16 & 3.1-17].

Phase 1 – Construction Noise

Phase 2 – Construction Noise

| Construction Activity | West Torrance Residences adjacent to Flagger Lane (20 feet) | | West Torrance Residences adjacent to Flagger Lane (20 feet) | | Redondo Beach Residences along Beryl Street to the North (110 feet) | | Redondo Beach Residences along North Prospect Avenue (200 feet) | | Redondo Beach Residences along Diamond Street (200 feet) | | Towers Elementary School to the East (200 feet) | | On-site Beach Cities Health Center, Memory Care, Child Care Facilities (200 feet) | |
|--|---|-----------------|---|-----------------|---|-----------------|---|-----------------|--|-----------------|---|-----------------|---|-----------------|
| | Leq | 30-day avg. Leq | Leq | 30-day avg. Leq | Leq | 30-day avg. Leq | Leq | 30-day avg. Leq | Leq | 30-day avg. Leq | Leq | 30-day avg. Leq | Leq | 30-day avg. Leq |
| Excavation/Shoring | 85 | 77 | 85 | 79 | 82 | 77 | 75 | 71 | 74 | 69 | 72 | 68 | 72* | 69 |
| Foundations | 85 | 77 | 85 | 79 | 82 | 77 | 75 | 71 | 74 | 69 | 72 | 68 | 72* | 69 |
| Structural | 86 | 78 | 86 | 80 | 83 | 78 | 76 | 73 | 69 | 73 | 69 | 73* | 70 | 69 |
| External Finishing | 87 | 79 | 87 | 80 | 84 | 79 | 76 | 73 | 69 | 74 | 69 | 74* | 70 | 69 |
| Demolition | 85 | 77 | 85 | 79 | 82 | 77 | 75 | 71 | 74 | 69 | 72 | 68 | 72* | 69 |
| Exceeds Leq Threshold of 60 dBA? | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No |
| Exceeds 30-day avg. Leq Threshold of 75 dBA? | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No |

Sound comparisons – 70 to 90 dBA [DEIR Ref: Table 3.11-1]

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| Rail transit horn / tractor | 90 |
| Jack hammer | 85 |
| Rail transit at-grade (50 miles per hour [mph]) | 80 |
| Noisy urban area during daytime | 75 |
| Gas lawnmower at 100 feet | 70 |
| Rail transit in station / commercial area | 65 |

#2 Congestion & Heavy Haul Routes [DEIR Sec. 3.14 Transportation]

Nearly 10,000 heavy haul trucks will rattle west on Del Amo Blvd, pass West High, turn onto N. Prospect and onto Beryl. Leaving the site with their loads of excavated concrete, unearthed soil, and demolition byproducts, egress will be east down Beryl, directly passing next to the northern perimeter of Towers Elementary and proceed onto 190th to the 405 freeway. Route is near homes, directly on busy school pick-up and drop-off areas, and parks. [Ref. DEIR Sec. 3.14]

HEAVY-HAUL TRUCK ROUTE

BLUE – INGRESS – DEL AMO BLVD TO PROSPECT TO BERYL
 RED – EGRESS – BERYL TO 190TH



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CEQA ROLES

Project Applicant: BCHD
Lead Agency: BCHD
Certifier for EIR: BCHD

Responsible Agencies [Ref: DEIR Sec. 1.5 Approvals for details]:

City of Redondo Beach

Has discretionary approval including project design review, permits, and conditional use permit (CUP) within P-CF zone.

City of Torrance

Has discretionary approval including permits and curb cuts on Torrance right of way.

Send concerns to City Officials (emails here):

Redondo Beach Planning Commission

Torrance Community Development/ Planning Commission

Redondo Beach City Council

Torrance City Council

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