

CITY OF OAKLAND & PORT OF OAKLAND
WEST OAKLAND TRUCK MANAGEMENT PLAN

Community Workshop #2
Saturday, December 2, 2017
10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Meeting location: West Oakland Farm Park – City Slicker Farms, 2847 Peralta Street, Oakland, CA 94608

MEETING OVERVIEW:

This was the second of five community workshops on the West Oakland Truck Management Plan (TMP). The first workshop on October 11, 2017, introduced the TMP and public process. The purpose of the second workshop was to observe the issues and problems that were identified in the first workshop. Approximately 50 people attended including residents, property owners, local businesses including those with trucking interests, truck drivers, community members, environmental and social justice stakeholders, and government agency representatives.

Surlene Grant with Envirocom Communications Strategies, LLC facilitated the workshop. Participants met at the West Oakland Farm Park on 2847 Peralta Street in West Oakland for an overview of the workshop and project. This was followed by mobile site tours of locations throughout the community. The workshop concluded at the West Oakland Farm Park for a working lunch and debrief.

Copies of the materials distributed to each attendee at: <https://goo.gl/Uqd5ZR>



Overview of the West Oakland TMP

The meeting began with an overview and background on the West Oakland TMP from Pat McGowan, Senior Environmental Planner for the City of Oakland. The following information was shared.

What is the West Oakland Truck Management Plan intended to be?

- A joint City and Port plan to address problems with truck circulation and truck parking in West Oakland.
- It will reflect and incorporate community input
- It will identify actions and responsibilities across city departments plus actions to be taken by the Port.
- We want trucks to be less disruptive to residents and businesses in West Oakland.
- We want truck drivers to know where they can and cannot drive, and park
- We want it to be safer near the truck routes.

Why are we doing this Plan?

- Because trucks are a problem for West Oakland residents
- Because the approval to reuse the Oakland Army Base requires the preparation of this Plan in order to reduce impacts on local streets as the former Army Base gets reused.

What we heard from the public at the first public workshop, Oct. 11, 2017 (summary of the key issues):

- Trucks are parking where they are bothersome
- Some trucks are driving on prohibited streets and on other streets that are NOT the truck routes
- Poor signage: for truck routes and for prohibited streets
- Lack of enforcement
- Businesses which attract trucks into West Oakland are a concern

Site tours commenced following the TMP overview.

Site Tours: Three sites were selected based on input received at the first TMP workshop, and through outreach to various West Oakland based community groups/organizations (WOCAG, Acorn Residents Council, and Biz Alert). At the sites, participants explored the issues, viewed existing conditions, and discussed

the issues and ideas for solutions. Participants were grouped into separate groups (2 shuttles, and 1 van).



Locations:

1. Poplar and Union Streets, at 26th St.
2. South side of DeFremery Park, 16th and Poplar St.
 - Moving from Site 2 to Site 3 driving along 7th Street -
3. Around Prescott School, on Peralta St.

Tour leaders and Staff Participants:

Bill Gilchrist, Planning & Building Director, City of Oakland
John Driscoll, Director of Maritime, Port of Oakland
Amy Tharpe, Director of Social Responsibility, Port
Diane Heinze, Environmental Programs & Planning Supervisor, Port of Oakland
Andrea Gardner, Environmental Planner, City of Oakland
Surlene Grant, Envirocom Communications Strategies
Pat McGowan, Senior Environmental Planner, City of Oakland
Ralph Reynoso, Maritime Wharfinger, Port of Oakland
Laura Arreola, Community Affairs Manager, Port of Oakland
Aaron Elias, Kittelson
Luana Espana, Community Affairs Liaison, Port of Oakland
Tabin Chung, Department of Transportation, City of Oakland

Participants observed the sites with the following questions:

- Why are trucks parked at this site?
- Do these trucks service nearby businesses?
- Is it a problem here?
- Should it (truck parking) be prohibited?
- Do you observe trucks driving on streets which are prohibited?
- Describe what a “prohibited street” is (for project staff)
- Should these streets be “prohibited streets” when there are truck businesses along these streets?
- In this area, do these two issues affect you? Your neighbors? The nearby businesses?
- Is enforcement important to you in this location?
- When is truck parking the most bothersome in this location: daytime or night? Do you see trucks moving along non-designated truck routes? Where?
- Do you feel safe crossing major intersections? Especially, 18th St. between the Park, the high school, and the library?
- Do you think better signage is needed?

What we heard:

A high level summary of what we heard during this mobile workshop includes:

- Consider a separate working session looking at air quality data block by block on health effects of diesel emissions.
- Industrial areas are still having disproportionate impact on large residential areas and affect the quality of life.
- Poor pavement on streets due to truck traffic.
- Lack of enforcement on trucks in the community.
- How do we get truck attracting businesses out of the residential community?
- Communication and education of truck routes and parking limitations is need for both residents and trucks/truckers.
- Better signage is needed.

The West Oakland TMP project team will compile the various input received into one comprehensive list and will share the list with the public at the next meeting, Workshop #3.

Conclusion:

For a more detailed report regarding the West Oakland TMP workshop series and subsequent activities, please visit the website at: <https://goo.gl/Uqd5ZR>