

LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT

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DATE: March 1, 2016
TO: Dale Williams, Bureau of Engineering
FROM: David Sifuentes, Captain, LAFD, Bureau of Fire Prevention and Public Safety
SUBJECT: **PROPOSED STREET VACATION AT 1311 N. CAHUENGA**

On January 29, 2015, Luke Milick, Commander LAFD Hydrant and Access Unit, wrote a letter to the Bureau of Engineering expressing concerns about the proposed street vacation of Homewood Avenue between Cole and Cahuenga in Hollywood. The applicant for the street vacation has met with LAFD to address these concerns. LAFD has reviewed the plans and supports the proposed street vacation between Cole and Cahuenga, provided the applicant meets the following conditions:

- LAFD has a dedicated staging area for emergency vehicles north of Homewood Avenue on Cole Avenue.
- LAFD has a secure area for staged vehicles north of Homewood Avenue on Cole Avenue.
- There will be no public ingress and egress on Cole Avenue north of Homewood Avenue into the dedicated staging area.
- Cole Avenue will have signage identifying "For Emergency Vehicles Only" limiting access to fire and police vehicles only, no through traffic will be allowed.
- Cole Avenue between Fountain Avenue and Homewood Avenue will allow for two way vehicular traffic (north and south bound)
- Cole Avenue will have a center access path for emergency vehicles only and will be stripped with double yellow lines and markings on the pavement indicating "For Emergency Vehicles Only".
- Cole Avenue will eliminate the diagonal parking and change to parallel parking to accommodate the emergency vehicle only center access lane.
- The Owner/Developer understands that Cole Avenue must remain open during construction at all times and that LAFD at times may require street closure during large scale incidents, e.g., staging fire and law resources, etc.

- The Project provides 15'6" clearance on Homewood Avenue between Cole Avenue and Cahuenga Boulevard for large Fire vehicles. Code requires 14' clear.
- Homewood Avenue is at least a 32' wide street between Cole Avenue and Cahuenga Boulevard and allows for two-way vehicular traffic. This will provide for all fire department resources to have uninterrupted access (except during construction).
- Anticipated construction start date is August 2016 and duration of construction is estimated to be twenty-four months
- Prior to demolition of the existing buildings on site, the structures will be made available for the LAFD to conduct training sessions. Training sessions to be coordinated with Battalion 5 office.

Please contact me with question or comments.



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