

Portola Center Development Project Dirt Exchange Operation and Median Construction

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Dear Portola Hills Resident:

This notification is an update on the Portola Center development project, particularly work affecting the roadway and traffic. Although the City regulates aspects of the development, the project schedule may change due to the developer's activities taking longer than expected, unexpected delays, and regulatory restrictions. As the project continues, the City will send bi-monthly updates to keep the community better informed.

Dirt Exchange Operation

Baldwin and LandSea will soon begin a dirt exchange operation across Glenn Ranch Road. The exchange will move approximately 250,000 cubic yards of soil to the Northeast site from the South site. Steel plates will be installed on Glenn Ranch Road, approximately 1,500 feet east of the Saddleback Ranch Road/Glenn Ranch Road intersection to protect the road and underground utilities.



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The dirt exchange operation will occur Mondays through Saturdays between 9:00

a.m. and 3:30 p.m. During these times, only one lane in each direction will be open to through traffic. Outside of these hours, all lanes will be opened. Motorists travelling on Glenn Ranch Road may experience frequent, temporary stops as trucks transport the soil between the northeast and south Portola sites. Once the operation is complete, the street will be repaired back to its original condition. The City will send an email regarding the anticipated start date of the operation. Message signs will also be deployed on Glenn Ranch Road providing advanced notification of the impending operation. The dirt exchange operation is expected to take approximately three months.

Median Construction

As part of the Portola Center project, four raised medians are planned near the intersection of Glenn Ranch Road (GRR) and Saddleback Ranch Road (SRR). The medians are designed to improve overall traffic safety while enhancing roadway beautification.



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Median 1: Installation of the median on Glenn Ranch Road, west of Saddleback Ranch Road was completed several months ago.

Medians 2 and 3: In the next several months, the developers will construct two medians on Saddleback Ranch Road between Glenn Ranch Road and Millwood Road. These medians are shorter and narrower to complement the existing medians north of Millwood Road that were modified in early 2016 to accommodate bike lanes. At this time, the median nearest to Glenn Ranch Road is under construction and is expected to be completed in October 2016. Construction of Median 3 (the median closest to Millwood Road) will begin once the work on the Northwest site is near completion.

Median 4: The median on Glenn Ranch Road, east of Saddleback Ranch Road will be constructed once the dirt exchange operation is complete.

The City recognizes the inconveniences associated with this construction. To keep

traffic moving, measures to minimize roadway and traffic impacts are required. These measures include: limiting work to non-peak hours, opening travel lanes during construction where possible, and adjusting traffic signal timing. We appreciate your continued patience. The City will continue to keep the community informed as the project progresses. Project updates will also appear on the Saddleback Ranch Road webpage at www.lakeforestca.gov/SRR (click on the link below to be redirected). Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Angel Fuentes, Assistant City Engineer at (949) 461-3480, or by email at afuentes@lakeforestca.gov.

Saddleback Ranch Road Webpage