

Logistics Planning

A Plan for Swift Rebuilding & Long-term Resilience

In the aftermath of the recent devastation, the Palisades Recovery Coalition has tasked itself with foreseeing the complex process of rebuilding, restoring, and strengthening the community, and emerging with a plan that can serve as a starting point for the community's rebuilding efforts. From logistics and materials management to legislative action, the coalition is developing a set of recommendations designed to streamline operations and support the Palisades as it repopulates and rebuilds.

1. Logistics: Streamlining Daily Operations

The sheer scale of the reconstruction effort is staggering. Over 1,000 truck trips are expected daily, alongside hundreds of workers. To minimize congestion on the roads, a thoughtful plan for staging areas and material delivery will be key.

- **Workforce and Staging Areas:**
 - Workers will be distributed across various staging areas, including lease lots (Alphabets, Marquez, Huntington flat lots), condo properties, Alma Real building, and Paul Revere Middle School during summer months.
 - Dormitories at Will Rogers, with shuttle services, will accommodate workers.
 - Material staging sites identified at Los Leones, AR field, Malibu Feed Bin, The Reel Inn etc... to reduce costs and delivery times.
- **Traffic Management:**
 - Morning deliveries will be streamlined via Chautauqua and Sunset eastbound; afternoon traffic will use Chautauqua westbound.
 - A concrete plant within the Palisades could cut fees and transportation costs, providing a steady material supply. Feasibility and ownership questions remain.
 - Homeowners not immediately rebuilding may allow use of their lots for trash bin staging or worker accommodations.
 - One-way street plans may be explored to prevent congestion.

2. Public Space Compound: A Hub of Recovery and Community

Key infrastructure will be developed to support both the workforce and the community:

- **Plan Check and Inspection Stations:** A streamlined process for rapid approval of plans and inspections.
- **Community Resource Center:** A food truck area or tent space for communal meals.
- **Material & Landscape Showroom:** A hub for builders to aggregate ideas and resources.
- **Builder's Hall:** A centralized location where builders can provide information and support to residents.

3. Resilience:

The Coalition's resilience plan involves a multi-faceted approach to ensure the Palisades is better equipped to handle future challenges:

- **Fire-Resistant Construction:** Use of fire-resistant materials, defensible landscaping, and strategic land preservation.
- **Legislative Action:** Advocacy for state infrastructure improvements, pump upgrades, controlled burns, and brush clearance.
- **Insurance Coordination:** Early engagement with insurance companies to ensure homes are built to be insurable.
- **Research & Policy Development:** Collaboration with UCLA and the County Blue Ribbon Commission to ensure sustainable rebuilding efforts.

4. Logistics Communications: Coordinating the Effort

Clear and consistent communication is critical in such a large-scale recovery effort:

- **Contractor App Development:** A digital platform to share information, manage construction sites, and coordinate deliveries.
- **Block Captains:** Ensuring smooth communication between residents and contractors.
- **Prioritization of Rebuilding:** Staggered start times, giving priority to those directly affected by the fire.
- **Security Coordination:** Implementation of security measures in neighborhoods.

Key Questions to Consider:

1. What is the appetite and feasibility for establishing a concrete plant in the Palisades?
2. Could we establish an RFP process of our own, saving millions in concrete sales and transportation fees?
3. How can we ensure transportation schedules for deliveries are efficiently coordinated to avoid congestion? Would a contractor app help?
4. Can a shuttle network be fully funded by the city or county?
5. How do we prioritize rebuilding for homeowners versus corporate developers?
6. How can we engage philanthropists and stakeholders to control material prices? Could a philanthropist stockpile materials to prevent price inflation?
7. How can we leverage state and federal funding to maximize recovery resources?
 - Disaster Recovery District
 - Land Trust
 - Governor's Executive Order to limit price gouging (DA/CA)
8. What form of communication can ensure clear and efficient communication across the community throughout the recovery process?

Note: If we do not take a methodical approach (consensus, authority, innovation & ingenuity), we risk delays similar to Malibu, where only 40% of homes were rebuilt in six years.

Note: Residents are eager to start rebuilding. As lot clearance begins, architects and builders are being contracted. A well-structured plan will ensure momentum is maintained and unnecessary obstacles are minimized.