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Public Comment on the TrePac E. I. R. for Buffer Part

The Executive Director for the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce has told me, in essence, THERE IS NO MARKETPLACE DEMAND FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE WILMINGTON WATERFRONT AREA so long as the Air Quality is so bad that Private Investors or Developers are not interested in risking their own funds for such Development. So why in heavens name, does the City Harbor Dept. want to put in a Masterplanned Park straddling the most Diesel Toxic Area or Corridor in Wilmington, Harry Bridges Blvd., that, even, the Port Staff admits WILL GET ALOT WORSE BEFORE IT GETS BETTER over the next Ten to fifteen years, according to Dr. Ralph Appy himself?

Certainly, responsible Adults already know that the Masterplanned Park, in general, and the Bufferpart in particular, aka, the Manscoped Hillside, IS DESIGNED TO ATTRACT CHILDREN AND THE ELDERLY TO ITS TOP, as the Ports Chris Brown has told us, to view the somewhat distant Wilmington Waterfront, if seen through stacks of Containers, WHILE UNWITTINGLY TAKING THE PROVERBIAL GSS PIPE, i. e., ULTRA FINE DIESEL PARTICULATE MATTER up from the Harry Bridge Diesel Truck and Train Corridor, some two stories below with only a forty five foot setback, or so.

Dr. John Proines Warning of 2 August, 06

On 2 August, of last year, the City Port Commission heard the preeminent Expert on Ultra Fine Diesel Particulate Matter speak with Q. and A before the City Harbor Commission, with only Commissioner Lopez Mendoza missing. I received a copy of Dr. Proines Q. and A from the LAHDS Graphics Dept. headed by Mr. Brian Montgomery, some three months, or so, ago. I have listened carefully to it THREE TIMES in its entirety, since then.

Early on in Dr. Froines Presentation, he agrees with President Freeman that THERE IS NO CLEAN DIESEL FUEL and anyone who says so IS A FRAUD. Both Agree that only Electric and, to some extent, LPG is much better, while Hydrogen Power seems the cleanest of all, but that seems far off.

Dr. Froines clearly states that PARTICU, rather, Particle Traps may remove many Particulates IN THE EXHAUST PIPE but, when the vapors actually come out, THEY CAN EVEN BE MORE TOXIC SINCE VAPORS QUICKLY BEGIN TO COOL INTO TOXIC ULTRA FINE PARTICULATE MATTER that is not trapped out, but rise and fall, off the street, say, until they cool into even larger particles that are relatively safer to humans than the ULTRAFINE ONES, that attack the Cells of the Heart, Lungs, Brain, and Circulatory System TO CAUSE, in some Degree, Greater Incidence of, not just Cancer, but Heart and Lung Disease, too, along with Breathing Disorders, like Asthma, etc to a greater extent than if the Diesel Particulates were not along such Corridors, say, as Harry Bridges Blvd.

Harry Bridges Blvd.

According to Dr. Ralph Appy, the TrePac E. I. R. discusses the aforesaid Blvd. and its Diesel Particulate Problem on just two pages of the THREE THOUSAND page e. i. r., Pages 3.2 dash 200 and 201, as read to me by Dr. Appy, as to Page 200 and that and 201 by Deputy City Attorney, Thomas Griego. Those pages suggest that most kids playing on the Buffer Field will not be much affected by increased Ultra Fine Diesel Particulates being spewed from Trucks and Trains, except those SENSITIVE TO SUCH PARTICULATES and they will be significantly impacted.

Those Two Pages fail to mention WHAT WILL THOSE ULTRA FINE PARTICULATES HAVE ON THE KIDS THAT RACE TO THE TOP OF THE BUFFER AND BREATHE IN THEM AT, perhaps, THEIR MOST TOXIC LEVELS, each time they play up there, as the Master plan encourages them to do by its Trails and footpaths?

Recommendation

The landscaped hillside should be removed from the masterplan until later.

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Public Comment on TraPac E. I. R.

Please refer to WWW . port of LA . Org, pages 3.2 dash 200 and 201 for the Reports Comments on the Vuffer Project, adjacent to Harry Bridges Blvd. that will now be addressed specifically.

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The Report admits that Ultra Fine Diesel Particulates can be a serious Health Problem, especially for Children with a predisposition towards Asthma and the like, but with a Wall or Hillside in place, adjacent to said Blvd., almost all Children playing on the ground behind this barrier should be safe enough.

What this Page does not deal with is the Children getting up on top of that Masterplanned Hillside, via built in Paths and Trails, TO PLAY AND ROLL AROUND ON ITS TOP, while INADVERTANTLY BREATHING IN THOSE ULTRA FINE DIESEL PARTICULATES, while panting and gulping for air, just after reaching the hill top by running and the like, say.

The serious question that needs to be addressed is, GIVEN THE MERE FIFTEEN METER SETBACK OF SAID HILLTOP OFF OF HARRY BRIDGES, some Eighteen Feet below that hilltop, ARE THE KIDS SAFE FROM THOSE PARTICULATES THAT ARE THE MOST TOXIC?

Dr. John Froines of the UCLA C. O. E. H. should be consulted on this, specifically, and someone prepared to answer this question should be present for Q. and A. from the Port Commission when it comes up for their Consideration.

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On 2 August, of last year, Dr. John Froines appeared before the Port Commission in San Pedro. He gave a three quarters of an hour Presentation with, even, Q. and A. with the Port Commissioners, especially with President Freeman and Ms. Janet Gunther. I have listened to said DVD of that Meeting, three times over the past ten months, my source for this Comment for Page 201.