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Pursuant to provisions in the Los Angeles Municipal Code, the Department of Building and Safety Board of Commissioners (BBSC) is responsible for reviewing and approving soil import or export operations when the amount of soil imported or exported from a construction site exceeds 1,000 cubic yards in designated Hillside areas in the City of Los Angeles. The purpose of the BBSC's role is to review a haul route to be followed by the soil-carrying trucks when they are empty as well as when they are loaded, and in considering the approval of the proposed haul route, determine whether the hauling operation will endanger the public health, safety and welfare.

Prior to the hearing by the BBSC, the permit applicant submits a description of the hauling operations with information such as the proposed haul route, amount of soil being moved out of or into a site, types of trucks to be used, staging areas and length of time of the hauling operations.

The Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) refers proposed hauling operations to the Department of Public Works (DPW) Bureau of Street Services (BSS) to evaluate the effect of the proposed hauling operation on the structural integrity of the streets, on public safety due to street alignment, width and grade, and on public health and welfare due to noise and vibration.

The proposed hauling operation is also referred to the Department of Transportation (DOT) to determine the effect on vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the affected area and any need for traffic control measures. DPW and DOT issue their recommendations to the BBSC Board as draft conditions of approval.

The BBSC hearings and the public's feedback primarily concern the effect on the public caused by the movement of the dirt on city streets. However, the BBSC and LADBS have jurisdiction and expertise over development on private property, not the public right of way. As a result, the BBSC and the LADBS staff spend a great deal of time and resources on haul routes when that time could instead be focused on issues relevant to LADBS on private property that are of high priority to public safety, that have an impact on communities and well-being of the public.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Building and Safety, with the assistance of the Department of Public Works and the Department of Transportation, and in conjunction with the office of the City Attorney, prepare a report within 60 days on alternative discretionary processes for haul routes, maintaining a standard of review that ensures that haul routes are carried out with due consideration to the public's safety, health and welfare, including the scope of any necessary amendments to the City of Los Angeles Municipal Code.

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