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# SOIL SAMPLING ADVISORY

7<sup>th</sup> Street and Bay Street, Port of Oakland

February 23, 2024

## PROJECT

The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC), in cooperation with the Port of Oakland, City of Oakland, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) is constructing the 7th Street Grade Separation East (7SGSE) Project in West Oakland, California 94607. This project is one of the critical elements of the GoPort program which proposes to realign and reconstruct the existing railroad underpass and multi-use path along 7th Street between west of I-880 and Maritime Street. The project will replace old infrastructure and increase vertical and horizontal clearances for trucks to current standards and improve the shared pedestrian/bicycle pathway.

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The 7SGSE Project is continuing construction. As is customary for large public construction projects, soil sampling will be completed in compliance with a request from the Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) and as part of Alameda County Transportation Commission's commitment to compliance and community safety.

Starting the evening of March 4, 2024, running through March 8, 2024, lanes will be closed on 7th Street between Bay Street and Maritime Street for soil sampling and utility potholing between the 7th Street and Bay Street Circle intersection. Lane closures will be limited to the hours of 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. and are limited to the Port of Oakland area. One lane will be open at all times in each direction on 7th Street and Maritime Street. No lane closures from this project will occur in any residential neighborhoods.

## FAQ – SOIL SAMPLING

### 1. Why is soil sampling being done?

The eastern portion of the 7th Street Grade Separation East Project (7SGSE) intersects a portion of the I-880 Realignment Corridor "At Grade Section" which is subject to land

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use restrictions (hereby referred to as LUR) under the California Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) oversight. The contaminants of concern within the I-880 Realignment Corridor Project include metals, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), petroleum hydrocarbons, and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in soil. The source is believed to be tied to historic land use as a railroad yard. DTSC has requested that soil sampling be performed prior to construction activities within the LUR Area.

## **2. Is the soil at the 7th Street Grade Separation East Project (7SGSE) construction site contaminated?**

In 2019, a Preliminary Site Investigation (PSI) was performed for the 7SGSE Project. The PSI did not include sampling within the LUR Area because the amount of soil disturbance planned within the LUR Area is relatively minor compared to the remainder of the 7SGSE Project alignment. Based on the soil results of the PSI, soil within the 7SGSE Project alignment outside of the LUR area met screening levels for commercial/industrial property except for two isolated areas of soil which contained a high concentration of arsenic in one area and high concentrations of PAHs in another area. The majority of the LUR area was previously excavated in the 1990's as part of the I-880 Realignment Corridor Project. We do not expect significant soil contamination in the LUR Area. Soil testing will be done to confirm the soil condition.

## **3. Who will conduct the soil sampling?**

Alameda CTC has contracted with Ghilotti Construction Company (Ghilotti) as the general contractor for construction of the 7SGSE Project. Ghilotti has contracted with Langan Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc. (Langan) to conduct the soil sampling in the LUR Area in accordance with a DTSC approved workplan.

## **4. Where will soil sampling take place?**

Soil sampling for the LUR Area will be limited to the intersection of 7th Street and Bay Street just west of Interstate 880 (see map below).

## **5. Who will test the soil samples?**

Samples will be delivered to a State-certified analytical laboratory for analysis.

## **6. How long will it take you to obtain soil samples and get results back?**

The collection of samples will occur over the course of 3 days, and laboratory analysis of samples will take 1 to 2 weeks.

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## 7. Will the soil sampling affect me?

There will be limited noise from the use of a drill rig and excavation equipment. It should not affect the neighboring residences, which are more than half a mile away from the construction site.

## 8. What will happen after the soil sampling is complete?

A report on the soil sampling results will be prepared and submitted to DTSC for review. The results of the soil sampling will be used to identify the type of soil to be excavated and dumped at an off-site landfill. We will also ensure appropriate health and safety protocols and soil management procedures are in place during construction within the LUR Area.

## 9. Where can I go for regular updates on the project?

Please visit [www.alamedactc.org](http://www.alamedactc.org). Search GoPort and sign up for email notifications or email [GoPortPIO@alamedactc.org](mailto:GoPortPIO@alamedactc.org). For more information on the larger I-880 realignment Corridor project, you may visit <https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/>. Please enter **0140009** or **"I-880 Realignment Corridor"** into the search field.

Site Map  
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