



American Baptist Homes of the West

Terraces at Los Altos - Construction Status Report – November 1, 2015

Over the months of September and October, Vance Brown (VBI) completed the podium deck over the top of the garage for Buildings A (large 3 story middle bldg.) & B (2 story easterly bldg.) including the outside courtyard areas. The raised post tension slabs, shear walls, elevator towers and poured in place concrete columns in the middle of Building A are under way. Structural steel stairs are being installed to allow continued access between the garage and upper decks. VBI is continuing to complete garage utility work, plumbing risers, fire sprinklers, conduit infrastructure. Building C (2 story westerly bldg.) underground utility and foundations are also complete.

Wood frame deliveries and erection began on schedule. Building A: first floor West wing, Building A: East wing and Building C first floor walls have been erected. The installation of the second floor joist systems will allow VBI to continue to the second floors through the month of November.

For the months of November and December, VBI is pushing the wood framing construction as fast as possible to avoid any rain delays. As the building walls are plumbed and aligned, VBI will be installing weatherproof dens glass, exterior windows and building paper to keep the interior of the building as weatherproof as possible. The building skin and roof systems will be installed as quickly as possible in order to facilitate continuing installation of interior infrastructure and finishes through inclement weather. No site work can be completed at the current time due to limited access, parking requirement etc.

VBI updated the State storm water prevention plan (SWPPP) as required at the beginning of October and will monitor storm water protection measures throughout the winter months.

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Over the months of July and August, Vance Brown (VBI) completed the installation of under-slab utilities, garage foundation, garage level footings, elevator pits and garage slab on grade. The waterproofing at garage walls and concrete walls, columns and shear walls were also completed. Podium decking has been delivered and installation of the reinforcing steel for the podium deck has begun, along with the grading for Building C slab on grade.

For September and October, VBI will continue with the podium deck for Buildings A & B that includes the outside courtyard areas. The podium scope of work (est. 2,400 cubic yards of concrete) will require extensive coordination of rebar, structural steel, post-tension cabling, mechanical, plumbing and electrical infrastructure and penetrations. VBI will also start Building C foundations and prepare for the erection of the wood frame.

Because of the vast area and volume of concrete required to complete the podium deck, VBI has broken the pour areas into smaller segments in order to not overburden the site as well as to moderate construction traffic through the neighborhood. VBI anticipates that concrete pours will be occurring, on average, about every other week during the next two months.

The Terraces has implemented additional remote parking requirements for staff which has resulted in a number of neighbors reporting that the parking situation has improved. Additionally, it has been determined that the building management system installed in Phase 1 had been running the heating and air-conditioning system excessively which may be part of the reported noise concerns. This system is to be replaced within ninety days which is expected to mitigate these concerns to some degree.

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