



Hilco Redevelopment Partners Announces Supplemental Measures Related to the Demolition of Crawford Station

Cooperating with the City of Chicago and local, state and federal regulatory agencies; Developer outlines incremental actions and several additional community commitments.

April 20, 2020, Chicago, IL – Hilco Redevelopment Partners (HRP) today announced a series of action steps and community engagement following the implosion of a concrete stack by its contractor at Crawford Station on Saturday, April 11, 2020. HRP and its contractors have worked in full cooperation with the City of Chicago, State and Federal agencies to conduct a thorough review of the events surrounding the implosion which was part of the final phase of demolition at the shuttered coal fired power plant, and will clear the way for the construction of a new state of the art, job creating logistics center in Little Village.

Immediately following the implosion, HRP took the following steps:

- Immediate coordination with the 22nd Ward Alderman to assess the residential area in the hours following the implosion event.
- Engagement of private street sweepers from 31st to 33rd, Pulaski Rd. to Lawndale St.
- Reimbursement of City costs for additional street sweeping measures.
- Deployment of personnel to offer assistance with clean-up needs for affected residents, including window and vehicle washing.

The health, safety and welfare of the Little Village community is of paramount concern to HRP. Following meetings and discussions with City of Chicago officials, HRP has committed to immediately take the following additional measures:

- HRP will continue to coordinate and communicate with the Chicago Department of Public Health regarding community response efforts.
- HRP will add incremental dust mitigation measures beyond the existing requirements.
- HRP will expand dust clean-up efforts to include 28th to 33rd Streets, Pulaski to Lawndale, and 28th to 31st Street, Pulaski to Keeler.
- HRP will begin offering HEPA Air Furnace filters to affected residences in the area of 28th to 33rd Streets, Pulaski to Lawndale, and 28th to 31st Street, Pulaski to Keeler.
- HRP will continue to provide regular street sweeping measures within all the impacted areas during the remainder of the demolition as requested by the City of Chicago.
- HRP will begin distributing 10,000 face masks this week (April 20, 2020) to affected community members as part of HRP's ongoing support to the community during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Roberto Perez, CEO of Hilco Redevelopment Partners said, "We want to help ease the anxiety and fears of the residents in the Little Village community by taking swift and direct action to support the community following the implosion and provide assistance during the Covid-19 pandemic as well."

Mr. Perez added, "We remain fully committed to working closely with local community leaders and will continue to deliver additional support services to the Little Village community following the events of last Saturday. We will continue to fully coordinate with transparent communication with the City of Chicago and relevant regulatory agencies as we work toward completing this transformational project."



On Friday April 17th, the City of Chicago released the results of environmental testing performed after the implosion (available at www.chicago.gov/crawfordstationresponse). The City's testing did not detect asbestos in any of the dust samples collected in the neighborhood following the implosion.

Further, following air monitoring performed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency at Crawford Station and in the community after the implosion, the City stated that "the quality of outdoor air was not at levels considered to be unsafe for human health in the days following the implosion."

Mr. Perez reiterated HRP's commitment to the communities affected by this transformational redevelopment, "We are committed to alleviating the concerns of the community, which has been, and will continue to be, central to our mission to revitalize this historically challenged site. Our goal, from the beginning, is to responsibly redevelop this property and work closely with the City of Chicago to build a modern, transformational facility, providing numerous community benefits and sustainability initiatives."

As evidence of its commitment to the Little Village Community, Hilco Redevelopment Partners also announced that it will immediately provide a \$250,000 financial grant to a local Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) intended to address historical health issues in Little Village.

Hilco Redevelopment Partners purchased the former Crawford Station in 2017. Since then, a significant investment has been made to remediate and redevelop the site in order to support 21st century commerce. The project and site have been entered into the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's voluntary Site Remediation Program to remediate the site to obtain a comprehensive no further remediation letter consistent with current commercial/industrial regulatory closure standards. The project represents a unique opportunity to bring jobs, improved infrastructure, sustainability initiatives including solar panels, infrastructure for electric vehicles, 670 new trees and significant economic investment and community benefits to the southwest side of Chicago.

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