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Contractor Embodied Carbon Reductions

IEPR Embodied Carbon Workshop

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A1-A3 EMBODIED CARBON



- 1. Engage with trade partners early on
- 2. Collect EPDs
- 3. Price out lower-carbon pathways



<u>Central Concrete – Grout mix # 80W100EC</u> SCM: 25% Fly ash GWP: 549 kgCO2e / m3 (= **418 kgCO2e / yd3**) Compressive strength: 6 ksi at 28 days

<u>Central Concrete – Grout mix # 8SUP00Z3 (back up mix)</u> SCM: 30% Slag + 15% Fly ash (45% total) GWP: 444 kgCO2e / m3 (= **339 kgCO2e / yd3**) Compressive strength: 6 ksi at 28 days



A4 TRANSPORT EMISSIONS



MAIN TAKEAWAYS

- 1. This is more difficult to track than embodied carbon or jobsite emissions at the moment
- 2. EC3 is working on integrating the EcoTransit tool into their calculator to make tracking easier
- 3. Reductions will be achieved here through
 - 1. Smart procurement (domestic vs. international, rail vs. truck, etc.)
 - 2. Fleet electrification
 - 3. Interim fuel swap-outs (e.g. renewable diesel)
- 4. Lower transit emissions should not be prioritized without considering embodied carbon implications



STEEL REDUCTION



- If Hot-Rolled Structural Steel sections procured from Nucor Yamato Mill (Armorel, Arkansas), ~34% reduction is achievable in steel scope. If procured from Berkeley, South Carolina mill, resulting GWP is HIGHER than the baseline.

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A5 CONSTRUCTION EMISSIONS



Major Finding: Get Off Generators ASAP

PG&E - Site Power Diesel - Temp Generators for Jobsite Power Electricity - Office - Manual 60 40 22 Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Öct Nov Jun Jul Aug Sep Dec Öct Min Total Max 501 t CO2e 0.25 t CO2e (Dec) 69.99 t CO2e (Jan)

CO2 Breakdown - Site Power / Oct 1, 2019-Dec 1, 2020



Major Finding: Combustion heating is more CO2 intensive than electrical



CO2 Emission Breakdown / Apr 1, 2018-Jan 15, 2020



Sacramento (Electric Heating)



Major Finding: The majority of total electrical use happens once the project is on permanent power (Cx phase)

Total Electricity / Apr 1, 2019-Oct 9, 2020





Major Finding: The majority of temporary electrical use happens off-hours

Live Electrical / Jun 5-Jun 11, 2020





Major Finding: Site equipment is one of the largest factors in CO2 emissions

CO2 Emission Breakdown / Last 12 months







CO2 Emission Breakdown / Jan 16, 2019-Jan 5, 2021

