

Pre-fabricated home section blocks Redlands roadway

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REDLANDS >> California Highway Patrol officers shut down a portion of Lugonia Avenue after a pre-fabricated section for an apartment toppled off a trailer Thursday morning near Orange Street in Redlands.

The incident was reported just after 7 a.m., according to CHP incident logs.

All lanes of Lugonia Avenue, just east of Orange Street, were shut down for nearly two hours as crews worked to get the section of building back on the trailer that was moving it. Perera Construction and Design Inc. was transporting the modular section.

The section narrowly missed hitting a parked car, according to witnesses.

It was being moved to the Valencia Grove complex, a low-income housing project currently under construction on the corner of Lugonia Avenue and Orange Street.

The Housing Authority of San Bernardino County is spearheading the project. Officials with the organization said the accident occurred after the trailer carrying the section hit a slope along Lugonia Avenue. The impact caused the weight to shift and the section and trailer tipped over.

It is the first incident for the site after 130 modules were already delivered to it, said Ana Gamiz, director of policy and community affairs for the housing authority.

Work on the site is not expected to be delayed because of the incident, and workers will resequence how they are setting up the unit, she said.

The housing project is replacing 70-year-old rental homes at the corner of Orange Street and Lugonia Avenue with a more modern, energy efficient community comprised of starter homes and townhouse apartments.

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The project will bring with it a 228 mixed-income unit community, a multi-use recreation center with a pool and three playground areas.

The project is about 60 percent complete, and could see residents moving in by the summer.



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