

Council Questions

February 14, 2023 - City Council Meeting

ITEM 4.3 One Bay Area Grant Cycle 3 Resolutions of Local Support

1. Will the city be allocating funds in the upcoming budget to replace the \$1.1 million not in OBAG 3?

As noted in the background section of the Council report, as part of the OBAG 2 funding cycle, the City received \$1.1 million in guaranteed funding for pavement maintenance. Staff was aware OBAG 3 funding would not be providing this same guaranteed funding. In order to continue to take advantage of this funding source for pavement maintenance projects, staff selected locations for the competitive grant applications that were scheduled for repaving. For instance, Middlefield Road between Moffett Boulevard and Whisman Road/Bernardo Avenue is planned for repaving in 2024-2025 and was already planned to include the protected bikeways as part of the repaving project. Receipt of the OBAG 3 grant of \$2.4 million for the Middlefield Road Complete Streets project more than offsets the loss of the \$1.1 million in guaranteed funds.

2. Will the developer of 777 W Middlefield be done with digging into Middlefield Road before it is repaved?

Yes, but the location of the private development and the limits of the Middlefield Road Complete Streets project do not overlap. The development at 777 W Middlefield Road is located midway between N. Shoreline Boulevard and Moffett Boulevard. The Middlefield Road Complete Streets project limits are east of the private development, from Moffett Boulevard to Whisman Road/Bernardo Avenue.

3. What does Construction Approval Schedule mean? Is this when the project will be done? If not, when will each of these projects be done?

OBAG 3 funded projects are required to be reviewed and approved through Caltrans' Office of Local Assistance. The Construction Approval Schedule indicates the anticipated timing of Caltrans' approval of the project's design (construction 'readiness') and allows the City to then advertise the project for construction. This is the key schedule milestone required for the grant funds. Once the City receives Caltrans' approval, contract award and construction start could take place 4 to 6 months afterward, and construction could then be completed approximately 6 months later. The completion dates for the three projects are anticipated to be summer 2025 for Middlefield Road Complete Streets, and summer 2026 for both Moffett Boulevard Complete Streets Project and El Camino Real/El Monte Avenue/Escuela Avenue Intersection Improvements.

ITEM 4.5 Authorization of Funding and Associated Agreements to Expand the Safe Parking Program at Shoreline Lot B

1. There are vacant spaces at the Shoreline safe parking lot. Is this true, and if so, how many? If there is a waiting list, why are there any vacant spaces at all?

On average, over time, the Shoreline Safe Parking lot is at ~98% capacity. The Safe Parking Program operator, MOVE MV, processes requests on an ongoing basis. There is not an 'at that exact moment' report for vacancies, as vacancies can be filled later in the day. Per the Safe Parking Ordinance, there are several requirements to verify eligibility, which can take some time. If a spot is open, this does not necessarily mean that it will remain open for several days.

2. The PCMP- how is that typically handled? What department or departments work with it?

Safe parking at Shoreline Lot B necessitates compliance with certain regulations associated with the closed Shoreline landfill. These regulations are designed to ensure the safety and monitoring of potential landfill gas. The Public Works Department works with the City Manager's Office on the updates or changes on the use associated with safe parking. The local agency that monitors compliance is the Santa Clara County Environmental Health Department. The City was required to apply for an amendment to the City's Post-closure Maintenance Plan for the closed landfill at that site, as safe parking (living in a vehicle), was not a designated use for the parking lot. The City is currently only permitted for the current program scope.

We are proposing seeking regulatory approval of a letter of agreement from the regulatory agencies (not a full amendment, as the full plan is already being updated in May of 2023). The full plan is updated every five years.

3. Are there people living in vehicles at St. Timothy's? Did the program there stop due to a lack of case management? Now that MoveMV is doing case management, might the St. Timothy's program restart?

The program at St. Timothy's halted during the COVID-19 pandemic. St. Timothy's is pending a decision to re-start the program at their discretion. Case management has always been a part of MOVE MV' operations, and they continue to do case management at all safe parking program sites, including the faith sites.

4. Are church sites only overnight? Now that our larger safe parking programming is 24/7, is there a demand for overnight safe parking programming?

The church sites are only overnight. Based on recent utilization reports, the lot at Lord's Grace Church remains in use for overnight safe parking.

5. Shoreline lot has had 4 vacancies for about a month now. Is that true? What are vacancies, if any, in all lots?

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6. What is an additional standard restroom? Porta potty, built in, something else?

The additional standard restroom is a portable restroom, which is being provided as a service-level enhancement requested by the operator.

7. Will temporary fencing only be up during the concert season? Will it be put up, taken down and stored elsewhere annually? If so, what's a cost estimate for that?

Fencing will be up on a temporary basis year-round. It will be placed at the following three locations: 1.) north side of K-rail (not on top of it), 2.) along the frontage of Crittenden, and 3.) left side adjacent to the Fire Lane. The estimated cost for fencing is \$15,000.

ITEM 4.8 Amendment of Contract with JHS Consulting, LLC, for Environmental Review Consultant Services

1. Do we have a legal firm who specializes in CEQA and other environmental issues on retainer?
OR Does JHS include legal advice?

JHS is a consultant that provides project management oversight of complex environmental documents prepared by a third-party environmental consultant contracted by the City; JHS does not provide legal advice or support. The City through the City Attorney’s Office has retained outside legal counsel with expertise in CEQA and other environmental issues to provide assistance on an as-needed basis.

ITEM 4.9 Increase Appropriations in the Police Department for Reimbursement of Amphitheatre Event Support

1. Is there any provision for medical evacuation service in the event of a medical emergency where traffic blocks emergency vehicles?

Yes. Depending upon the nature of the emergency and the requested number of EMS transport resources, incident supervisors will determine staging locations, best routes of ingress and egress, the use of escorts, the use of vehicles that can be driven off road, and/or the use of Lifelight in critical incidents, if needed.

ITEM 6.1 Notice of Funding Availability Proposals-Affordable Housing Projects at 1012 Linda Vista Avenue/1110 Terra Bella Avenue and 96 West El Camino Real

1. Has Danco Communities done any projects in Mountain View? Have they done any in the cities surrounding Mountain View?

The project at 96 W. El Camino Real is the first for Danco Communities in Mountain View. However, Danco has completed construction of one project in Gilroy and they have one project currently under construction in San Jose. A second project in San Jose is ready to break ground in the next few months.

2. After construction, how wide will the sidewalks along Terra Bella and El Camino?
 - The sidewalk at 1012 Linda Vista will be 7’ wide separated from Terra Bella with a 4.5’ landscape strip and a 5’ wide sidewalk on Linda Vista Avenue, separated from Linda Vista with a 4’-7” landscape strip. The site is constrained, so additional sidewalk width and/or landscaping may not be feasible, but staff will continue to work with the applicant on it.
 - The sidewalk at 96 W El Camino Real will be consistent with the El Camino Real Precise Plan standards of 7’ wide, separated from El Camino Real with a 5’ landscape strip.

3. Will bike repair facilities at the Terra Bella site be accessible to the public? Will there be bike repair facilities at the 96 West El Camino Real property?
- A bike repair facility is not currently proposed at 1012 Linda Vista Avenue. However, staff has reached out to the applicant to discuss the inclusion of this facility as part of their formal planning application.
 - 96 W El Camino Real has indicated that they intend to include a bike repair facility with their formal planning application submittal. Staff will work with the applicant to finalize the details of the bike repair facility.