

RESPONSE TO COUNCIL QUESTIONS RE: 8/9/2022 CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Agenda Item #: 1.E

Title: Receive a Report of an Emergency Procurement to Provide Polymer to Meet Compliance Requirements at the Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) and Find that the Project is of Urgent Necessity for the Preservation of Life, Health, or Property. (F22-145)

Council Question: Have other nearby wastewater treatment facilities (San Jose and/or Palo Alto) encountered the same issue with this algae/cyanobacteria? If so, what has their approach been?

Staff Response: Sunnyvale WPCP has an unique secondary treatment (biological) process where we use our ponds as part of our treatment process. The San Jose RWF and Palo Alto RWQCP do not use ponds as part of their treatment process. They both use a more advanced Biological Nutrient Removal systems for secondary treatment. Algae generation is unique to ponds systems where the nutrient availability in the ponds become very conducive to algae propagation that can compound itself with time.

Algae has been in our ponds as long as the ponds have existed. However, the WPCP's Air Flotation Tanks (AFTs) have been able to take out algae in the past with relative ease. What is different this time is that a new type of algae called Cyanobacteria (species *Synechocystis*) has been propagating at the ponds in the last 1 to 2 years and our AFTs have not been as effective of its removal. This is mainly due to the size of this species, which is less than 2 micron. In order to increase the efficiency of our AFTs to remove this species, we have had to increase the use of polymer significantly.

Of the 37 Bay Area Wastewater plants, the only other facility that uses ponds is Napa Sanitation District. We have not heard of them having the same problem as us. There could be a multiple reasons, temperature conditions, nutrient availability, flow patterns, treatment technology used to remove algae, other dominant species in circulation – to name a few.

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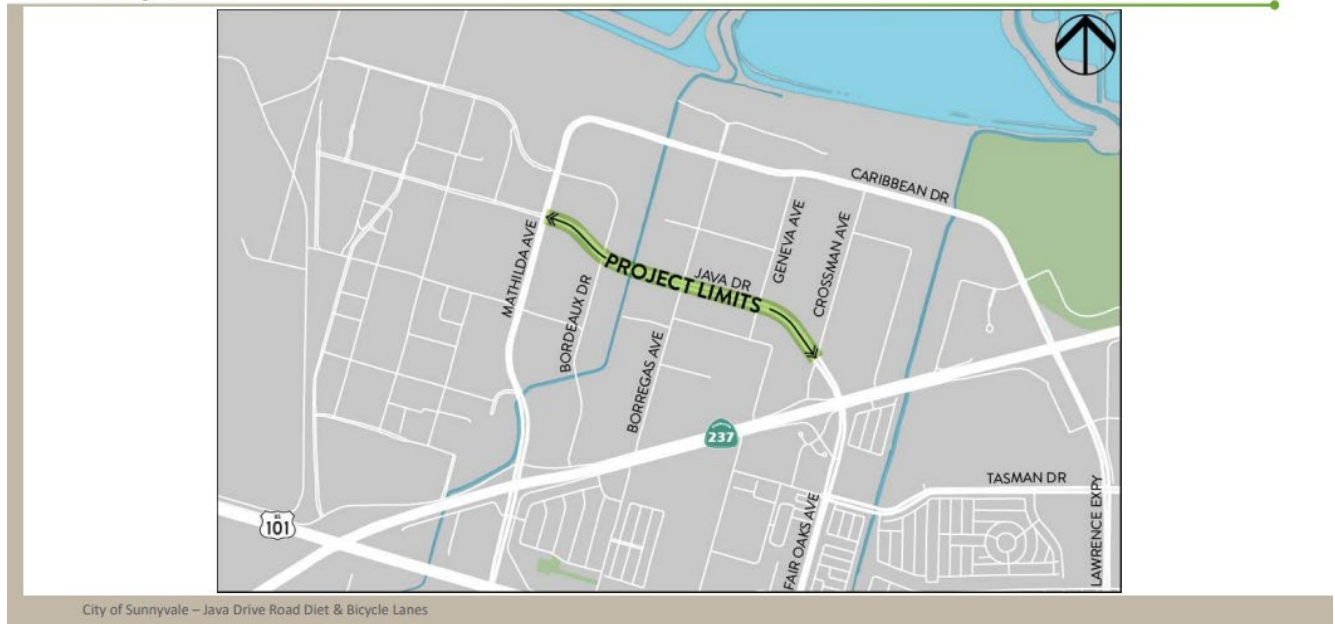
Title: Award of Contract to VSS International, Inc. for Java Drive Road Diet and Bike Lanes, Finding of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Categorical Exemption, and Approval of Budget Modification No. 1 (PW22-13)

Council Question: Java Drive - Could you please provide a map showing the location of the work to be done?

Staff Response: A project location map can be found below and at this webpage:

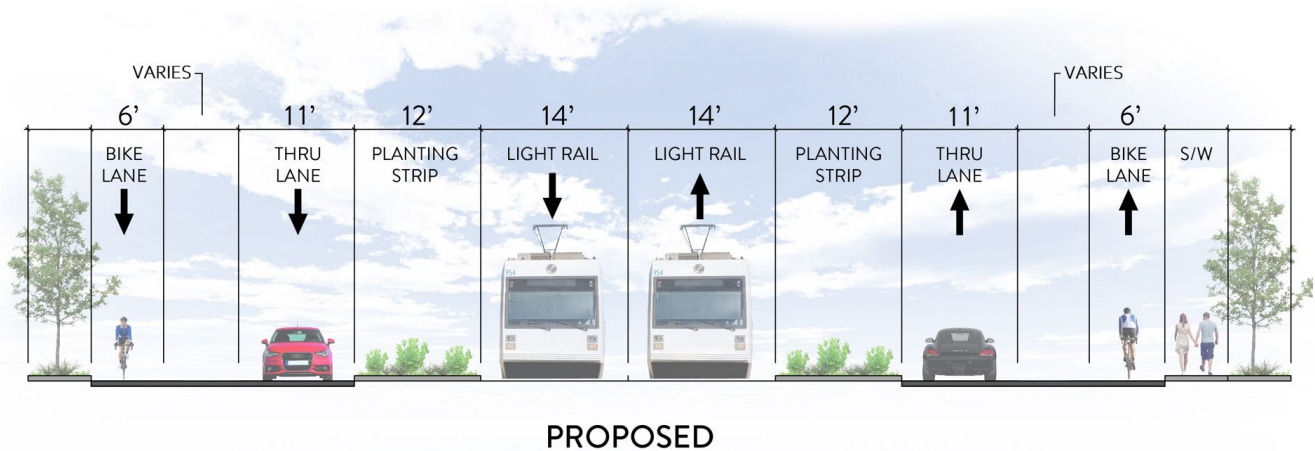
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Project Location

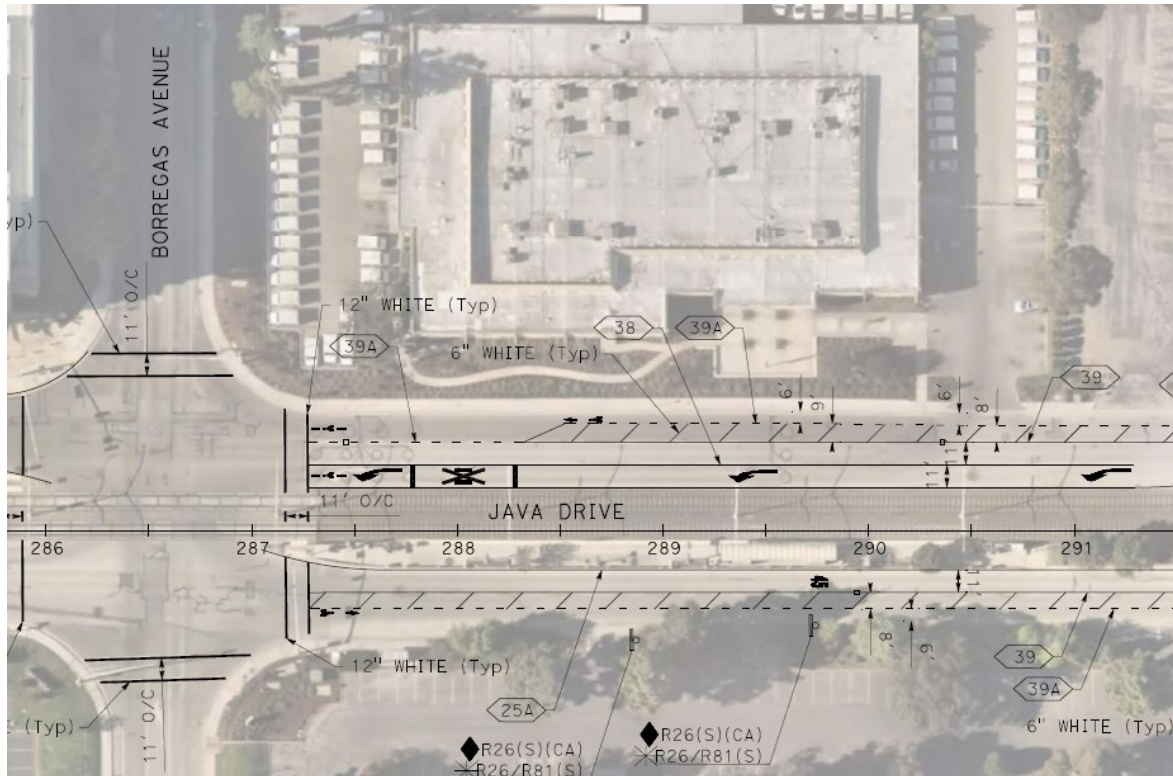


Council Question: Please provide a schematic or rendering of the improvements to be made. What is the construction timeline?

Staff Response: Please see below for a typical cross section and plan view. The anticipated schedule is for the contractor to begin construction in September and the construction is expected to be complete in spring 2023.



Plan View



Agenda Item #:1.H

Title: Award of Contract to Golden Bay Construction, Inc. for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Improvements at the Intersection of Fremont Avenue and Manet Drive/Bobwhite Avenue Project, Finding of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Categorical Exemption, and Approval of Budget Modification No. 2 (PW22-12)

Council Question: Fremont & Manet - Could you please provide a map showing the location of the work to be done?

Staff Response: A map of the project location is below.



Council Question: Please provide a schematic or rendering of the improvements to be made. What is the construction timeline? The ATP calls for more improvements at these intersections, such as protected left turns and turn lanes on Manet/Bobwhite; a median pedestrian refuge island on Fremont; and a curb extension on the northwest corner. (See ATP, page 287.) Weren't at least some of these improvements supposed to be part of this project? What happened?

Staff Response: A rendering of improvements included with this project is below.

progress over the past few months, it has been slower than they estimated due to their resourcing challenges and the complexity of configuration. Going live in June 2023 assumes no additional delays or roadblocks.

In order to go live, we must be able to pay employees accurately. Our consultants are working to resolve 114 payroll items (the final 10% of configuration) by mid-October 2022. As Parallel Payroll is contingent upon these fixes, preparation activities for the test cycle are planned for September through November 2022. The test cycle will run from December through April 2023. Cutover and training would begin in April, with Go-Live on June 1, 2023.

Council Question: The resolution gives contract extension too “the end of ERP implementation and the associated stabilization period.” What is the implementation timeframe? What would be the end of the stabilization period?

Staff Response: See above for implementation timeframe. The ERP Project budget anticipated a six (6) month stabilization period after Go-Live.

Agenda Item #: 3

Title: Approve Modifying the Recreation Fee Waiver Program and Amend Council Policy 7.1.1 to Reflect the Modifications

Council Question: I can understand why the waiver funds expended have gone down during the pandemic, but is there any idea why it went down in 2018/19, prior to the pandemic? (\$47K -> \$32K)

Staff Response: There were no specific reasons identified for the downturn in usage. However, staff noticed this downward trend prior to the pandemic, which precipitated the review of the overall program effectiveness relative to qualifications, maximum individual benefit, and total program budget. It was during this review that staff realized the total individual benefit (\$234) did not cover an entire week for many of our summer camps; and the individual benefit and total program budget had not increased (or kept pace with) with our program costs. Additionally, staff recognized the qualification levels weren't in line with the needs of the community – and identified that even minimum wage earners could potentially make more money than allowable under the current qualification guidelines.

Council Question: What is the plan to publicize the fee waiver program and increase outreach?

Staff Response: We will be renaming, rebranding, and launching a new marketing and outreach campaign if/when Council approves the overall changes. As part of this campaign, we will be engaging our community partners (Sunnyvale Community Services, Sunnyvale School District, Fremont Union HS District, Santa Clara Unified School District, Cupertino Union School District, CNC Partners, Second Harvest, etc.); past participants, including those applicants that were declined due to high income level; and neighborhood groups. Additionally, we will push the updated information through our LRS marketing channels (Recreation Activity Guide, Library and Recreation E-lists/Facebook/etc.), and other citywide media channels.

Agenda Item #: 4

Title: APPEAL BY PROJECT APPLICANT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION DECISION OF JUNE 27, 2022

Proposed Project: Related applications on a 1.81-acre site:

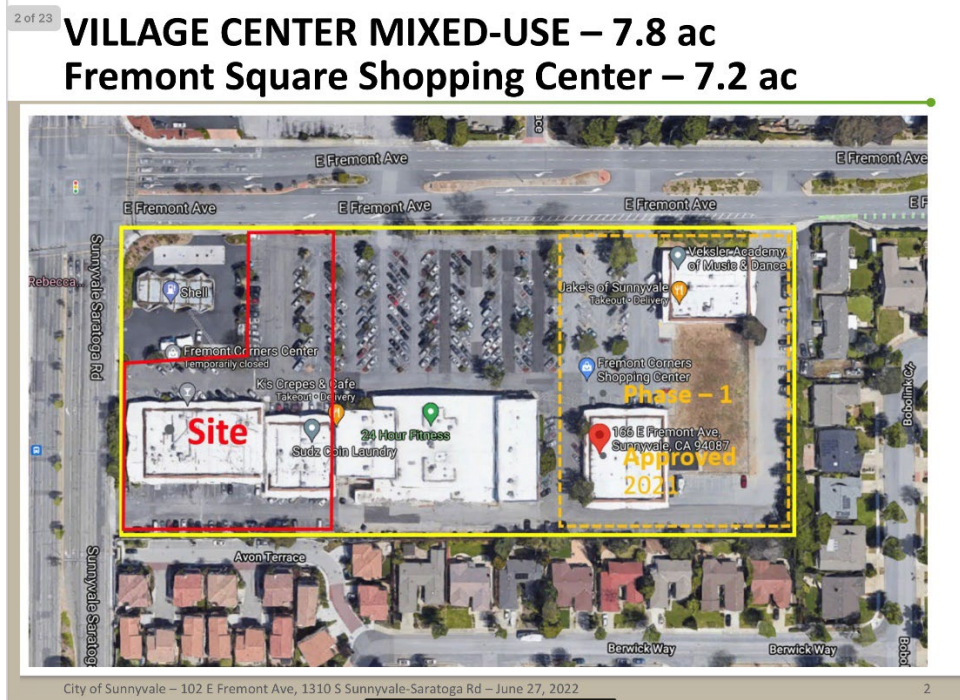
SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT to redevelop a portion (westerly portion) of an existing shopping center (Fremont Corners) into a mixed-use Village Center with 3,384 square feet of commercial space and 35, four-story townhome-style condominiums with associated parking and site improvements including common

public open space.

TENTATIVE MAP to subdivide the lot into five lots and 35 condominiums.

Location: 102 E. Fremont Ave. and 1310 S. Sunnyvale-Saratoga Rd. (APN: 309-01-002)

Council Question: Below is a site overview foil that was taken from Staff's presentation to the Planning Commission on June 27. Who is the owner of the gas station on the northwest corner? Who is the owner of the "middle" parcel in between the parcel that's on Tuesday's agenda and the easternmost parcel that Council discussed on September 8, 2021? Has the City heard anything from the owner of the middle parcel about redevelopment?



Staff Response: The owner of the gas station parcel is Au Energy LLC. The owner of the "middle parcel" currently occupied by 24 Hour Fitness is Gahrahmat Family LP II LP. No applications have been submitted for redevelopment of these two parcels.

Council Question: Attachment 9, page 3. If possible, can someone re-do this rendering to "zoom out" this bird-eye view, showing entire Village Center site (all four parcels), including the Council's approval from September 8, 2021?

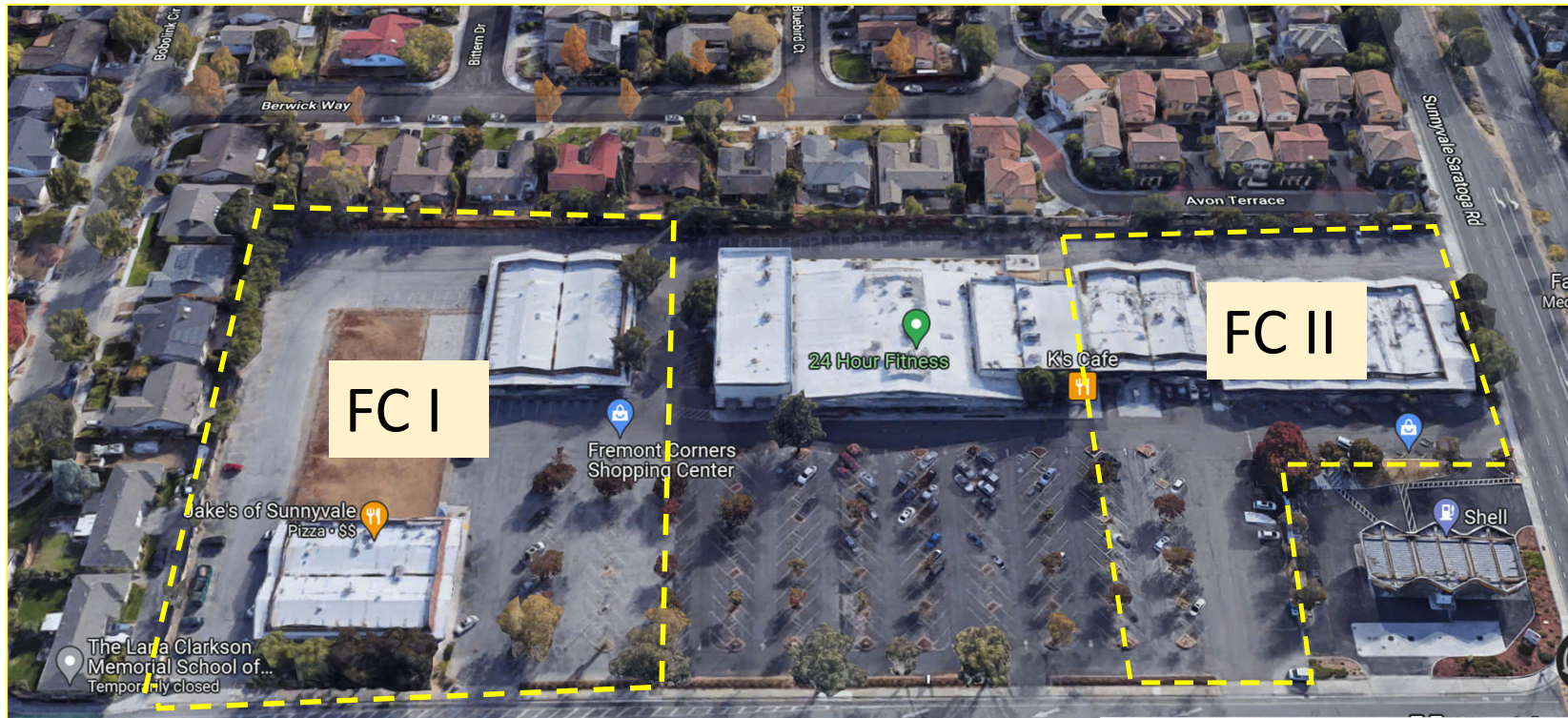
Staff Response: See attached pdf.

Council Question: For the eastern Project, we worked with the developer to achieve better parking lot shading by adjusting parking landscape wells. Did we propose a similar adjustment with this site?

Staff Response: Yes, the City Council included a Condition of Approval for diamond or triangular-shaped planters to be added for tree planting in the parking lot areas. A similar Condition of Approval was added to the current project also.

Council Question: Is the Project Data Table for the original project or the plan approved by Planning Commission? I specifically would like to see if some of the landscaping numbers are better with the different design.

Staff Response: The Project Data table is the applicant's proposal. Staff has not calculated the landscaping numbers with a different site plan, however it is estimated to be very similar. The additional landscaping area in the parking lots, with the use of triangle/diamond planters at the corners is minimal.



E. Fremont Avenue

FC II Looking SW →

← FC I Looking SE

