

RESPONSE(S) TO COUNCIL QUESTION(S)

RE: 5/17/2016 AGENDA

Agenda Item #: 1D

Title: FY 2015/16 NOVA Workforce Services Department Expenditure Update and Approval of Budget Modification No. 34

Question(s): It's great to see an actual increase in NOVA funding. Given the fluidity of funding for NOVA, have we given any thought to creating a NOVA-specific equivalent of a budget stabilization fund (if that's even allowed with grant funding)?

Staff Response(s): NOVA's budget increase is due to higher than expected discretionary grant awards. However, annual allocations from the Department of Labor continue to trend downward. Staff appreciates the comment for a NOVA-specific budget stabilization reserve, however, such as reserve is not an allowable use of grant funds. Any such reserve would have to be funded most likely from the General Fund. If the reserve would be used, NOVA would not be able to reimburse the General Fund for dollars spent. If the City Council would like to explore the option for a NOVA Budget Stabilization Reserve, staff would propose to work with NOVA's seven partner cities and San Mateo County.

Agenda Item #: 1F

Title: Award Bid No. PW16-23 for Mary Avenue Bicycle Lanes Project, Approve Budget Modification No. 33, and Reject Bids from Non-compliant Bidders

Question(s): With the rejections taken into account, it appears that we are in effect receiving one bid on the project and accepting it. Does this give staff any pause, that maybe we should be soliciting additional bids on this?

Staff Response(s): Redgwick Construction was the lowest bidder (even if the bids from the other two bidders had not been rejected) and its bid was below the Engineer's Estimate for the project by approximately 15%. Further, staff believes that Redgwick is capable of performing the Mary Avenue work as the company recently successfully completed similar work for the Iowa Avenue Streetscape and the Old San Francisco/Sunnyvale Road traffic signal projects.
