

RESPONSE TO COUNCIL QUESTIONS RE: 3/7/17 CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Agenda Item #: 1.C

Title: Approve the List(s) of Claims and Bills Approved for Payment by the City Manager

Council Question: On the payment for \$575,086.57 to Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, please describe the nature of the payment and the work performed by the vendor. Further, please describe the internal financial control processes in place to ensure the payment was duly authorized and properly accounted for

Staff Response: In 2013, the City entered into a \$4 million agreement with the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) for the 237/101/Mathilda Interchange project to complete the project initiation document; project alternatives/environmental document; and project plans, specifications, and estimate. On January 24, 2017 ([RTC 16-1131](#)), the agreement was amended with an additional \$4 million to complete final design documents; bid documents; pre-construction utility relocations; and Right-of-Way (ROW) certification.

The payment is for work completed per the City/VTA agreement, as amended. All consultant invoices are reviewed and approved by VTA staff and then reviewed by City staff prior to payment. The Environmental Impact Report and the Project Report were approved in January. The project design has also been completed to the 35% design level. This specific invoice funded work such as updated geometric engineering drawings including layout sheets, profiles, super elevation diagrams, and typical cross sections; updated ROW data sheets; updated fact sheets for mandatory and advisory design exceptions for Caltrans approval; completed geotechnical design and materials report; updated conceptual landscape plans; updated project cost estimate and certification; and prepared the project report for submission.

Agenda Item #: 1.D

Title: Authorization to Modify an Existing Purchase Order for Traffic Signal Controllers (F17-077) and Finding of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Categorical Exemption

Council Question: Are signals in Sunnyvale not owned and operated by the City (for example, N. Fair Oaks Ave. at E. Weddell Dr.) being integrated in to MaxView? Would having some number of signals not integrating MaxView diminish the capability of the AATMS system and if so, what is the mitigation?

Staff Response: Along major corridors, some signals are owned and operated by the County of Santa Clara and Caltrans. So, these signals will not be integrated into the system and, unfortunately, residents will not realize the full traffic operation benefits from the new system at these intersections, unless they link them into the system.

Agenda Item #: 2

Title: Make Required Findings and Approve Conversion Impact Report for Blue Bonnet Mobile Home Park, Located at 617 E. Evelyn Avenue in Sunnyvale – Continued from January 24, 2017

Council Question: The draft CIR states the closure, once the CIR is approved, will run from February to August 2017 with the park scheduled to close in September. Would we, the council, need to request a change to extend the period to at least October 2017 to accommodate for the delay from the continuation? Some members of the public stated that the security deposits required by local apartment complex operators are 3 months. They described it in a way that led me to believe that it's three month's security deposit, plus first month and last month (total of 5 months). Would you comment on what current rental practices are?

Staff Response:

1. Per the Municipal Code, there is a six-month notice period that begins after Council acceptance of the CIR and the park has completed the formal Notice of Termination. No formal modification is required to the CIR as the dates in the RTC are only illustrative.
2. State laws cap the amount a landlord can collect (as a security deposit) to no more than three month's rent. Many rental properties are currently asking for first and last month's rent plus a security deposit equal to a month's rent which equates to three month's rent – many require less than the equivalent of three months. Staff will advise the relocation specialist of this potential confusion on the part of some residents.