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Subject: Off- Agenda Report Relating to SCVMC Neighborhood Meeting

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On November 19, 2020, staff from the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center (SCVMC), Facilities and Fleet Department (FAF), and HGA Architects held a Neighborhood Meeting for the SCVMC community to bring them up-to-date on capital projects on the VMC-Bascom campus. During the meeting, members of the community had questions related to environmental clearance, traffic, and landscaping design due to the Child & Adolescent Psychiatric/Behavioral Health Services Center (BHSC). The Administration's answers are captured below:

Master Planning for Environmental Clearance

Several previous studies have been conducted of the site including traffic, noise, and other impacts as the result of the seismic safety compliance program. These projects qualified as categorically exempt and a Notice of Determination was filed. The BHSC project is subject to an environmental review and community engagement through the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process. The Administration anticipates circulating a draft mitigated negative declaration and initial study document in early 2021.

Types of Facilities

The BHSC will house several service lines within the facility. The outpatient areas (Mental Health Urgent Care for Adults/Minors, Pharmacy) will be open to the public and not locked. The acute care areas (Emergency Psychiatric Services for adults and minors and inpatient units for adults and minors) will receive Lanterman Petris Short (LPS) certification from the Behavioral Health Department and will be locked. All the patients will be held involuntarily on the appropriate civil commitment and not a criminal charge which differentiates the facility from a jail.

Traffic Impacts

The planned garage is catercorner to the existing garage that will be removed to construct the new BHSC. The County is currently in the process of preparing a traffic report that would be available for review along with the draft initial study. If any impacts are identified in the traffic study, the BHSC capital project would incorporate the recommended mitigation measures as needed.

Landscaping Design

The BHSC capital project, if approved, would follow the County's landscaping ordinance and policy, which includes using drought-tolerant landscaping and water efficiency guidelines.

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