



Agenda Item: 9.D
Date of Meeting: August 26, 2024
Department: Police

STAFF REPORT

To: City Council
From: Nate Derr
Subject: **Police Department - Vehicle Replacement**
Prepared On: August 19, 2024
Attachments: Enterprise Fleet Stock Quote

Background/History:

Reason for Replacing Aged Police Vehicles with New State-of-the-Art Patrol Vehicles.

The current fleet includes two aged police vehicles namely a 2008 Ford Explorer and a 2018 Dodge Charger in need of over \$8,000.00 in repairs to be fully operational again. These vehicles, while historically reliable, are now experiencing frequent mechanical issues, diminished fuel efficiency, and outdated technology.

1. **Reliability and Safety:** Older vehicles are prone to increased breakdowns and maintenance needs, which can compromise officer safety and hinder their ability to respond quickly to emergencies. New state-of-the-art patrol vehicles are equipped with the latest safety features, reducing the risk of accidents and ensuring officers' reliability in high-stress situations.
2. **Cost Efficiency:** While the initial investment in new vehicles is significant, the long-term savings are substantial. New vehicles are more fuel-efficient and require less frequent maintenance, leading to reduced operational costs over time.
3. **Enhanced Public Perception:** Up-to-date patrol vehicles contribute positively to public perception of the police force. New, well-maintained vehicles reflect a commitment to professionalism and can improve community relations by demonstrating that the department is well-equipped and up-to-date with current standards.

In summary, replacing the two aged police vehicles with new, state-of-the-art patrol vehicles will significantly enhance operational efficiency, officer safety, and community engagement while offering long-term cost savings. This investment aligns with our commitment to providing the highest standard of service to the community.

Analysis/Discussion:

Two years ago, the Bishop Police Department initiated a strategic update to its aging fleet by introducing four leased vehicles from Enterprise. This step has laid the foundation for a sustainable fleet replacement program. By leveraging this system, we now have the opportunity to enhance our operational effectiveness and maintain a modern fleet through an annual vehicle replacement strategy.

1. **Systematic Fleet Management:** The integration of leased vehicles has demonstrated the benefits of a more manageable and predictable fleet replacement approach. By replacing the two aged police vehicles now, we can align with this established system and ensure that our fleet remains current and efficient.
2. **Improved Reliability and Safety:** The two aging vehicles, having served beyond their optimal lifecycle, are increasingly prone to mechanical failures and maintenance issues. New state-of-the-art patrol vehicles will significantly reduce downtime, enhance reliability, and ensure that officers are operating under the safest and most dependable conditions.
3. **Technological Advancements:** Up-to-date patrol vehicles come equipped with the latest technology, including advanced communication systems, enhanced surveillance tools, and improved navigation capabilities. This technology is crucial for effective law enforcement and will enable our officers to perform their duties more efficiently and with greater accuracy.
4. **Cost Efficiency and Sustainability:** By adopting a sustainable replacement program, we can better manage operational costs associated with vehicle maintenance and fuel consumption. New vehicles are more fuel-efficient and require less frequent repairs, contributing to overall cost savings and aligning with our commitment to fiscal responsibility.
5. **Enhanced Community Service:** Modern vehicles reflect a commitment to maintaining a professional and capable police force. New patrol vehicles not only improve officer performance but also positively impact community perception, demonstrating our dedication to providing high-quality service and maintaining public trust.

Economic Impacts:

No significant economic impacts not already mentioned in this staff report.

Budget Impacts:

This item is not budgeted within the FY 2023-24 Budget. For FY 2023-24, staff is proposing use of C.O.P.S. Fund only. Adjustments for this FY are comprised of the below expenses.

Total for Both Vehicles:

License Fees - \$1,680

Tax and Other Fees - \$1,310

Capital Cost Reduction - \$12,012

Up to 10 Months of Lease Expense - \$23,800

Total Increased Spending This FY: \$38,802

C.O.P.S. Fund

Lease Principal, 033-033-57000, Increase of \$38,802

If these lease agreements are approved, City staff intend for the lease expense to be split evenly between the General Fund and C.O.P.S. Fund in subsequent fiscal years (an annual increase in each fund in the amount of \$14,300 throughout the term of the leases).

Quote attached.

Legal Review:

City Attorney Pucci has reviewed this item and finds it complies with the law.

Recommended Action:

Approve the lease of two new patrol vehicles to replace two vehicles set for surplus through the existing enterprise contract and the FY 24/25 budget adjustment as presented.

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