



Council Agenda Report

From: Dwayne Brown, Maintenance Services Superintendent

Subject: Approval of the Purchase of Three New Fire and Emergency Services Vehicles Approval of the Purchase of Three New Fire and Emergency Services Vehicles

CEQA Determination: The City finds that this action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State Guidelines Section State CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15061, subd. (b)(2)-(3), 15378.

Date: September 3, 2024

Facts

1. The City has a vast fleet of rolling stock, including a variety of vehicles and equipment, from fire engines and police cruisers to road graders and turf mowers.
2. New vehicle or equipment purchases (additions to the fleet) are required to ensure that each department has the appropriate vehicles and equipment necessary to satisfy changing departmental needs.
3. A City Council Adopted Goal for Fiscal Years (FY) 2024-2026 states, “increase overall proficiency and consistency of department personnel by implementing targeted emergency response training and education program, resulting in 100% compliance of training mandates and local and state reporting requirements within the next two years.”
4. In response to the adopted goal, City Council authorized a new Fire and Emergency Services Department training officer position in the FY 2024-25 budget. The training officer will assemble and maintain fire department training curriculum; formulate annual training budgets; compile and complete training records for reported to the state; data collection; and assist in developing plans and training programs for emergency and disaster preparedness and response.
5. The addition of a new training officer position necessitates the need for the purchase of an additional Emergency Services vehicle to be added to the fleet.
6. Fire and Emergency Services have also been utilizing two “ghost vehicles” over the past 10 years. A ghost vehicle is one that has been already replaced through the typical replacement schedule but kept in service. With the growth of the department and the addition of Fire Station Three, there is a continued need for the use of these vehicles. The department has and will continue to add positions that require assigned vehicles to perform the daily functions of their positions. These two vehicles need to be replaced due to its age and wear and tear.
7. Ghost vehicles do not have replacement funds associated with them because funds are utilized to purchase the new vehicle. As a result, ghost vehicle replacements are considered new additions to the City’s fleet inventory.
8. Emergency Services vehicles must be equipped to adapt to a variety of conditions that Fire and Emergency Services Department personnel encounter, including off-road environments and inclement weather.

7. Prices are compiled using the State bid list and governmental agency cooperative bidding to achieve the lowest possible pricing.

Options

1. Do not approve the purchase;
2. Approve the purchase of vehicle as presented and find the action exempt from CEQA; or
3. Provide alternative direction to staff.

Analysis and Conclusions

The Fire and Emergency Services training officer position is identified in the 10-Year Staffing Plan to be implemented in FY 2024-25 and recommended in both the departments Strategic Plan and Community Risk Assessment/Standards of Cover documents that was presented to City Council on April 5, 2022.

The training officer will provide consistent training across three-shifts and nine-engine companies to assist in identifying the training requirements of the department. The training officer will be responsible for designing, implementing, executing, and evaluating a variety of training and educational programs to include the recruit academy, Health and Wellness Program, company and department-wide rescue training, special operations, hazardous materials response, disaster preparedness and response, fire suppression, and firefighter safety and survival training.

In addition to the vehicle purchase for the training officer, Fire and Emergency Services have also been utilizing two ghost vehicles that were purchased in 2009. These vehicles are primarily used for out-of-county and/or training assignments. Due to the age and wear and tear, both vehicles require replacement.

All three trucks require a ¾ ton, four-wheel drive truck upfitted with the necessary equipment to allow for proper function during emergency events; out-of-county events still require the same emergency lighting system. Approving the purchase of three new four-wheel drive crew cab with the specified equipment is recommended as the vehicle and equipment identified satisfies clear and defined need. Staff has worked diligently to identify alternatives to this purchase. Given that the equipment requested is essential to support life and safety, purchase is the best option.

It should also be noted that prior to requesting an additional vehicle, existing fleet inventory is examined to determine if there are available vehicles that can satisfy the intended use. This request is coming before City Council for consideration as there are no other vehicles that can be pulled from the City’s fleet inventory to satisfy this need and, as required by the City’s Purchasing Policy, given that the total cost of the vehicles is more than \$100,000, it also requires City Council concurrence.

Fiscal Impact

The cost of three vehicles and related upfitted equipment total \$315,754.35, and is itemized as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>
2024 Chevrolet Silverado Crew Cab 2500 HD 4WD	69,154.00
Upfits (e.g., lighting, sirens, electronics package)	19,159.80
Bedline	700.00
Bed topper w/lifting sides	3,660.00
Radio equipment	12,577.65
Total	<u>105,251.45</u>

The main priorities for the Measure J-20 supplemental sales tax revenue are for fire and emergency services, police services, and street repair and maintenance. As such, funding for these three vehicles is recommended to be appropriated from the Measure J-20 Supplemental Sales Tax Fund. Moving forward, the City will utilize its established policy which sets funds aside each year, so impacts of these types of purchases are spread over the life of the vehicle rather than in the year purchased.

CEQA Determination

The City finds that this action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State Guidelines Section State CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15061, subd. (b)(2)-(3), 15378 because it can be seen with certainty the action will have no impact on the environment.

Recommendation

Approve Resolution 24-XXX, authorizing the City Manager to purchase three 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD crew cab four-wheel drive with the additional equipment listed herein and as included as part of the City's FY 2024-25 Fleet Replacement Program.

Attachments

1. Resolution 24-XXX – Authorizing Purchase of Three Vehicles
2. National Auto Fleet Group Quote
3. Drive Customs Estimate
4. Rock Solid Estimate
5. TAPS Truck and Auto Accessories Estimate
6. Motorola Solutions Estimate