



City of Emeryville

CALIFORNIA

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 17, 2019
TO: Christine Daniel, City Manager
FROM: Jennifer Tejada, Chief of Police
SUBJECT: **Resolution Of The Emeryville City Council Authorizing The City Manager To Purchase Two Marked Ford Explorer Police Enforcement Vehicles, In A Total Amount Not To Exceed \$77,706.90, From Folsom Lake Ford**

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the above-entitled resolution to purchase two 2020 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor SUV vehicles from the State of California Enforcement Vehicle Contract, for a total amount not to exceed \$77,706.90. This is a scheduled fleet replacement of two 2015 patrol vehicles. Funding for this purchase is allocated in the City Vehicle Replacement Fund.

BACKGROUND

The City has a Vehicle Replacement Program to establish a plan for the scheduled replacement of Police vehicles. The program established a replacement fund account to pay for the replacement of vehicles at the end of their useful lives. This approach has reduced maintenance costs and improved the reliability of Police Department vehicles. As a result, we have reliable, safe vehicles to provide police services to our community.

DISCUSSION

Patrol vehicles are one of the most critical purchases made by a law enforcement agency. Selection of vehicles is determined by reliability, safety, and low maintenance. The 24-hour operation of most police vehicles in an urban environment puts an extraordinary demand upon the vehicles used by our patrol officers.

Of the police fleet vehicles available in the market, staff has learned the larger storage capacity of the SUV models is best suited to carry all the equipment each officer is mandated to take on each patrol shift. Staff has learned that many California law enforcement agencies have adopted the same philosophy and are opting for the SUV style vehicle to serve the patrol operations. It is therefore recommended that the City continue to purchase the Ford Explorer Police Interceptor model vehicle.

The City's Vehicle Replacement Program establishes a 5-year lifespan for the police patrol vehicles. This life span applies unless the long-term cost of repairing an older vehicle is not as fiscally sound as replacing the vehicle. The two 2015 patrol vehicles in the patrol fleet were purchased in 2014, have been in service for five years and have high mileage. Over the past year, the Police Department has experienced greater downtime for maintenance problems and higher repair costs with these particular vehicles.

FISCAL IMPACT

Staff obtained a bid from Folsom Lake Ford, the fleet vehicle dealer who holds the State Bid for the Ford Explorer Police Inceptor vehicles (see attached price quote). The proposal is for the purchase of two vehicles scheduled to be decommissioned in FY19/20, as outlined in the Vehicle Replacement Program, Fund 660.

STAFF COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

Staff has had no communication with the public on this matter.

CONCLUSION

Staff recommends approval of the Resolution authorizing the purchase of two Ford Explorer Police Interceptor SUV's from Folsom Lake Ford for a total amount not to exceed \$77,706.90. This price includes the purchase price of the vehicles and sales tax.

PREPARED BY: Mike Allen, Lieutenant of Police

APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE:



Christine Daniel, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS

- Draft Resolution
- Price Quote