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AGENDA REPORT

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To: Office of the City Administrator
Attn: Deborah Edgerly
From: Police Department and the Public Works Agency
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Re: A Joint Report From The Police Department And Public Works Agency 1) Detailing The Current Status Of Unequipped Police Vehicles, 2) Outlining A Comprehensive Plan To Prevent The Same Problem From Occurring Later This Year And In The Next Several Years, And 3) Assessing All Future Equipment Needs To Ensure That New Hires Have The Necessary Tools To Perform Their Duties

SUMMARY

All police vehicles newly purchased and delivered in 2007 (69) are operational and in service. Public Works Agency (PWA) has the overall responsibility for fleet management which includes the purchase of future police vehicles, vehicle equipment and the project management of vehicle builds.

The Department requested and received approval for Measure Y funding to train and equip new Police Officer Trainees. The Department has ordered or has in its possession all necessary equipment needed for the new hires.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact; this report is informational only.

BACKGROUND

Vehicle Status

The sixty-nine (69) new generation police vehicles ordered and delivered in 2007 are operational and in service. The final car was placed into service March 6, 2008. These vehicles are equipped with technology and equipment that is new to the Department and Public Works, having not been previously installed by the Public Works Agency or the Department of Information Technology. The new equipment included laptop computers, laptop mounting system, light bars, radios, cages and In Car Video (ICV). These installations involved coordination between OPD, PWA, DIT and private installers to ensure the equipment was installed correctly, in the most efficient order, and seamlessly worked together after installation.

OPD made the decision to have all vehicle equipment installations completed at the same time and hold individual new vehicles out of service until completion.

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The following timeline shows the acquisition and equipping of the 2007 vehicles:

- City Council approved the purchase of 69 replacement vehicles February 6, 2007 (Resolution No. 80379 C.M.S.)
- 69 new patrol vehicles ordered from Ford factory February 2007.
- ICV contract signed in May 2007.
- OPD advised PWA of new light bar configuration in May 2007 and confirmed configuration in early-June 2007.
- The 69 vehicles delivered between early June and mid-July 2007.
- Light bars, cages and other hardware delivered in late-July
- New laptop computer system ordered in September 2007, after a test period.
- Complete ICV parts arrive by November 2007.
- Laptop equipment scheduled for delivery in October 2007.
 - Vendor unable to supply all necessary parts for laptop installation until late-December 2007, causing significant delays in completion of vehicles.
- First prototype of new patrol car completed January 16, 2008
- All 69 vehicles equipped and in service within 8 weeks of receiving complete parts and approval of prototype from OPD.
- March 6, 2008, all new vehicles operational and in service.

A specific installation sequence was developed by all parties to facilitate completion of this project. As equipment and parts were received they were installed, to the extent possible, in keeping with the installation plan. Late delivery of laptop mounting equipment delayed the installation of other equipment and technologies that followed in the installation sequence.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

Future Vehicle Purchase and Equipping

As previously mentioned, the PWA will continue to manage the City's fleet and provide project management for the purchase and equipping of future police vehicles, which includes purchasing and installing necessary equipment and coordinating the installation of any technology with the DIT.

Discussions were conducted among members of the Police and Fire Departments, Department of Information Technology, Public Works Agency, and the Office of the City Administrator concerning a plan to effectively execute the purchasing/equipping of future vehicles. It was decided that the Public Works Agency will continue to manage the Department's fleet, providing complete project management for the acquisition and equipping of future vehicles, and maintaining a replacement plan that ensures the regular replacement of police vehicles.

The Police Department's fleet is in need of replacement for both marked and semi-marked police vehicles. The Department currently has approximately 200 vehicles past due for replacement.

The Public Works Agency will be presenting to Council a separate vehicle replacement plan to address the replacement of vehicles at the Special Budget Hearing on May 29, 2008.

Reliable, appropriate, and efficient vehicles contribute to the delivery of police services within Oakland, ensure the safety of City employees and contribute favorably to employee morale and retention. In addition replacing vehicles and equipping officers supports the Mayor/Council FY 2007-2009 strategic goal to improve efficiency and responsiveness to our citizens.

New Hire/ Police Officer Trainee Equipment

The Department requested and received approval for Measure Y funding to hire and train police officers to meet the 803 staffing level goal. The Department has ordered or has in its possession all necessary equipment needed to train and equip these new hires. These items include firearms, gun belts, ammunition, bullet proof vests and other necessary safety equipment.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: As vehicles/equipment age, they become more costly to maintain and repair. Newer vehicles place less of a maintenance burden on City resources, and generally ensure greater vehicle availability for the Department.

Environmental: Replacing vehicles and equipment at the end of their service life with new vehicles results in a fleet that uses fuel more efficiently because of continuing advances in automotive/equipment technology, thereby improving air quality.

Social Equity: New vehicles operating within low income neighborhoods, which contain at risk and sensitive populations (i.e., children, seniors, and those with elevated asthma rates) will contribute fewer pollutants, improving air quality.

DISABILITY AND SENIOR ACCESS

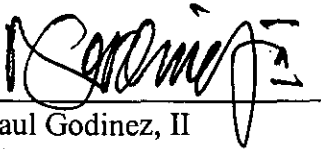
There are no ADA or senior citizen access issues identified in this report

RECOMMENDATION / RATIONALE

Staff recommends acceptance of this report.

A regular, scheduled vehicle replacement program is important to the Department and the City, ensuring that reliable vehicles are in good working order and are available to assist in the delivery of essential public safety services to the citizens of Oakland. Vehicles that break down frequently due to age or excessive use interfere with the delivery of public safety services.

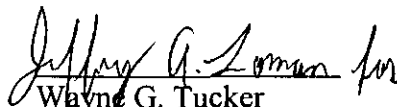
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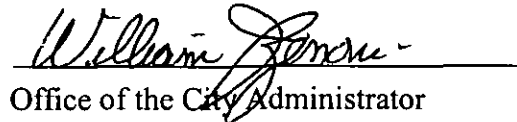
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