

CITY OF OAKLAND
AGENDA REPORT

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To: Office of the City Administrator
Attn: Deborah A. Edgerly
From: Public Works Agency
Date: July 8, 2008

Re: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPROPRIATE THE EMERGENCY SERVICES RETENTION ACT OF 1997 FUND (MEASURE M FUND #2412) BALANCE OF ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,100,000) TO PURCHASE THREE ENGINES, WHICH IS EIGHTY PERCENT (80%) OF THE PRICE OF THE ENGINES, WHICH ARE ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT TO PROVIDE MEDICAL RELATED EMERGENCY SERVICES

SUMMARY

A resolution has been prepared authorizing the City Administrator to appropriate the Emergency Services Retention Act of 1997 Fund (Measure M Fund #2412) balance of \$1,100,000 to cover 80% of the cost purchase three replacement engines, which are essential equipment for providing medical-related emergency services.

The three engines are 1989 model year vehicles that are four years overdue for replacement and cost a total of \$1,249,095. Measure M will fund up to \$1,100,000, leaving a balance of \$149,095 that will be covered by the 2002 Equipment Master Lease.

Staff requests that Council approve this resolution.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds are to be appropriated to the Emergency Services Retention Act of 1997 Fund (2412), Fire Support and Services Organization (20816), Equipment Replacement Account (57612), Support Services Program (PS26). Appropriation of these funds will reduce the Measure M Fund #2412 balance by \$1,100,000.

As this is a one-time purchase of replacement vehicles, ongoing operations, maintenance and fuel costs already have been budgeted as part of the Fire Department's equipment budget.

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BACKGROUND

Staff presented a report to the City Council at the June 11, 2008, Special Budget Meeting that identified 137 public safety emergency response vehicles that are most in need of replacement. Council accepted the report during the June 17, 2008, Special Budget Meeting. Funding for the replacement of these vehicles was identified from three sources:

\$1.1M	Measure M
\$1.1M	2002 Equipment Master Lease
\$0.7M	Citizens Options for Public Safety and Justice Assistance Grant program grants for OPD

Approximately 80% of the Fire Department's call volume is medical related, thereby setting the 80% criterion for using Measure M funds to replace critical medical response equipment. The purchase of the three engines retains and enhances medical services in the City of Oakland and does not include the purchase of any fire suppression apparatus or equipment. Staff was directed by the City Administrator's Office to return to the Finance and Management Committee to appropriate the Measure M funds. The 2002 Equipment Master Lease will cover the balance of the cost of the engines.

Council Resolution No. 77101, dated May 7, 2002, appropriated funds to the Equipment Fund (4100), Equipment Services Organization (30541), Equipment Replacement Account (57612), 2002 Equipment Master Lease Project (C218810), Fleet Management Program (IN01) for the replacement of vehicles and equipment.

The Oakland Police Department receives annual funding from the State of California's "Citizen's Options for Public Safety" Grant (COPS Program) and from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Assistance, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG Program). The COPS Program is a pass-through from Alameda County and is governed by Government Code Sections 30061-30065. Receipt of these funds is anticipated on October 1, 2008. The JAG Program is also a pass-through from Alameda County and must supplement front-line law enforcement policing services. Receipt of these funds is anticipated on July 1, 2008. Staff will return to the Finance and Management Committee to accept and appropriate these funds as they become available.

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KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

In the June 11, 2008, public safety emergency response vehicle replacement report, staff presented the advantages of a regular, scheduled and funded replacement program, which includes:

- Less vehicle downtime and lower operating and maintenance costs by the elimination of high cost, maintenance intensive vehicles;
- A streamlined fleet achieved through the elimination of unnecessary spares no longer needed to fill in for vehicles down for recurring repairs; and
- Higher performing employees who use a modern fleet of vehicles to perform their tasks.¹

Replacing overaged, high mileage vehicles now will reduce operations and maintenance costs, reduce downtime, and increase vehicle availability, which could enhance service delivery.

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.

¹ Vehicle Replacement Guide, American Public Works Association

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

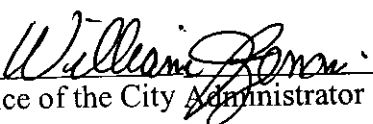


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APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE
FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:


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RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

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WHEREAS, The Emergency Services Retention Act of 1997 was established in 1997 by Oakland voters for the following services:

- The Emergency Medical Dispatch Center, which receives medical 911 calls, helps the caller to determine the best medical response, and provides initial medical advice while firefighters are on the way;
- Training and equipment for firefighters to perform Basic Life Support medical response. Basic Life Support includes monitoring blood pressure, stopping bleeding, defibrillation for irregular heartbeat, treatment for shock, and temporary support for broken bones.
- Continued training for firefighters to ensure and improve high quality basic medical service in Oakland; and

WHEREAS, medical related services account for approximately 80% of the total emergency response volume at the Oakland Fire Department. All engines are equipped with Advance Life Support (ALS – higher level of service than Basic Life Support) capacity; and

WHEREAS, vehicle numbers 0168, 0169 and 0170 are 1989 model year vehicles that have a 15-year economic life span, are overdue for replacement by four years, and are beginning to incur costlier and more extensive maintenance and repair, and more frequent downtime which may affect medical related emergency responses; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of 80% of the three engines using Measure M funds retains and enhances emergency medical services in the City of Oakland. Measure M funds will not be used to purchase any fire suppression apparatus or equipment; and

WHEREAS, the current fund balance is \$1,612,874.01 as of April 16, 2008; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That pursuant to The Emergency Services Retention Act of 1997 Measure, and based on the above and information set forth in the City Administrator's report accompanying this Resolution, the City Council authorizes the City Administrator to appropriate the fund balance in the amount of \$1,100,000 to the Emergency Services Retention Act of 1997 Fund (2412), Fire Support and Services Organization (20816), Equipment Replacement Account (57612), Support Services Program (PS26), which funds 80% of the cost of the three engines; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the agreement shall be subject to approval by the City Attorney for form and legality and shall be placed on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 2008

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID AND
PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES-

ABSENT-

Abstention-

Attest: _____
LATONDA SIMMONS
Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California