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Legislation Text

File #: 003678, **Version:** 1

Subject: Oakland Police Department Taxi Detail
From: Oakland Police Department

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to accept the donation and installation of a Used Bend-Pak® Incorporated Vehicle Lift valued at approximately three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500) from Mr. Baljit Singh for use by the Oakland Police Department Taxi Detail to perform taxicab inspections

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AGENDA REPORT OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

To: Office of the City Manager

Attn: Robert C. Bobb 2003 JUN 1 2 PM 2: 4 1

From: Police Department

Date: June 24, 2003

Re: A Report and Proposed Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Accept the Donation and Installation of a Used Bend-Pak® Incorporated Vehicle Lift Valued at Approximately Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) from Mr. Baljit Singh for use by the Oakland Police Department Taxi Detail to Perform Taxicab Inspections

SUMMARY

Mr. Baljit Singh, fleet manager of the Yellow Cab Company, has offered to donate a used Vehicle Lift to the Oakland Police Department (OPD) Taxi Detail. Mr. Singh has also agreed to cover the cost of installing the lift. The lift has a vehicle weight rating of 9,000 pounds and is adequate for all types of vehicles used by the local taxicab industry.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Bend-Pak lift and installation expenses total approximately \$3,500. Maintenance and repair costs of the donated lift will be absorbed by the Police Department's baseline budget.

BACKGROUND

The Taxi Detail recently moved from the old Eastmont Substation building, located at 2701 - 73rd Avenue, to a facility at 372 Eighth Avenue. The new location did not have a mechanical lift, making it difficult for officers to conduct undercarriage inspections of Oakland's taxicabs nor does the Police Department have any funds available to purchase this type of equipment. Mr. Singh, who has over 20 years experience in Oakland's taxicab industry, has graciously offered to donate and cover the installation costs of a Vehicle Lift at the Taxi Detail's new facility.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

In addition to State of California laws governing the operation of commercial motor vehicles, Oakland taxicabs are governed by Chapter 5.64 of the Oakland Municipal Code (OMC). Section 5.64.005 of the OMC states, in part, that "applicants for a taxicab operating permit must demonstrate that the vehicle meets specified safety and equipment standards (the Chief of Police shall publish safety and equipment standards and/or reference other standards with which each vehicle must comply). The Chief of Police shall also cause to have conducted an inspection of all vehicles for which pen-nits are granted prior to the issuance of an operating permit and at regular annual intervals thereafter on a schedule to be determined by the Chief of Police. Such inspections shall determine compliance with all applicable laws and standards." The ability to easily inspect the undercarriage of a taxicab vehicle is a vital element of the overall safety inspection.

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The Taxi Detail performs approximately 600 taxicab vehicle inspections annually. Traditionally taxicabs are older model, used, high mileage vehicles. Inspection of the vehicle's undercarriage includes: Checking oil and other fluid systems (containers, hoses, couplings) for leaks, steering connections, tires, suspension, and emission control systems. These items can not be properly evaluated unless the vehicle is elevated.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic - None identified.

Environmental - The routine inspection of vehicle exhaust systems ensures that Oakland's taxicabs are operating at peak efficiency, thereby using less fuel and reducing the amount of carbon monoxide and other chemical emissions released into the atmosphere.

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A traveler's only Oakland experience may consist of their trip to / from Oakland International Airport and their hotel.

DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

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

RECOMMENDATION

Accept this report and adopt the proposed resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

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Traffic Operations Section
Bureau of Field Operations

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ORA/Council
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RESOLUTION No. C.M 3 111N 1 2 P H 2, 4 1

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY NLXNAGER OR HIS
DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT THE DONATIONAND INSTALLATION
OF A USED BEND-PAKOR INCORPORATED VEHICLE LIFT
VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY THREE THOUSAND FIVE
HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$3,500) FROM MR. BALJIT SINGH FOR USE
BY THE OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT TAXI DETAIL TO
PERFORM TAXICAB INSPECTIONS

WHEREAS, the Vehicle Enforcement Unit Taxi Detail of the Oakland Police Department
(OPD) is the City's designated regulator of the taxicab industry in the City of Oak-land; and

WHEREAS, members of the Taxi Detail inspect 600 taxicabs annually for safety and
appearance standards as set forth in Title V, Chapter 5.64 of the Oakland Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, an individual, Mr. Baljit Singh, on behalf of Yellow Cab Company and affiliates,

has generously offered to donate a used Bend-Pak Incorporated Vehicle Lift, Model NoXL-9, Serial No. 50043) to the OPD Taxi Detail; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Singh will also cover the expenses associated with the installation of the Vehicle Lift at the Taxi Detail's new facility located at 372 Eighth Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the donation and installation of this device will provide a needed piece of equipment for the Police Department's Vehicle Enforcement Unit Taxi Detail which is not otherwise budgeted now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager or his designee to accept the donation and installation of a Bend-Pak Incorporated Vehicle Lift, valued at approximately \$3,500 for use by the Oakland Police Department's Taxi Detail; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council of the City of Oakland thanks Mr. Singh and the Yellow Cab Company for their generosity and support.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, 20__

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, QUAN, REID, WAN and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

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ABSENT- ORA/Council

July 15, 2003

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ATTEST

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City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California