



Honorable Mayor and Members of the Hermosa Beach City Council

PURCHASE OF VEHICLES FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

CEQA: This agreement has no potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and as such, is not a “project” subject to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) 14 Cal. Code Regs Section 15378. (Public Works Director Joe SanClemente)

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends City Council:

1. Authorize the purchase of two Chevy Tahoes, through the State of California’s General Services Department Statewide Contract for Fleet Vehicles, or other cooperative purchasing program, for a total amount of \$131,520; and **(Attachment 1)**.
2. Appropriate \$231,520 in the Equipment Replacement Fund for the purchase and outfitting of the two Chevy Tahoe Police Patrol Vehicles.

Executive Summary:

The City of Hermosa Beach is committed to providing first-class services to the community. Fulfilling this commitment relies heavily on the availability of appropriate vehicles within the Police Department. There are five vehicles that are due for replacement. Staff diligently evaluated the City’s Clean Fleet Vehicle Purchasing Policy, vehicle availability, and the Department’s operational needs to select the most appropriate replacement vehicles.

Background:

Following the Police Department’s reorganization and a review of the VIP program, the fleet team determined that the below vehicles were no longer needed for their assigned function and due for replacement. The fleet team is intending to auction the below vehicles if they cannot be transferred to another department and replenish the Equipment Replacement Fund for the purchase of the two patrol vehicles to add to the fleet.

Year	Make/Model	Years in Service	Division
2017	Zero Electric Motorcycle	8	Traffic
2015	Ford Fusion Hybrid	10	Adminstration
2014	Ford Fusion Hybrid	11	Administration

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2014	Ford Fusion Hybrid	11	Administration
2009	Ford Escape	16	Volunteers in Policing

While the overall fleet count would decrease, the addition of these two new Chevy Tahoe patrol vehicles would significantly enhance the Department's patrol operations. Increasing the number of patrol vehicles allows for better vehicle rotation and scheduled maintenance without compromising daily operations.

Discussion:

The Police Department functions on a 24-hour per day, 7 days per week basis. A primary function of police services is patrol operations. The requirement of patrol operations and the vehicles assigned to this division are unique to any other City fleet or police function. The lifespan and performance of patrol vehicles require accelerated replacement based on a shortened life span caused by the unique requirements of patrol operations. There are many factors that can cause a patrol vehicle's lifespan to shorten. Patrol vehicles undergo high speed acceleration, stopping, turning, and driving over rough terrain when answering emergency situations. Patrol operations also go beyond a daily patrol shift and can include traffic, task force operations, detectives, and the mental health evaluation team. To meet the needs of all assignments, all patrol vehicles must always be fully functional and ready for use.

As the Police Department continues to operate at a full-time capacity rate, the need for patrol vehicles has become prominent. The Department would like to meet this increased service demand by preparing for future operational needs in terms of patrol vehicle availability. Vehicle availability can vary on an everyday basis due to vehicle maintenance, special operations, prisoner transportation, and other needs. Patrol officers need adequate access to properly equipped patrol vehicles to ensure prompt responses to emergencies and conduct their duties without delays caused by vehicle shortages or downtime. The City's Public Works and Police Department's fleet team analyzed the operational needs of the Police Department and the use of all their fleet vehicles to create a solution for the operational demands of patrol. There are currently ten patrol fleet vehicles, with one assigned to the Watch Commander and one assigned to the Traffic division. Included in this fleet are the four newly acquired Chevy Blazers EVs that are split into two day-shift vehicles and two night-shift vehicles. Overall, there are six available vehicles for daily patrol use for officers to select from. Normal patrol operations usually require three to four vehicles to be available per shift. If any other operations are happening and patrol vehicles are needed, it can affect vehicle availability for patrol.

The current vehicles up for replacement were used in administration and the Volunteers in Policing (VIP) program. Following the Police Department's reorganization and a review of the VIP program, the fleet team determined that these vehicles were no longer needed for their assigned function. The fleet team recommends using the funds to replace these

vehicles to purchase two patrol vehicles to add to the fleet. While the overall fleet count would decrease, the addition of these two new vehicles would significantly enhance the Department's patrol operations.

Increasing the number of patrol vehicles allows for better vehicle rotation and scheduled maintenance without compromising daily operations. It reduces the overuse of existing units and extends the overall lifespan of the patrol fleet. Having an adequately sized fleet reduces logistical challenges, supports officer morale, and contributes to more efficient and effective police operations. Since patrol vehicles are often in demand due to their specialized equipment and prisoner cage, support deployments and specialized assignments can use these vehicles without disrupting regular patrol operations.

Procurement Approach

Staff recommends purchasing the two Chevy Tahoes using California's General Services Department Statewide Contract # 1-22-23-23D for Fleet vehicles through Winner Chevrolet; the contract is set to expire on April 30, 2027.

Per Hermosa Beach Municipal Code Section 3.12.140(E), purchases made through cooperative purchasing agreements, maintained by state, county, or other public agencies, are exempt from the City's formal bidding procedures, allowing the City to expedite the procurement process while ensuring competitive pricing received in a formal bidding procedure completed by another public agency.

General Plan Consistency:

This report and associated recommendation have been evaluated for their consistency with the City's General Plan. Relevant Policies are listed below:

Governance Element

Goal 1. A high degree of transparency and integrity in the decision-making process.

Policies:

- **1.6. Long-term considerations.** Prioritize decisions that provide long-term community benefit and discourage decisions that provide short-term community benefit but reduce long-term opportunities.

Fiscal Impact:

The total cost for the Police Department's vehicles is \$231,520. The total cost includes both the \$131,520 purchase cost and the estimated \$100,000 outfitting costs for both Chevy Tahoes. The Chevy Tahoes require special outfitting, painting, and badging before the vehicles can be deployed. The vehicles would also need to include a radio, mobile video system, and computer.

Staff will use available Equipment Replacement Funds to purchase and outfit the two Chevy Tahoe Patrol Vehicles.

Vehicle	Account	Vehicle Cost	Vehicle Outfitting	Total Vehicle Cost
2026 Chevy Tahoe #1	715-2101-5403	\$65,760	\$50,000	\$115,760
2026 Chevy Tahoe #2	715-2101-5403	\$65,760	\$50,000	\$115,760
			Total:	\$231,520

Attachments:

1. 2026 Chevy Tahoe Quote

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