PURCHASE OF VEHICLES FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Background



Three (3) aging patrol vehicles due for replacement Requesting a fourth patrol vehicle Challenging to purchase new vehicles due to high market demand



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- Vehicle purchasing
 - National Auto Fleet Group
 - California Department of General Services
- Competitive pricing for base models
- Order have been largely unfilled







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- FY 21-22: replace 2014 gas powered Ford Interceptor
- FY 23-24: replace two 2018 Ford Explorers
- Vehicle have been unavailable
- Replacement need is critical with five (5) new police officers





Vehicle Selection

- Department needs (patrol pursuit vehicles PPV)
- Vehicle availability
- Clean Fleet Vehicle Purchasing Policy
 - "maximize the use of vehicles and equipment with the lowest emissions wherever possible"
 - "requires a progressive transition to zero and low emission vehicles"
- General Plan Consistency
 - Reduce greenhouse gas emissions 80% below 2005 levels by 2030
 - Improve air quality and reduce air pollution emissions



- New electric
 Chevy Blazer
- Waitlist at National AutoFleet
- Estimated price \$73,133 (could be lower)





Price Comparison

Fuel Type	Make & Model	Estimated Purchase Price
Gas	Ford Explorer	\$53,000
Hybrid	Ford Explorer	\$57,000
Electric	Chevy Blazer	\$73,133*

*Price could be lower



Estimated Life-Cycle Costs (8-year)

Vehicle Type	General Maintenance*	Operating	Total
Gas	(\$6,009)	(\$8,259)	(\$14,268)
Hybrid	(\$4,644)	(\$6,544)	(\$11,188)
Electric	(\$3,672)	(\$5,712)	(\$9,384)

*Excludes major repairs

- Gas and hybrid vehicles require more mechanical repairs
- Electric vehicle may extend average lifespan of patrols vehicles by 3 years
- Outfitting costs are estimated at \$27,000 regardless of fuel type
- Recommending adding a fourth vehicle to support operational needs and transition to electric



Fiscal Impact

Vehicle	Estimated Purchase Price*	Estimated Outfitting Cost*	FY 24 Budgeted Amount	Total Funds Requested		
EV Chevy Blazer	\$78,000	\$27,000	\$59,500	\$45,500		
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Total	\$312,000	\$108,000	\$224,500	\$195,500		
*Includes contingency. Actual cost may be lower						

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Recommendations

- Purchase four electric Chevy Blazers, not to exceed \$312,000 from National Auto Fleet Group, the State of California's General Services Department, or sole source from a dealership as the vehicle becomes available;
- 2. Authorize **outfitting** of the vehicles, not to exceed \$108,000, through National Auto Fleet Group;
- 3. Approve an additional appropriation of \$195,000 to fund the purchase and outfitting of the vehicles.