



# ***Agenda Report***

## ***Fullerton City Council***

**MEETING DATE:** FEBRUARY 5, 2019

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY

**SUBMITTED BY:** KENNETH A. DOMER, CITY MANAGER

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**SUBJECT:** VEHICLE PURCHASE AUTHORIZATION

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### **SUMMARY**

As part of the scheduled replacement of City vehicles, Public Works issued a Request for Bids for eight Dodge Chargers. Staff is requesting approval to purchase the vehicles from the lowest bidder, Bravo CDJR of Alhambra.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the purchase of eight police pursuit chargers from Bravo CDJR.

### **PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT**

This item matches the following Priority Policy Statement:

- Infrastructure and City Assets.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The total cost for eight chargers is \$215,437.51. Funds are budgeted in the Equipment Replacement Program's Fiscal Year 2018-19 budget.

### **DISCUSSION**

As part of the regular equipment replacement schedule, staff issued a request for bids for eight police pursuit Dodge Chargers. Four dealerships responded, as shown below:

Dealer	Bravo CDJR	McPeek's	Glendora Dodge	Elk Grove Autogroup
Bid	\$215,437.51	\$215,868.51	\$219,868.91	\$221,083.61

A bid summary is attached to this agenda letter. Bravo CDJR of Alhambra, California, submitted the lowest bid at \$215,437.51.

The Police Department has requested the switch to Dodge Chargers for their police vehicles due to the fact that Ford has stopped production of their Police Utility for 2019. This is largely due to problems with the drivetrain on the Ford Police Interceptor Utility which is based on the Explorer civilian vehicle. Over the last year, the Police Department has had several of the Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicles remain at the dealership for extended periods of time because of engine misfiring's and transmission issues. Because these problems are nationwide, dealerships are having difficulty sourcing parts for repairs and this is leading to increased downtime in fleets nationwide, to include the Fullerton fleet.

Accordingly, in discussions with the Police Chief, he requested that this year's police vehicle replacement be allowed to proceed with Dodge Chargers. While with the Anaheim Police Department, one of the Chief's responsibilities was the Police Department fleet of vehicles. In Anaheim, three different makes of police vehicles were tested before settling on the Dodge Charger. The vehicles tested were: Dodge Charger, Ford Police Interceptor Utility (Explorer), and the Chevrolet Caprice. Through a rigorous testing process, Anaheim PD determined the Dodge Charger to be the best all-around police platform.

Additionally, the cost of the Ford is generally higher than that of the Charger. Moreover, with Ford hitting the reset button on the Utility, there is no guarantee the redesign of the vehicle will accommodate existing equipment. As such, even after Ford re-releases their Police Utility the various up-fitting manufacturers will have to adapt their offerings to accommodate design changes. In short, if the Police Department remains with the Ford Police Interceptor Utility they would be looking well into 2020 to replace police vehicles that run 24 / 7 / 365 and which need to be replaced sooner.

The Police Department has eight patrol vehicles that need to be replaced this year to include some long discontinued Crown Victoria's as well as original design Ford Police Interceptor Utilities. The Dodge Charger is determined to be a better police vehicle and it costs approximately \$8000 less than a Ford utility vehicle.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – RFB 4315 Bid Summary