



# ***Agenda Report***

## ***Fullerton City Council***

**MEETING DATE:** NOVEMBER 5, 2019

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY

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

**PREPARED BY:** ROBERT DUNN, CHIEF OF POLICE

**SUBJECT:** USE OF ASSET SEIZURE FUNDS TO MODERNIZE  
POLICE FLEET

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### **SUMMARY**

City Council approval is requested to use the Asset Seizure Fund Balance to purchase five police vehicles and four police motorcycles with emergency lighting and sirens estimated at \$227,487.75.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Approve use of Asset Seizure Funds (Fund 34) estimated at \$227,487.75 to purchase and equip five police vehicles and four police motorcycles and increase Police Department appropriations in the same amount.

### **PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT**

This item matches the following Priority Policy Statements:

- Fiscal and Organizational Stability
- Public Safety.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Using Asset Seizure Funds to purchase police vehicles reduces the impact on the General Fund.

### **DISCUSSION**

In the past two years, the Police Department has worked to modernize its aging fleet. Several areas have been identified as needing upgrade. However, two areas have emerged as having an immediate need.

The Traffic Section has five personnel who are assigned marked police motorcycles. The current marked motorcycle fleet totals fourteen. This number represents a time, prior to the last economic downturn, where fifteen personnel were assigned to marked police motorcycle traffic enforcement. Motorcycles, in the fleet, range in age from 2005 to 2017. Currently, one of the motorcycles deployed every day has 72,500 miles. The newest deployable motorcycle has 22,000 miles. Roughly 78% of the entire motorcycle fleet is over ten years old. Often, during maintenance intervals, Fullerton Police Motor Officers are riding aged police motorcycles with outdated technology and safety features. For many years, we have deployed a police motorcycle package made by Honda, including our spares. This year, Honda discontinued their police motorcycle which forced us to look to other manufacturers. After riding other makes / models and in consultation with our law enforcement partners, the BMW platform was selected. Updating the fleet with this purchase would allow us to move our current motorcycles into "spare" status and equip Officers with the latest in technology and safety features. The "spares" would then be more reliable for use during maintenance intervals. The oldest motorcycles in the fleet could be sold at auction and the proceeds returned to the General Fund.

The unmarked detective fleet has also languished since the last economic downturn. There are currently twenty-nine unmarked vehicles in the detective fleet. This includes utilitarian vehicles for Property and Evidence. Vehicles in the detective fleet range in age from 2004 to 2018. Roughly 65% of the detective fleet is over ten years old. Many of these vehicles have had mechanical failures and are often towed, sometimes multiple times per month. To remain efficient, many of these vehicles need to be replaced with reliable and capable options.

Nearly all of the annual General Fund allocation for the police fleet goes to replace marked police vehicles. The replacement of unmarked police vehicles remains unfunded in our current budget. A source for the capital outlay of funds to purchase the vehicles needed to be identified. The Asset Seizure Fund (Fund 34) was identified. While the number of vehicles needing replacement is more than five, we are only focused on replacing the five most unreliable vehicles at this time. As we continue to assess our fleet, we may make similar future requests for these type of expenditures.

The Police Department's Asset Seizure Fund is the result of narcotics seizures by Fullerton narcotics officers, often in cooperation with federal agents, and is processed through and shared with federal or state agencies. These funds provide important additional resources for the Police Department, can only be used for law enforcement purposes and can only be used to supplement and enhance, not supplant, appropriated agency resources.

The Police Department is proposing to purchase five unmarked police vehicles from Wondries Fleet Group in Alhambra at \$21,917.55 each and four marked police motorcycles from Long Beach BMW which are equipped with emergency lighting and sirens for a total of \$29,475 per motorcycle or \$227,487.75 for nine vehicles. The asset seizure funds will allow the Police Department to replace aging police vehicles without impacting the City's vehicle replacement reserve or general funds.

The unmarked police vehicles will be purchased under the Sourcewell (formerly NJPA - National Joint Powers Alliance) public cooperative purchasing agreement master vehicle

contract #120716-NAF which allows cities, educational institutions and non-profits to utilize NJPA's Request For Proposal process to purchase vehicles that have already been competitively bid.

The police motorcycles will be purchased from the vendor at a price set by "piggybacking" on a contract negotiated by the Sacramento Police Department.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – City of Fullerton Quote- Ford Fusion
- Attachment 2 – City of Fullerton Quote- BMW