



Agenda Report

Fullerton City Council

MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 6, 2020

TO: CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY

SUBMITTED BY: KENNETH A. DOMER, CITY MANAGER

PREPARED BY: ROBERT DUNN, CHIEF OF POLICE

SUBJECT: ASSET SEIZURE FUNDS FOR PRISONER TRANSPORT VEHICLE

SUMMARY

City Council approval is requested to use the Asset Seizure Fund Balance to purchase a Prisoner Transport vehicle and equip it with necessary inserts and emergency lighting and sirens installed by West Coast Lights and Sirens estimated at \$70,841.52.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve use of estimated \$70,841.52 Asset Seizure Funds (Fund 34) to purchase and equip prisoner transport vehicle and increase Police Department appropriations in 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

The Police Department currently has a 2003 Ford E-350 van (Unit #872C). The van is a marked police unit used for prisoner transport and is equipped with security measures to ensure the safety of the prisoners as well as the transport staff. The van is used to transport prisoners from our Department to various facilities throughout the County. The

use of a van allows for a limited number of staff to safely transport up to 12 prisoners. This alleviates the need for several officers and their marked units needing to transport prisoners out of the City and making them unavailable to respond to calls for service.

The current prisoner transport van has been in service about 17 years and has approximately 83,208 miles on the odometer. It has had a host of mechanical and electrical issues that have required frequent service by City of Fullerton Fleet Maintenance. In addition to the impact on patrol staffing when the van is frequently out of service for repair, the cost for service and repair has been extensive.

The Asset Seizure Fund (Fund 34) was identified as a source of funding for a new Prisoner Transport Van. 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 a 2020 Ford Transit Cargo Van from Wondries Fleet Group in Alhambra, California. The estimated cost for the vehicle and necessary prisoner transport interior inserts, security measures and emergency lighting is \$70,841.52. The asset seizure funds will allow the Police Department to replace an aging vehicle without impacting the City's general fund. The vehicle replacement plan does not support the replacement of this van in the next two fiscal years.

The prisoner transport van 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.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – City of Fullerton Quote- Ford Transit Cargo Van / Prisoner Transport