



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR

February 24, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager

Submitted by: Terrance Davis, Director, Public Works

Subject: Contract No. 32500221 Amendment: Stommel Inc. dba Lehr for Hybrid Police Patrol Vehicle Supplies, Equipment, and Installation Services

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the contract with Stommel Inc., dba Lehr for Hybrid Police Patrol vehicle supplies, equipment, and installation services. This amendment increases the contract amount by \$125,000, for a new total amount not to exceed \$525,000, and extends the contract term until December 15, 2027.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Funding for the contract amendment is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 adopted budget of the Equipment Replacement Fund (671) in the amount of \$125,000. Funding for FY 2027 is subject to appropriation in future fiscal years' budgets, based on the Police Department's ongoing vehicle replacement and upfitting needs.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Stommel Inc., dba Lehr, has been providing hybrid Police patrol vehicle supplies, equipment, and installation services to the Police Department, including the installation of specialized equipment required to ensure patrol vehicles meet public safety and operational requirements.

As the City continues to replace and deploy Police patrol vehicles, Lehr is providing installation services necessary to support the City's ongoing vehicle replacement program. These services are required to ensure previously purchased hybrid patrol vehicles are fully equipped and ready for service.

In addition, vehicle delivery schedules, parts supply chain constraints, and installation timelines extend beyond the originally authorized contract amount and term, requiring continued contract authority to complete remaining upfitting work. These operational needs are ongoing and require continuity of service to avoid delays in vehicle deployment.

Staff do not have the capacity or specialized expertise to perform these installation services in-house. Lehr provides the technical expertise and continuity needed to support Police Department operations and ensure patrol vehicles are placed into service in a timely manner.

Amending this contract is a Strategic Plan Priority Project, advancing the City's goal to create a resilient, safe, connected, and prepared city.

### BACKGROUND

The Public Works Department collaborated with the Police Department to procure specialized supplies, equipment, and installation services for Police patrol vehicles. On December 10, 2024, Council authorized the City Manager to execute a contract with Stommel Inc., dba Lehr, for hybrid Police patrol vehicle supplies, equipment, and installation services for a contract term from December 15, 2024, through December 15, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.

City Charter Article XI, Section 67.2, allows the City to purchase goods without undergoing a separate competitive bid process when utilizing pricing obtained by another public agency through a competitive process. The City utilized pricing from County of Orange Contract No. MA-080-23011506 for Patrol Vehicle Equipment, Supplies, and Equipment Installation Services.

The Police Department requires ongoing installation services to support its vehicle replacement program and ensure that patrol vehicles are properly equipped prior to deployment. Due to vehicle delivery timing, vehicle parts supply chain and continued upfitting needs, additional contract authority and an extension of the contract term are required.

### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

The installation of equipment and supplies on hybrid Police patrol vehicles supports the City's environmental sustainability and climate goals by enabling the use of more fuel-efficient vehicles. These vehicles reduce fuel consumption and associated greenhouse gas emissions compared to conventional gasoline-powered patrol vehicles.

### RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Department continues to have a critical operational need for these services due to ongoing vehicle replacement and upfitting activities. Amending and extending the contract with Stommel Inc., dba Lehr, will allow the City to maintain continuity of service, avoid disruption to active vehicle deployments, and efficiently support Police Department operations. This approach is the most effective and cost-efficient means of meeting the City's public safety vehicle needs.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Council could choose not to approve this contract amendment, which would require the City to either delay vehicle upfitting activities or initiate a new procurement for these services. Due to the specialized nature of the work and the City's lack of in-house capacity and expertise, these alternatives would likely result in delays, increased costs, and impacts on Police Department operations.

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Attachment:  
1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

CONTRACT NO. 32500221 AMENDMENT: STOMMEL INC. DBA LEHR FOR HYBRID POLICE PATROL VEHICLE SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT, AND INSTALLATION SERVICES

WHEREAS, the City entered into a contract with Stommel Inc., dba Lehr, to provide hybrid Police patrol vehicle supplies, equipment, and installation services to support Police Department operations; and

WHEREAS, the contract was authorized by City Council on December 10, 2024, for a contract term from December 15, 2024 through December 15, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$400,000; and

WHEREAS, the City utilized pricing obtained through a competitively bid County of Orange contract in accordance with City Charter Article XI, Section 67.2; and

WHEREAS, additional vehicle installation services are required due to ongoing Police patrol vehicle replacement and upfitting needs, necessitating an increase in contract authority and an extension of the contract term; and

WHEREAS, funding for Fiscal Year 2026 is available in the Equipment Replacement Fund (671), and funding for Fiscal Year 2027 is subject to appropriation in future fiscal years' budgets;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to amend Contract No. 32500221 with Stommel Inc., dba Lehr, increasing the contract amount by \$125,000 for a new total amount not to exceed \$525,000 and extending the contract term to December 31, 2027.