



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR  
MARCH 24, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
 From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager  
 Submitted by: Wahid Amiri, Interim Director, Public Works  
 Subject: Contract: Lehr Upfitters OPCO dba Lehr Auto for Police Vehicle Supplies, Equipment, and Installation Services

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Lehr Upfitters dba Lehr Auto for Police vehicle supplies, equipment, and installation services, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000, for a period of April 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Funding in the amount of \$500,000 will be available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 adopted budget of the Equipment Replacement Fund (671). Funding for FY 2027 and FY 2028 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

The Police Department replaces vehicles on a routine basis. Police vehicles require specialized equipment and installation. The contract with Lehr Upfitters OPCO dba Lehr Auto will provide installation of specialized equipment required to ensure police vehicles meet public safety and operational requirements. These replacement vehicles are needed by the City's Police Department in their work to provide public safety services in Berkeley.

Establishing a three-year contract with Lehr Upfitters OPCO dba Lehr Auto will support ongoing Police Department vehicle replacement and upfitting needs, ensure continuity of service, and maintain compliance with City procurement requirements. The City's competitive bidding requirements for this purchase will be met utilizing the County of Orange contract No. MA-080-26010159.

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

This contract will support the City's Strategic Plan Priority Project, advancing our goal to create a resilient, safe, connected, and prepared city.

Effective January 1, 2026, local agencies are required to satisfy noticing requirements for certain contracts for services that meet the criteria outlined in Government Code Section 3504.1 as amended by AB 339. This project does not meet the criteria in Government Code Section 3504.1 and is exempt from the noticing requirement.

### BACKGROUND

The City is allowed to purchase goods without undergoing a competitive bid process if the City utilizes pricing obtained by another entity through a competitive process. On December 9, 2025, the County of Orange Public Works Department entered into a contract for vehicle equipment, supplies, and equipment installation services, contract No. MA-080-26010159. General Terms and Conditions, Section 16, states that this contract will be extended to other California local and state governmental entities wishing to use the pre-negotiated prices and terms of this contract.

Throughout the year, the Department purchases vehicles and equipment for the City's other operating departments. These vehicles require specialized supplies/equipment and installation. This is paid for through the Equipment Replacement fund. If a purchase will exceed \$50,000, the Department of Finance, General Services Division solicits bids or utilizes pricing obtained by another entity's competitively bid contracts to ensure the City's departments receive the best pricing.

### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

City's environmental sustainability and climate goals by enabling the use of more fuel-efficient vehicles. These vehicles reduce fuel consumption and the 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. Entering into a contract with Lehr Upfitters OPCO dba Lehr Auto, 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, which would require the City to either delay vehicle replacement and 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, 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: LEHR UPFITTERS OPCO DBA LEHR AUTO FOR POLICE VEHICLE  
SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT, AND INSTALLATION SERVICES

WHEREAS, vehicle supplies, equipment and installation services are needed by the City Police Department in their work to provide public safety services in Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, funding in the amount of \$500,000 is available in the Equipment Replacement fund (671), and funding for Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028 is subject to appropriations; and

WHEREAS, this contract is exempt from the noticing requirements set forth in Government Code Section 3504.1; and

WHEREAS, the City utilized pricing obtained through a December 9, 2025, competitively bid County of Orange contract; and

WHEREAS, vehicle installation services are required due to ongoing Police vehicle replacement and upfitting needs, necessitating contract authority for vehicle replacement supplies, equipment and installation services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute contract for police vehicle supplies, equipment, and installation services with Lehr Upfitters OPCO, dba Lehr Auto, for police vehicle supplies, equipment, and installation services in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for a three year period ending June 30, 2029.