



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
July 14, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager
 Submitted by: Wahid Amiri, Interim Director, Public Works
 Subject: Purchase Order: Turf Star, Inc. for GO-4 Parking Enforcement Vehicles

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase order with Turf Star, Inc. for nine GO-4 Parking Enforcement Vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$550,000.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The FY27 Adopted Public Works Department Equipment Replacement Fund (Fund 671) budget includes funding for the replacement of these vehicles as they have been fully amortized.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Nine Parking Enforcement Vehicles, Equipment Numbers 1414, 1415, 1416, 1417, 1419, 1420, 1421, 1422, and 1426 need replacement as they are at the end of their useful life, parts are failing, and there is damage due to collisions. Assets are needed by the City's Parking Enforcement staff for patrolling residential, business, and parking permitted locations within the City to ensure adherence to local regulations and state vehicle code laws.

These purchases support the Strategic Plan Priority of advancing our goal to provide state-of-the-art, well-maintained infrastructure, amenities, and facilities.

BACKGROUND

The City Charter allows the City to purchase goods without undergoing a competitive bid process if the City utilizes pricing obtained by another entity through a competitive process. On July 23, 2024, Sourcewell released request for proposal 091024 for Utility, Transport, Golf, and Recreation Vehicles with Related Accessories, Equipment, and Services. The solicitation was released for approximately 50 days, and 17 proposals were submitted. Upon review of proposals, the Sourcewell Proposal Evaluation Committee selected Westward Industries as the best, most responsive proposer to meet the specifications thusly awarding Westward Industries Contract # 091024-WWI

Westward Industries partners with regional distributors to manage sales through the Sourcewell contract. Turf Star, Inc. represents Westward Industries in California.

Public Works purchases vehicles and equipment via cooperative contracts to ensure competitive pricing. These vehicles are specialized and require specialized equipment and installation. Once the new GO-4s have arrived, the vehicles that are being replaced will be sent to auction. Auction proceeds are returned to the Equipment Maintenance Fund to support future vehicle purchases and administrative costs.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

The City prioritizes procuring the most environmentally clean, most efficient vehicles available and will continue transitioning toward an all-electric fleet, where technically feasible. The GO-4s have a 1.0 liter gasoline engine that averages 45 miles per gallon and meet all current state, federal, emissions regulations.

The Traffic Division is located at 125 & 127 University Avenue and does not have sufficient existing electric charging infrastructure. Additional electric vehicle purchases at this time would significantly impact overall parking enforcement operations.

It is anticipated that the next planned replacement GO-4s in fiscal year 2029 will be all electric to align with the installation of chargers at the Traffic Division.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Police Department parking enforcement vehicles must be replaced on a reasonable schedule to ensure Parking Enforcement Officers can safely, effectively and efficiently carry out their duties.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None. Listed vehicles have reached the end of their useful life.

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Attachment:
1: Resolution

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

PURCHASE ORDER: TURF STAR FOR NINE 2026 MODEL GO-4 PARKING
ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES

WHEREAS, nine GO-4 Parking Enforcement Vehicles are needed by the Berkeley Police Department to replace existing vehicles that have reached the end of their useful life; and

WHEREAS, the GO-4 parking enforcement vehicle is the preferred parking enforcement vehicle for many cities because of its maneuverability through city street, good visibility, and driver safety features; and

WHEREAS, vehicles must be replaced on a reasonable schedule to allow City employees to carry out their duties in a safe and effective manner; and

WHEREAS, Turf Star partners with regional distributors to effectuate sales through the Sourcewell contract. Within the City of Berkeley, Turf Star Incorporated represents the Westward Industries brand; and

WHEREAS, the Sourcewell contract bid procedures satisfy the procurement requirements of the City; and

WHEREAS, funds in the amount of \$550,000 are available in the adopted FY 2027 budget in the Equipment Replacement Fund (671).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute a purchase order with Turf Star Incorporated for nine 2026 GO-4 Parking Enforcement Vehicles, in an amount not to exceed \$550,000.

