



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
January 21, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager
Submitted by: Terrance Davis, Director, Public Works
Subject: Purchase Order: California Automotive Retailing Group dba Dublin Chevrolet for Two 2025 Chevrolet Blazer EV Police Pursuit Vehicles

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution satisfying the requirements of City Charter allowing the City to participate in Alameda County Purchase Order Contract, Master Contract No. 901979 and authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase order for two (2) 2025 Chevrolet Blazer EV Police Pursuit vehicles with California Automotive Retailing Group dba Dublin Chevrolet in an amount not to exceed \$220,000.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The purchase of two (2) 2025 Chevrolet Blazer EV Police Pursuit vehicles will not exceed \$220,000 and includes specialized equipment upfitting, CA tire fees, delivery to City of Berkeley ("City"), and sales tax.

This purchase is on behalf of the Police Department. Funding for this purchase is available in the 2025 Budget Fund for Equipment Replacement and utilizing funds that the Police Department has previously paid for vehicle replacement.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Police Department replaces patrol vehicles on a routine basis. Police Patrol vehicles require specialized equipment upfitting.

This electric powered vehicle purchase will replace two (2) gas powered existing vehicles that have exceeded the end of their useful life. The replacement vehicles are needed by the City's Police Department Patrol Division in their work to provide public safety services in Berkeley. The two (2) vehicles identified for replacement are Equipment #s 1833 and 1822 which are gas Ford Explorers put in service in 2017 and 2016 and are overdue for replacement. The Police Department may identify alternate vehicles for replacement due to operational needs and with authorization from Equipment Maintenance.

Police Patrol vehicles and specialized equipment upfitting will be purchased from California Automotive Retailing Group dba Dublin Chevrolet utilizing the Alameda County Purchase Order Contract No. 901979.

Having identified a vendor established through a competitive process will save considerable staff time that would otherwise be associated with each vehicle purchase. These replacement vehicles are needed by the City's Police Department Patrol Division in their work to provide public safety services in Berkeley.

This purchase is a Strategic Plan Priority Project, advancing our goal to create a resilient, safe, connected and prepared City.

BACKGROUND

If a purchase request exceeds \$100,000.00, the Department of Finance, General Services Division solicits bids or "piggybacks" off competitively bid contracts to ensure the City's departments are receiving the best pricing. On October 1, 2021, California Automotive Retailing Group dba Dublin Chevrolet, entered into a contract for Police Patrol vehicles, through a competitive bidding process through the County of Alameda.

On June 16, 2021, the County of Alameda General Services Agency released Request for Quotation (RFQ) No. 901979 for Vehicle Purchase. RFQ No. 901979 language required that the award goes to the qualified bidder with the lowest markup over the triple-net dealer invoice price. Triple-net is the dealer's actual cost of the vehicles after all discounts, rebates, and deductions are applied.

On July 27, 2021, multiple bids were received and upon review by the evaluation committee, Nicholas K Corp dba the Ford Store San Leandro and California Automotive Retailing Group dba Dublin Chevrolet were determined to be the lowest responsive responsible bidder and were both awarded County of Alameda Purchase Order Contract (Master Contract No. 901979 which is extended through September 30, 2026). The County of Alameda's bid procedure satisfies the procurement requirements of the City. This purchase is for Chevrolet vehicles which is why the City need to have a purchase order with Dublin Chevrolet.

Throughout the year, the Department of Public Works purchases vehicles for the City's operating departments. 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 "piggybacks" off competitively bid contracts to ensure the City's departments receive the best pricing.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

Public Works continues to examine ways to support the City's climate action goals through the procurement the most fuel-efficient vehicles and equipment that are suitable for the required tasks. Prior to making procurement recommendations, Public Works

researches the feasibility and availability of fully electric vehicles and hybrid-electric powertrains to support the City's transition away from fossil fuels toward an all-electric fleet, where technically feasible.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Gas powered Police Patrol vehicles have been overdue for replacement. A purchase order is needed to secure these vehicles for the City. Piggybacking on pricing obtained through another public agency's competitive bidding process ensures that the City is receiving the most competitive pricing.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

The purchase of gas-powered hybrid Police Patrol vehicles was considered. That purchase action was rejected as it would not advance the state mandate that requires government fleets to be zero-emission vehicles by 2035, and this purchase allows the Police Department to fully evaluate the performance of an all-electric vehicle.

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Attachment:
1: Resolution

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

PURCHASE ORDER: CALIFORNIA AUTOMOTIVE RETAILING GROUP DBA DUBLIN CHEVROLET FOR TWO CHEVROLET BLAZER EV POLICE PURSUIT VEHICLES

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

WHEREAS, two (2) gas powered Police Patrol vehicles have reached the end of their useful life and replacements are needed to meet public safety and operational requirements; and

WHEREAS, Alameda County Purchase Order Contract No.901979 contract bid procedures satisfy the procurement requirements of the City of Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, funds will be allocated from FY 2025 baseline Budget Fund of 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 for 2025 Chevrolet Blazer EV Police Pursuit vehicles in the amount not to exceed \$220,000.