



Agenda Report

Agenda of: October 28, 2025

Department: Police

Subject: Purchasing a Police Tahoe

Recommended Motion: Recommend for City Council to approve staff's recommendation to purchase a 2026 Police Tahoe.

Background: The chief previously presented to the Castroville City Council an agenda item on a grant through Operation Stonegarden that will pay for a new Tahoe, and it was approved in the amount of \$84,000. The unit (306) to be replaced was a 2017 Tahoe with 94,000 miles. This unit was under the Capital Improvement Plan to be replaced in 2025; however, it was currently unfunded. Our research indicates in the last 2 years that this unit has had a maintenance cost for the city of \$12,000.00. Currently, we are awaiting the approval and ordering of the Tahoe.

In the last two weeks we were informed unit#309 which is a 2019 Tahoe with 63,000 miles needs a new engine and miscellaneous repairs that totals \$16,000. The last two years maintenance cost on this unit was just under \$10,000. A second quote was obtained from an automotive repair shop with a cost of \$15,000.

Last year, the chief assisted the MVIDS police department in locating used police vehicles and contacted Boerne because they are on a lease program and they routinely have police units going out of service on the lease program. We determined that Boerne did not have any units currently for MVIDS; however, they had several units that were due to be replaced with their lease program in the coming year. The chief revisited the Boerne option and determined they have several units that will be expiring with their lease, and one is an option to replace unit#309. This unit is 2021 Tahoe with approximately 60,000 miles and all the equipment would be included except for a police radio. The cost of this Tahoe is \$40,000. The City of Boerne does have a maintenance policy, and the unit receives regular maintenance.

There are several scenarios to consider on unit #309:

- Option 1: Pay \$16,000 and replace engine and repair miscellaneous parts on current unit#309.
- Option 2: Purchase a new Tahoe (unfunded) \$63,000 with equipment to outfit the unit at a cost of \$27,000 for a total of \$90,000. With this option we would utilize the radio, radar, and camera in the old unit and transfer to the new unit as this equipment is relatively new.

Option 2 is the preferred option.

- Option 3: Purchase the Boerne unit, 2021 Tahoe, at a cost of \$40,000. With this option we would take the radio out of unit#309 and place into the new unit. Otherwise, this unit is totally outfitted with camera, radar, etc. and is patrol ready.

The current patrol fleet status. We have 8 marked patrol cars in the fleet.

Unit#303: 2020 Tahoe-47,000 miles

Unit#305: 2023 Tahoe-19,000 miles (purchased through a grant)

Unit#306: 2017 Tahoe-94,000 miles (due to be replaced with a grant as CC approved)

Unit#309: 2019 Tahoe- 63,000 miles (currently needs new engine and miscellaneous repairs)

Unit#307: 2023 Tahoe- 21,000 miles (CC approved budget item)

Unit#308: 2023 Tahoe- 23,000 miles (CC approved budget item)

Unit#310: 2023 Tahoe- 18,000 miles (Insurance paid for new unit after prior unit was totaled)

Unit#311: 2020 Tahoe- 56,000 miles

The police department has an annual maintenance budget of \$25,000.

Fiscal Impact: \$90,000

☒ **Budgeted** ☒ **Requires Budget Amendment**

Source of Funding: Account Code: 1050309-607

Attachments:

Urgency (0-5 = Low Urgency to High Urgency): 3

Impact (0-5 = Low Impact to High Impact): 5

Submitted by: Chief James Kohler