



City of Eustis

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TO: EUSTIS CITY COMMISSION

FROM: Tom Carrino, City Manager

DATE: January 8, 2026

RE: Resolution Number 26-02: Acceptance of FDOT Grant for Purchase of Speed Radar Trailer

Introduction:

Resolution Number 26-02 authorizes the City Manager and the Chief of Police to accept an FDOT grant in the amount of \$11,450.00 for the purchase of one (1) SAM 3 Speed Radar Trailer. The purchase will be reimbursed through the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Grant. The radar trailer will be utilized by the Eustis Police Department to address speeding complaints, increase roadway safety, and enhance traffic enforcement capabilities throughout the City of Eustis. Mobile speed display trailers are a proven tool for reducing unsafe driving behavior and improving compliance with speed limits in residential neighborhoods, school zones, and high-risk corridors.

Background:

The Florida Department of Transportation provides reimbursement funding to law enforcement agencies for equipment used in speed enforcement and traffic safety operations. Radar trailers fall within the category of eligible speed enforcement tools.

The Eustis Police Department has evaluated current traffic safety needs and identified that acquiring a mobile radar speed display trailer will significantly enhance its ability to respond to citizen complaints, analyze speeding patterns, and deploy temporary traffic-calming measures.

The SAM 3 Speed Radar Trailer includes:

- High-visibility LED speed safety display
- Integrated traffic data recording
- Portable, durable construction for citywide deployment
- Warning messaging to improve driver behavior
- Quick, single-person setup

The speed trailer will be utilized daily by the Patrol Division and strategically placed in locations with documented speeding data or ongoing citizen concerns. The equipment enhances proactive policing and supports the Department's mission to reduce crashes and promote roadway safety.

The Eustis Police Department has determined the following:

- The FDOT Grant will reimburse the full cost of \$11,450.00 for the SAM 3 Speed Radar Trailer.
- The acquisition of the radar trailer will greatly increase the Department's ability to reduce speeding violations, prevent traffic crashes, and improve the quality of life in residential neighborhoods.
- The equipment will provide long-term operational value with minimal maintenance expenses and can be deployed city-wide as needed.

Recommended Action:

The administration recommends approval of Resolution Number 26-02

Policy Implications:

None.

Budget/Staff Impact:

Total Cost: \$11,450.00

Funding Source: FDOT Speed Enforcement Grant (100% Reimbursable)

There is no net cost to the City of Eustis upon reimbursement. No staffing impact.

Business Impact:

The acquisition of the radar trailer is expected to have a positive impact on local businesses by improving traffic safety in commercial corridors. Reduced speeding contributes to:

- Safer access to business entrances
- Increased pedestrian safety
- Decreased likelihood of traffic collisions that could disrupt commercial activity
- Enhanced perception of safety for customers and employees

No adverse business impacts are anticipated.

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