



Lathrup Village Police Department

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Memorandum

To: Mayor & City Council
From: Chief Michael Zang
Date: 7/20/2026
Re: New Tahoe Patrol Vehicle Purchase

Background Brief: The Lathrup Village Police Department is requesting City Council approval to purchase a new patrol vehicle for fiscal year 26/27. The oldest patrol vehicle in the fleet, LV3, currently has over 100,000 miles on it. The vehicle has had two motor replacements and is currently burning several quarts of oil a week. The air conditioning unit is also very weak and needs to be replaced. LV3 has exceeded its usable life expectancy and continues to be a drain on our vehicle maintenance budget.

The Lathrup Village Police Department has operated and maintained a fleet of Chevrolet Tahoes, and we are requesting to replace this vehicle with the same type of vehicle. Berger Chevrolet, which offers vehicles at MiDeal prices, is the dealership we purchase vehicles from. MiDEAL is the State of Michigan's extended purchasing program that allows Michigan cities, townships, villages, counties, school districts, universities, colleges, and nonprofit hospitals to buy goods and services from state contracts. The program is authorized by Michigan Legislation and has existed since 1984.

Due to the physical size of some of our staff, and the amount of equipment each officer carries every shift, we need vehicles of this size for them to be able to efficiently carry out their duties. The current MiDeal pricing for a Chevrolet Tahoe is \$55,337.00.

We will also need approval for an additional amount not to exceed \$20,000 for vehicle upfitting. This includes LED lighting, computer mount, plastic rear seat, and many other items. Canfield Equipment will utilize what they can off LV3 and install it in the new patrol vehicle, but due to them being different body styles, some parts will not transfer over, like the partition cage.

The Lathrup Village Police Department would also like approval to utilize \$10,000 of forfeiture money toward the purchase of this vehicle, saving the general fund \$10,000. For a Michigan municipality, federal forfeiture funds (typically received through the U.S. Department of Justice's Equitable Sharing Program or the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Treasury Forfeiture Fund) are restricted funds. They may only be used for law enforcement purposes and must supplement, not replace, a municipality's normal law enforcement budget.

Economic Impact:

\$80,000 was budgeted in 101-301-000-970 for this capital purchase.
Fund 262 (Federal Forfeitures) has over \$14,000 in reserves.

Total purchase price (\$55,337) & upfitting (not to exceed \$20,000) is estimated at \$75,337.

Recommended Motion:

Moved by Council Member _____ and seconded by Council Member _____ to approve the Tahoe purchase through Berger Chevrolet for \$55,337.00 with a not to exceed upfit cost of \$20,000 through Canfield Equipment; and authorize the Finance Department to utilize \$10,000 from the City's Federal Forfeiture Fund Balance to offset the purchase cost of the Tahoe.