



## City Council Agenda Report

**Meeting Date: October 22, 2024**  
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**Subject:** Authorize the Police Department to purchase two electric Chevrolet Blazers, pursuit-rated, in the amount of \$127,218

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### **COUNCIL PRIORITY AREA**

- Business Communities
- Circulation Safety and Efficiency
- Environmental Sustainability
- Housing
- Neighborhood Safety Infrastructure
- General Government

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize the Police Department to purchase two electric Chevrolet Blazers, pursuit-rated, in the amount of \$127,218.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The total cost for the acquisition of two Chevy Blazers is \$127,218. Funding for this purchase will be from the budgeted Police Department's vehicle replacement fund. It's anticipated the long-term savings in fuel and maintenance is projected to offset some of the initial investment over time.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

This item is Categorically Exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301(c) as actions taken by regulatory agencies, as authorized by the City's Climate Action Plan, to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment, and none of the circumstances in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies. This item also is in alignment with the Council's direction on the adoption of an electrified fleet.

1. **Alignment with Sustainability Goals:** The proposed vehicles will help the City meet its sustainability goals by reducing the overall carbon footprint of the Police Department's fleet. The transition to electric vehicles is a key initiative in our environmental strategy.

2. **Operational Efficiency:** Electric vehicles offer lower maintenance costs compared to traditional internal combustion engine vehicles. They also provide substantial savings in fuel costs, which will contribute to overall budget efficiency.
3. **Enhanced Performance:** The Chevy Blazer EV and Chevy Silverado EV are equipped with advanced technology and features that meet the operational requirements of the Police Department. These vehicles are capable of handling diverse tasks and will support the department's efficiency in urban areas.
4. **Support for Infrastructure Development:** Investing in electric vehicles will also underscore the city's commitment to supporting and developing EV charging infrastructure, fostering a more sustainable environment city-wide.

### **DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS**

The City Council's recent resolution emphasizes the importance of integrating electric vehicles into the city's vehicle fleet to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and operational costs. Furthermore, the California Air Resource Board has guided cities to adopt purchasing requirements that comply with their guidelines. As a crucial component of our commitment to sustainability, the Police Department has assessed the suitability of electric vehicles for its operational needs and identified the Chevy Blazer as an appropriate choice.

In alignment with the City Council's directive on transitioning to electric vehicles (EVs) for a more sustainable and environmentally friendly fleet, the Police Department is seeking approval to purchase two electric Chevy Blazers. This report outlines the justification for this purchase, the anticipated benefits, and the alignment with our sustainability goals.

In conclusion, the acquisition of two electric Chevy Blazers is a strategic step toward fulfilling the City Council's directive on electric vehicle adoption. These vehicles will not only advance our environmental goals but also enhance the operational capabilities of the Police Department while ensuring cost-efficiency.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

None