

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 4, 2024
TO: Melissa R. Marsh, City Manager
FROM: Sean P. Ballantine, Director of Public Services
SUBJECT: Scheduled Replacement of Vehicle #121

The FY 2024-25 Budget includes funding for the scheduled replacement of Vehicle 121, a 2015 Ford Interceptor Utility, funded through the Police Department. This vehicle is in poor condition, requiring priority replacement.

Vehicle purchasing through the City's historic means remains difficult if not impossible, as the auto manufacturers are providing little to no order availability for government purchasing contracts, and continue to suffer from severely reduced inventory and supply chain issues. Staff continues to pursue new and creative ways of meeting the City's vehicle purchasing needs, requiring us to essentially jump on the purchase of a vehicle when one which will best serve the department becomes available. The dealerships we have been working with have so far been kind enough to hold these vehicles on verbal request as we engage in the City's established purchasing process. This is an administrative/detective bureau vehicle, which requires us to furnish a variety of different body styles and colors, while also focusing on the usability of the vehicle for its end-users.

Staff therefore recommends that Council approve the purchase of one 2024 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo from LaFontaine Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, of Lansing, through the State of Michigan MiDeal Vehicle Purchasing Program in the total amount of \$45,000 (the quoted price plus an allowance for delivery mileage). Funding is budgeted and available, with monies available in the same line item to cover the overage from budgeted amount.

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