



## City of Needles, California Request for City Council Action

☒ CITY COUNCIL ☒ NPUA

☒ Regular ☐ Special

**Meeting Date:** March 11, 2025

**Title:** Authorize the City Manager to proceed with GPS Trackit for Fleet Management Services at an annual cost of \$9,600 under a three-year contract.

**Background:** The City of Needles/NPUA owns and operates a fleet of 34 vehicles. Currently, the city does not have a fleet management tracking system in place. The absence of a tracking system limits the city's ability to monitor vehicle usage, enhance driver safety, optimize fleet operations, and reduce costs.

Implementing GPS Trackit will provide a comprehensive GPS-enabled vehicle tracking system that allows real-time fleet monitoring, improves driver accountability, enhances safety, and increases operational efficiency. The system offers:

- Real-time tracking of vehicle location, speed, and route history.
- Driver behavior reports, including speeding, hard braking, rapid acceleration, and idling alerts.
- Geofencing alerts to notify management when vehicles enter or leave designated areas.
- Mileage tracking and fuel efficiency monitoring to reduce operational costs.
- Security and loss prevention features, including stolen vehicle tracking and unauthorized use notifications.
- Vehicle diagnostic monitoring, which helps detect engine issues early to improve maintenance scheduling.

The plug-and-play vehicle tracking equipment is provided by GPS Trackit and will be installed by the Fleet Department. The proposed contract includes a three-year discounted rate for the service.

**Fiscal Impact:** The monthly cost for 34 fleet units is \$800 plus tax, totaling an annual cost of \$9,600. These costs will be divided among departments and funded through the adopted fiscal year budget.

**Environmental Impact:** N/A

**Recommended Action:** Authorize the City Manager to proceed with GPS Trackit for Fleet Management Services at an annual cost of \$9,600 under a three-year contract.

**Submitted By:** Rainie Torrance, Utility Manager

**City Manager Approval:** Patrick J. Martinez Date: 3/5/2025

**Other Department Approval (when required):** \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: ☐ Not Approved: ☐ Tabled: ☐ Other: ☐