



CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL
JULY 10, 2023

SUBJECT: Approval to purchase rapid deployment barricades for the Novi Police Department from Meridian Rapid Defense Group, sole source provider and through an existing GSA contract, for a total of \$155,646.18.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Public Safety – Police Department

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED	\$155,646.18
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$157,700
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	N/A
LINE ITEM NUMBER	101-301.00-982.089

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Approved in the 2023-24 Police Department budget is the purchase of rapid deployment barricades. The City of Novi has been a host to many major events, including the Michigan State Fair, Susan G. Komen Walk for a Cure, Motor City Comic Convention, 5K and 10K races, Island Lake Triathlon, Festival of Chariots, Memorial Day, and High School homecoming parades. Past practices for road closures have been to utilize Department of Public Works (DPW) provided Type III and single-stage barricades for primary and secondary road closures. The Type III and single-stage barricades provide an effective means for road closure to most drivers who are compliant with the law.

Unfortunately, during our city-held events, we have had several occurrences of vehicles disobeying the closures and traveling on the roadways /parking areas. This raises potential risks to participants and spectators at events. There also has been a myriad of worldwide incidents where nefarious individuals, terrorists, and home-grown extremists, that have caused death, casualties, and destruction during events. Both intentional and unintentional vehicle-borne attacks are possible and should be planned for at all major events.

This request is to procure sixteen Archer 1200 portable barricades with an Archer 8-barrier drop deck trailer. These barricades will enhance the Department's security capabilities and will be utilized during events held in the City of Novi for the safety and protection of citizens.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval to purchase rapid deployment barricades for the Novi Police Department from Meridian Rapid Defense Group, sole source provider and through an existing GSA contract, for a total of \$155,646.18.