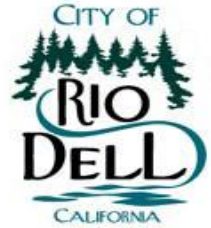

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TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Josh Phinney, Chief of Police

THROUGH: Kyle Knopp, City Manager

DATE: April 7, 2026

SUBJECT: Budget Adjustment - Police Vehicle Purchase and Outfitting (FY 2025-2026)

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution No. 1665-2026 authorizing a budget adjustment for the purchase and outfitting of a Police Department vehicle, and amend the FY 2025–2026 Police Department Operating and Capital Budget accordingly.

Alternatively:

Amend or take no action.

BACKGROUND

The City Council previously authorized the pre-order of a new police vehicle due to extended manufacturer lead times, with Ford initially projecting delivery dates beyond July 2026. In order to ensure continuity of operations and avoid further delays in fleet replacement, staff proceeded with the pre-order as directed.

Subsequent to placing the order, staff received updated notification from Ford indicating that the anticipated delivery timeline has improved significantly, with the vehicle now expected to arrive in mid-May 2026.

This accelerated delivery timeline necessitates a budget adjustment within the current fiscal year to accommodate the earlier-than-anticipated expenditure.

DISCUSSION

The Police Department continues to operate with limited fleet capacity and no dedicated spare vehicles. The addition of this vehicle is critical to maintaining operational readiness, supporting patrol staffing levels, and reducing wear on existing units.

The total project cost includes the base vehicle purchase, necessary outfitting for law enforcement use, and vehicle graphics:

- **Vehicle Purchase (Harper Motors):** ~\$60,914.61 estimated total
- **Equipment & Outfitting (Silke Communications):** \$24,859.48
- **Vehicle Graphics (Visual Concepts):** \$1,681.63

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$87,455.72

Outfitting includes critical public safety equipment such as emergency lighting, siren/control systems, communications radio installation, prisoner partitioning, and push bumper systems, all of which are required to place the vehicle into full service.

Due to the revised delivery schedule, these expenditures will now occur in FY 2025–2026 rather than the originally anticipated FY 2026–2027 timeframe.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this item will require a budget adjustment in the FY 2025–2026 Police Department budget to account for the full project cost of approximately **\$87,455.72**.

Funding will be appropriated from **General Fund Motorpool (Fund 005)** and will not directly impact the General Fund.

IMPLEMENTATION

Upon approval, the Police Department will proceed with finalizing purchase, coordinating vehicle delivery, and completing outfitting and deployment into service.

PUBLIC SAFETY IMPACT

This project directly enhances public safety by ensuring officers have reliable, properly equipped vehicles necessary for emergency response, patrol operations, and community policing. Timely acquisition reduces operational risk associated with aging fleet vehicles and supports full staffing deployment.

ATTACHMENTS

- Vehicle Purchase Quote (Harper Motors)
- Equipment/Outfitting Quote (Silke Communications)
- Graphics Quote (Visual Concepts)