

# Agenda Statement



**Meeting Date:** April 21, 2026  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Jackie C. Wilde, City Manager  
**From:** Andre Achee, Public Safety Director  
**Agenda Item:** Acceptance of Police TRACS Grant

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## **BACKGROUND, JUSTIFICATION, & INTENT:**

The Whittier Police Department currently relies on manual and semi-digital reporting processes that are time-intensive and limit the efficiency and accuracy of required state reporting. Transitioning to the Traffic and Criminal Software (TRACS) system will modernize these processes by enabling officers to complete reports electronically in the field and submit data directly to the State of Alaska.

The City of Whittier has been awarded \$28,035 from the Alaska Highway Safety Office to purchase and install TRACS system software. This grant requires a local match of \$7,008.81, for a total project cost not to exceed \$35,044.

Implementation of TRACS will streamline reporting workflows, reduce administrative burden, and improve the quality and timeliness of data submitted for statewide traffic safety tracking. These improvements support both local operational efficiency and broader state and federal safety initiatives.

Acceptance of this grant allows the City to implement a standardized, statewide reporting system with a relatively small local investment, avoiding the need to fully fund the project through the General Fund.

## **CONSISTENCY CHECKLIST:**

	Yes	No	N/A
1. Legislative Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Comprehensive Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Whittier Code	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**FISCAL NOTE:** This project includes a one-time implementation cost for TRACS system software. The Alaska Highway Safety Office will fund \$28,035, with a required City match of \$7,008.81 from General Fund Reserves. Ongoing costs, if any (e.g., maintenance, licensing, or support), are expected to be minimal and will be incorporated into future departmental operating budgets as needed.

**ATTORNEY REVIEW:**  Yes  No  Not Applicable

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**RECOMMENDATION:** It is the recommendation of the City Administration to accept this grant and approve Resolution 2026-015.