



COUNCIL AGENDA: 06-06-06

ITEM: 2.7

# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Scott P. Johnson

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** May 18, 2006

Approved

*Deana Patra*

Date

*5/22/06*

**SUBJECT: REPORT ON BIDS FOR ONE (1) SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT VEHICLE**

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Report on bids and approval of the award of the purchase of one Sobriety Checkpoint Vehicle from Matthews Specialty Vehicles, the only responsive bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$350,666.61, and authorization to the Director of Finance to execute the purchase order.

## **OUTCOME**

With the purchase of this vehicle, the Police Department will be able to maintain existing service levels, while enhancing operational capabilities using the new technology available with this acquisition.

## **BACKGROUND**

The General Services Department/Fleet Management Division has requested the purchase of one (1) Sobriety Checkpoint Vehicle on behalf of the Police Department. The Police Department will utilize the vehicle at sobriety checkpoints for the processing and detention of DUI (Driving Under the Influence) motorists. The vehicle has bathrooms for staff and detainees, an evidence sampling station, evidence storage, workstations with computers and communication radios for dispatchers, and a report writing area for officers. San Jose Sobriety Checkpoints can have as many as 2,000 vehicles flow through the process in one event and can result in as many as 20 arrests. In addition, police officers assigned to this Checkpoint Vehicle issue citations for license violations, they impound vehicles, and the Checkpoint Vehicle serves as an outreach platform for officers to educate residents of the dangers and consequences of drunk driving.

The current unit is 13 years old and does not align itself with the expanded needs of the evolved DUI program. The original processing per checkpoint was 4-8 arrest per night. The staff work area was designed for 2 operators and 1 supervisor. The current requirements can process up to

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and beyond 20 arrests and the staffing levels have increased to 4 operators and a supervisor. The current unit is a trailer which requires towing, extensive set up time, and resources for deployment. The new unit is self powered and has the ability to relocate quickly in the same night and accommodates the increased staffing levels.

On August 31, 2004, the City Council accepted the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) 2004-2007 DUI and Seat Belt Safety Program grant. OTS has established a combined Driving Under the Influence (DUI) and Seat Belt Grant Program designed to reduce victims killed and injured as a result of DUI drivers. The Police Department was invited to participate in this program. The program was established in 2004 and concludes in 2007.

### **ANALYSIS**

A notice inviting bids was published on February 15, 2006. In addition, bid packages were e-mailed to seven (7) vendors. A pre-bid conference was held on February 23, 2006, to answer questions from prospective vendors regarding the vehicle specifications. Four (4) bids were publicly opened on March 14, 2006. Three of the four bids were declared non-responsive. Los Angeles Freightliner (Whittier, CA) failed to submit required vehicle drawings with the bid. The Mattman Company (San Marcos, CA) and K&D Custom Coach, Inc. (Goshen, IN) bid a 19,000 lb. rear axle in lieu of the 23,000 lb. specified. Mathews Specialty Vehicles is the only responsive bidder meeting the specifications with a bid price of \$305,666.61, including taxes and fees.

Staff recommends the award to Mathews Specialty Vehicles, the only responsive bidder in accordance with the bid procedures of the San Jose Municipal Code, Section 4.12.030.

### **ALTERNATIVE**

Not applicable.

### **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

This bid was placed on the City of San Jose web site and on the DemandStar bid notification system.

### **COORDINATION**

This memorandum has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office, City Manager's Budget Office, General Services, and the Police Department.

**COST IMPLICATION**

This Council item is consistent with Council approved Budget Strategy Memo, General Principle #2, "We must focus on protecting our vital core city services". This expenditure is funded through a grant of the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety.

**BUDGET REFERENCE**

| Fund # | Appn. # | Appn. Name  | RC #   | Total Appn.  | Amount for Contract | 2005-2006 Adopted Operating Budget | Last Budget Action (Date, Ord. No.) |
|--------|---------|---|--------|--------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 001    | 3298    | OTS 2004-07<br>DUI Seat Belt<br>Safety Program<br>Grant |        | \$493,520    | \$267,788           | IX-9                               | 10/18/05, Ord.<br>No. 27580         |
| 001    | 0502    | Non-Personal/<br>Equipment                              | 000555 | \$18,992,295 | \$879               | VIII-112                           | 10/18/05, Ord.<br>No. 27580         |
| 419    | 0502    | Non-Personal/<br>Equipment                              | 000580 | \$50,000     | \$37,000            | XI-27                              | 2/14/2006<br>Ord No. 27665          |

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Not a project.

  
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