

Agenda

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Item #: 3.11. 2/25/2025 **File #:** 25-0086

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THRU: Tom Kisela, City Manager

FROM: Christopher Cash, Public Works Director

1. SUBJECT

Authorize purchase for repairs to the Fire Department aerial truck and other apparatus and designate Fire Apparatus Solutions as a single source vendor.

2. SUMMARY

Authorize purchase in the amount of \$100,000 with Fire Apparatus Solutions for fire apparatus repairs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Fire Apparatus Solutions has been previously approved by the City Council as a single source vendor and is recognized as the standard for these repairs.

3. RECOMMENDED ACTION

Authorize purchase for repairs from Fire Apparatus Solutions for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, funded through the Equipment Expense Fund (710).

4. FISCAL IMPACT

The expense for this purchase is \$100,000 and will be funded through the Equipment Expense Fund (710):

710.5023.53750.00000 Outside Motor Vehicle Service (PD

5. STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Goal 1: Maintain Strong Emergency and Safety Services Goal 5: Improve Infrastructure, Mobility, and Technology

6. DISCUSSION AND BACKGROUND

The Public Works Department Fleet Division is responsible for maintaining the ready status of all fire apparatus and performs most maintenance and repairs in-house. However, major structural and specialized repairs are performed by qualified outside vendors, of whom there are only two in Southern California: Fire Apparatus Solutions (FAS) in Rialto and Southern California Fleet Services, Inc. (So Cal Fleet) in Anaheim.

So Cal Fleet handles mechanical repairs, while FAS specializes in mechanical repairs and painting. FAS's specialization makes them uniquely qualified for fire apparatus repairs that reasonably meet the Fire Department's needs. The Council has previously authorized FAS as the single source vendor, and this is a continuation of that policy.

The Seagrave Marauder II Aerial Truck, a 2014 model, is vital to the Fire Department's health, safety, and security functions. This multi-purpose firefighting apparatus combines the features of an engine (pumper) and a ladder truck (aerial device). Its primary functions include fire suppression and rescue

operations by integrating a pump, hose, ground ladders, and an aerial ladder into a single vehicle.

Over time, usage and exposure to environmental factors, such as moisture and heat, have contributed to the deterioration of the truck's ladder, including rust formation. As a result, the ladder required disassembly, repairs, and repainting to prevent further damage, extend its service life, and ensure compliance with industry safety standards. These repairs are critical for maintaining the vehicle's functionality and certification.

FAS has completed the restoration of the critical aerial truck for \$55,302. These emergency repairs were conducted in accordance with OMC Section 3.08.290. The vehicle is now fully operational.

The Fleet Division utilizes FAS for other repair services throughout the year, costing, on average, more than \$30,000 annually. With this significant repair cost of the aerial truck and other potential specialized repairs, staff recommends that the City Council approve a purchase of \$100,000 to pay for the aerial truck repair and other future repairs during Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

7. ATTACHMENTS

None