

TO: Mayor Montgomery and City Council

FROM: Jeffrey L. McCormick, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: 2026 Squad Car Replacements

DATE: October 15, 2025

BACKGROUND

As part of the 2026 budget planning the City Administrator and I reviewed the capital replacement and agreed that it needed to be updated to maximize the return on investment utilizing a plan to replace squads while the ongoing cost of operational maintenance remains low and the return from the sale high. That was moving the marked squads to a 4 year replacement rotation and the admin vehicle is 6 and 8. The difference for years in the admin vehicles in one utilizes an outgoing marked squad for a couple of years to monitoring the milage and repair costs to determine the replacement time to ensure maximum return. As a city we are able to purchase vehicle on State contract, which is significant saving of the retail pricing and provides the ability to utilize a replacement schedule that takes advantage of that difference in the resale value.

For 2026 three vehicles are planned for replacement, but only two will be purchased. Vehicles replaced will be marked squad 451 (2020 Four Utility), admin squads 454 (2016 Ford Utility) and 455 (2008 Chevy Tahoe). Marked squad 451 will change role, becoming the replacement for the current 454. The purchased vehicles would be a 2026 Ford Utility Interceptor and a 2026 Chevy Tahoe PPV using the State Contract Vendors.

We are proactive in the maintenance and repairs of our squads; however, I have found our squads become more expensive in repair costs when they get above 90,000 miles because of the more extensive repairs needed to the steering and drivetrain systems to because of the wear and tear on those parts. Currently 454 is 111,278 and 455 is 114,166

The Ford Interceptor Utility which has proven to be a very good patrol vehicle and the advantages identified in 2011 have all proven themselves and has made the utility with its All-Wheel Drive (great during the winter) very popular among our officers. The State Contract vendor is Tenvoorde Ford and the 2026 Ford Interceptor Utility pricing as specified for our 2025 squad has an order price of \$44,425.44 which is very similar to the 2025 pricing.

The Chevrolet Tahoe has been a good vehicle for admin use. The vehicle size allows the ability to move the large emergency management trailer when it has been needed and the ample rear area provide secure inside storage for the squad equipment. The State Contract Vendor is Karl Chevrolet and the 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV has an order price of \$61,760.00

These are planned replacements and funds are in the Police Capital Fund, available today, for these purchases. Both Ford and Chevrolet ordering for 2026 is now open. Ford will close at the end on December, but Chevrolet does not set a date, but cuts off orders once they reach a certain level, which is why the City Administrator and I felt it was best to bring this request sooner rather than later.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

Motion and approval to place the order/purchase a 2026 Ford Interceptor Utility and 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV utilizing the State Contact Vendors and authorize the Chief of Police to sign any contracts that may be required for the purchases.