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RCA	Austin City Council	Item ID	5696
Meeting Date:	4/21/2011	Department:	Purchasing

Subject

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Fleet Services Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20100913-003) to appropriate \$4,580,000 for the purchase of police vehicles; and amending the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Communications and Technology Management Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20100913-003) to appropriate \$555,000 for the purchase and installation of police vehicle equipment.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$5,135,000 is available from a reimbursement resolution.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

**Purchasing
Language:**

**Prior Council
Action:**

**For More
Information:**

Jeff Knodel, Financial and Administrative Services, 974-2589.

**Boards and
Commission
Action:**

MBE / WBE:

Related Items:

Additional Backup Information

Approval of this budget amendment will provide the funds necessary for the purchase of 17 new and 159 replacement Ford Crown Victoria police sedans. The vehicles in this purchase would ordinarily be scheduled in Fiscal Year 2011- 2012; however, Ford Motor Company will no longer manufacture the Crown Victoria after August 31, 2011. Therefore, it is necessary to accelerate the purchase and place an order no later than the end of April to ensure availability to the City.

Although the Austin Police Department (APD) is in the process of evaluating several police vehicles to replace the Crown Victoria, they have not identified a replacement. This is because the vehicles will not be available for road testing until the end of 2011 and the evaluation will require an in-depth analysis and lengthy study of all available options. Purchasing these vehicles in the prior-year budget, will sustain APD's fleet requirements until an acceptable replacement can be identified.

The Austin Climate Protection Program team and Fleet staff have worked together to develop a vehicle purchasing process in our progress towards our citywide objective of obtaining carbon neutrality by 2020. The development of the purchasing criteria incorporates emissions impact, available technologies on the market, physical demands on the vehicle, and service application. These criteria are applied to all vehicles submitted to Fleet for purchase.