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City Manager

City of Cambridge Executive Department

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To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am hereby requesting the appropriation of \$160,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Police Extraordinary Expenditures account for the procurement of a new fully electric accessible transport wagon.

The department currently relies on three transport wagons to meet its operational needs. The primary vehicle is a 2019 Transit Wagon, supported by two F350 Wagons. One of the F350s, purchased in 2008, has been in continuous use for the past 16 years. While these vehicles are still functional, maintaining them has become increasingly difficult, costly and operationally unsustainable.

This funding will allow the purchase of a fully electric, American Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant transport wagon to replace one of the aging F350s. The new vehicle will ensure the safe and comfortable transport of community members to court, shelters, and other service providers. Importantly, it will address a long-standing community request by providing accessible transportation that the department has previously been unable to offer.

The proposed vehicle has been reviewed and approved by the City's Clean Fleet Committee. The next step in the procurement process will be to conduct an invitation to bid. This purchase will bring the number of electric vehicles in the department to eight (8) vehicles by the end of this fiscal year.

As of March 17, 2025, the City's Free Cash balance is \$201,263,471.

Very truly yours,

Yi-An Huang City Manager



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