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To: The City Council

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer



Reference: Transmittal from the Board of Police Commissioners dated July 28, 2026

Subject: **2028 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES POLICE VEHICLE PROCUREMENT**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council Note and File the Police Department's request for Municipal Improvement Corporation of Los Angeles (MICLA) financing for 300 dual-purpose vehicles, as this Office does not recommend the procurement of additional vehicles for the 2028 Games.

SUMMARY

At its meeting on August 18, 2026, the Budget and Finance Committee (Committee) considered a July 28, 2026 Board of Police Commissioners (Board) report regarding police vehicle needs for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games (2028 Games). The Board had approved a Los Angeles Police Department (Department) report dated July 15, 2026, which provided several funding options to procure 300 additional police vehicles. On September 9, 2026, the Council directed this Office to report back on the fiscal impacts of the additional 300 vehicles, including the additional fleet maintenance. The Council further directed this Office to review the three financing options included in the Board report and to review alternative funding options, such as leasing, mutual aid coverage, and federal funding.

The Department's proposal requests the procurement of 300 dual-purpose vehicles, and recommends Municipal Improvement Corporation of Los Angeles (MICLA) financing for these vehicles. While this request for Police vehicles is being considered in the context of the 2028 Games, it is important to note that the requested vehicles would not be purchased solely for the 2028 Games. All of the Police vehicles previously approved for procurement, and the additional vehicles under consideration, will replace existing vehicles that have exceeded their replacement criteria. While the vehicles will be used during the approximately three-month enhanced Police deployment for the 2028 Games, these vehicles will continue to be used to support Citywide policing long after the 2028 Games are complete. The replacement criteria for a dual-purpose police vehicle is 12 years, and therefore any dual-purpose vehicle used during the 2028 Games will spend less than two percent of its useful life in support of the 2028 Games.

This Office does not recommend the procurement of any Police vehicle solely for the 2028 Games, and therefore has reviewed this request for Police vehicles in the context of the overall Police vehicle fleet replacement needs.

However, the 2028 Games do represent a significant anticipated law enforcement deployment, for personnel not only from the City but also regional and federal partners. Therefore, we have also considered the Department's operational needs associated with the 2028 Games as part of our analysis. Our Office has reviewed the Department's existing fleet, authorized vehicle procurements from prior years, and the Department's stated operational needs, and does not recommend the procurement of additional vehicles for the 2028 Games.

BACKGROUND

The Department's report was issued in response to the Council's direction as part of the 2026-27 Adopted Budget for the Department to report regarding three options to procure an additional 300 vehicles to meet the resource demands of the 2028 Games. The three options include 1) authorizing MICLA financing of 300 dual-purpose vehicles; 2) leasing 300 patrol vehicles; and 3) a mix of options 1 and 2. The Department's report provided a summary of the three options, and recommended the first option, the authorization of MICLA financing for 300 dual-purpose vehicles.

The Council's direction to report was in response to a robust discussion during 2026-27 budget deliberations regarding a proposed exemption to the City's Debt Policies to finance black and white patrol vehicles. City Debt Policies prohibit the financing of black and white vehicles because of their limited useful life, as their depreciation and damage rates are typically high. The Mayor's Proposed Budget included the financing of 300 black and white vehicles to support the Department's operations during the 2028 Games. The Department suggested the procurement of 300 dual-purpose vehicles, as opposed to black and white vehicles, as an alternative, since the financing of dual-purpose vehicles is consistent with the City's Debt Policies. The Department indicated that while black and white vehicles would be preferable, dual-purpose vehicles could be outfitted to meet the needs of the 2028 Games.

Existing Department Fleet and Prior Year Authorized Procurements

The Police Department has a current vehicle fleet of 4,810 as of August 21, 2026. Of these 4,810 vehicles, approximately 45 percent, or 2,161 vehicles, have exceeded their replacement criteria. The City regularly budgets funding for Police vehicle replacements, but replacement has not always kept pace with vehicle depreciation. The following table shows the existing Department authorized fleet:

Current LAPD Authorized Fleet Vehicles

Vehicle Class	Vehicle Count	Vehicles within Useful Life	Percentage to Total Fleet	Total Vehicles Exceeding Replacement Criteria	Percentage to Total Fleet	Replacement Criteria
Black and White - Patrol	1,394	621	44.55%	773	55.45%	10 years 100,000 miles
Dual Purpose	1,018	587	57.66%	431	42.34%	12 years 120,000 miles
Undercover	853	489	57.33%	364	42.67%	12 years 120,000 miles
Plain	603	562	93.20%	41	6.80%	12 years 120,000 miles
Slicktop	258	120	46.51%	138	53.49%	10 years 100,000 miles
Motorcycle	330	126	38.18%	204	61.82%	6 years 80,000 miles
Specialized	91	32	35.16%	59	64.84%	20 years 200,000 miles
Miscellaneous	263	112	42.59%	151	57.41%	12 years 120,000 miles
TOTAL	4,810	2,649	55.07%	2,161	44.93%	

The specific request from the Department was for MICLA authorization for 300 dual-purpose vehicles. The Department currently has 1,018 authorized dual-purpose vehicles, including 431 that have exceeded their replacement criteria. There are a total of 277 dual-purpose vehicles that have been ordered by the Department and are pending delivery from prior year budget allocations, and the 2026-27 Adopted Budget authorized procurement of an additional 399 dual-purpose vehicles (attached). Therefore, the City has already budgeted for the procurement of 245 more dual-purpose vehicles than currently exceed replacement criteria. However, this calculation does not incorporate the additional vehicles which may become damaged or will exceed their replacement criteria prior to the delivery of the new vehicles. It is likely that by the time the 676 budgeted but undelivered dual-purpose vehicles (277 from prior years and 399 in the 2026-27 Adopted Budget) are received, sufficient additional vehicles will exceed replacement criteria to justify replacement. However, it is not recommended to authorize the procurement of any additional dual-purpose vehicles, as doing so would result in an increase to, as opposed to a replacement of, dual-purpose vehicles for the Department.

Operational Need

The Department's estimated 2028 Games vehicle needs assume that more City sworn personnel will be performing patrol duties during the 2028 Games than on an average day in the City. The additional personnel working patrol functions during the 2028 Games will include a) additional staff assigned

because of a reduction to authorized time off during the 2028 Games, resulting in more officers on duty each day; b) a redeployment of personnel who are typically dedicated to specialized functions to 2028 Olympics assignments; and c) an increase in authorized overtime shifts during the 2028 Games. These personnel will perform patrol functions, respond to calls for service within 2028 Games security perimeters, and perform specialized United States Secret Service-directed functions. In addition to increased daily patrol staffing with sworn officers of the Department, the Department also anticipates significant outside agency law enforcement support.

The Police Department has indicated a need for varying levels of additional vehicles to support the enhanced deployment of the 2028 Games. The July 28, 2026 Board report suggested the 2028 Games security operational plan requires approximately 900 patrol-capable vehicles to support designated response roles. The Department's report indicated it can assemble approximately 600 patrol-capable units from the existing fleet through borrowing vehicles from functions paused during the Games, retaining units otherwise slated for salvage, and maximizing specialty fleet resources, without compromising Citywide patrol and emergency response. While typically the Department would salvage vehicles that exceed their replacement criteria when a new vehicle is delivered, the Department's strategy assumes that all operable salvage-eligible vehicles would be retained until after the 2028 Games to provide additional fleet availability during the 2028 Games. After the enhanced deployment during the 2028 Games, these vehicles would be salvaged.

A more recent analysis completed by the Department and provided to this Office on September 14, 2026 (attached) suggests the police vehicle needs for the 2028 Games total 1,342 vehicles. This calculation assumes 8,977 public safety professionals working per day, with approximately 15 vehicles needed per 100 personnel. Less than one-fourth of the 8,977 daily public safety professionals are anticipated to be Department staff. As part of this recent analysis, the Department identifies 766 available vehicles from the existing fleet, which includes repurposed existing vehicles and vehicles slated for salvage that have been retained. These 766 vehicles identified in the Department's analysis include black and white, dual-purpose, and slicktop vehicles. The Department's recent analysis therefore concludes that 576 vehicles (1,342 needed less 766 available) is the remaining need. However, the Department's analysis does not incorporate any vehicles which have been budgeted for procurement but not yet delivered. A total of 1,109 black and white (384), dual-purpose (676), and slicktop (49) vehicles have been funded as part of the 2024-25, 2025-26, or 2026-27 Adopted Budgets but not delivered. While this would appear to result in the availability of 533 more vehicles than the Department has indicated are required, this assessment does not take into consideration the reduction of vehicles which may become damaged or will exceed their replacement criteria prior to the 2028 Games. The Department suggests it can take 18 to 20 months to receive a vehicle after placing an order, during which time vehicles in the current fleet will be taken out of service. However, given the current available vehicles and new vehicle procurements which have already been funded, it is not recommended to authorize the procurement of any additional police vehicles for the 2028 Games deployment.

One unknown factor associated with the 2028 Games operational need is the required enhanced deployment of Police officers to non-venue locations for 2028 Games-related special events during the 2028 Games. It is unknown at this time how many Department staff may be required to support events such as community activations, Team Houses, or sponsor activations. The Department

anticipates many of these deployments will be on an overtime basis, but indicates these personnel will require access to vehicles. The Department suggests that the vehicle needs associated with these events cannot be estimated at this time because these events are in the very early stages of development.

Department Financing Options

As directed by the Council, the Department provided three financing options in its report for the proposed 300 vehicle procurement. The three options are summarized below. As detailed above, this Office does not recommend the procurement of any additional vehicles as the existing fleet combined with prior year authorized procurements appears to address the Department's stated vehicle need for the 2028 Olympics.

Option 1 – MICLA Financing

This option requested \$23.25 million in MICLA financing to purchase 300 dual-purpose SUVs, since black and white patrol vehicles are ineligible for MICLA financing due to their short service life. Under the Department's initial proposal, each SUV would receive an emergency-response equipment package, for an additional cost of about \$7.8 million, for a total upfitted cost of approximately \$31.05 million.

The Department recently informed this Office that the dual-purpose vehicle is now contracted at a lower rate of \$73,120.90 per unit. Additionally, existing equipment in vehicles slated for replacement could be salvaged and repurposed in the new vehicles, to reduce the upfitting costs. At this price, the additional 300 units requested for the 2028 Games would total \$21.9 million, reflecting a \$9.11 million reduction from the \$31.05 million indicated in the Department's initial report. For the procurement of 300 units, based on rates as of September 22, 2026, the total estimated debt service at 4.0 percent, minus a \$1.0 million bond premium, is \$26.6 million, including approximately \$5.7 million in interest, with an estimated average annual debt service of \$2.7 million over a 10-year term. Actual interest rates may differ, as rates are dependent on market conditions at the time of issuance. As such, this Office cannot fully predict what interest rates will be in the future.

Option 2 - Lease with One-Dollar Buyout

This option is not a traditional lease, but similar to a payment plan with a lessor. The City would pay for the full cost of the vehicles over a 48-month term, with a one-dollar end-of-term purchase option, under which the units would transfer to City ownership upon completion of the leasing term. The vendor quote obtained by the Department totals \$29.4 million at a 5.90 percent financing rate. This option provides black and white vehicles, which are the Department's stated priority. The Department reports that the vendor is reluctant to accept the City's subject-to-appropriation clause, which permits termination if future-year funding is not approved. Absent vendor acceptance of these terms, this option cannot be assured.

Option 3 - Combination of Options 1 and 2

This option would combine Option 1, the MICLA procurement of a portion of the 300 vehicles as dual-purpose vehicles, with Option 2, the lease of a portion of the 300 vehicles as black and white vehicles. This option inherits the full administrative burden of both pathways - MICLA's capital-financing compliance and long-term debt-service obligations alongside the lease's high interest rate and subject-to-appropriation risk - without reducing cost, risk, or operational complexity compared to Options 1 or 2.

Federal Reimbursement, Leasing, and Mutual Aid

As part of H.R.1 the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act," the federal government authorized \$1 billion for security, planning, and other costs related to the 2028 Olympics. Funding will be administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and managed through the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) framework. FEMA has yet to release the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for this funding. Patrol vehicle reimbursement eligibility therefore remains unconfirmed, but historically patrol vehicles have not been an eligible expenditure of SHSGP funding. Additionally, given the immense security planning and deployment anticipated with the 2028 Games, it is anticipated that federal funding will be fully consumed by multi-jurisdictional staffing needs.

The Department reports there is no market for a traditional lease or rental of police patrol vehicles, whereby the vehicle would be returned at the end of the lease or rental term. Police patrol vehicles are extremely specialized and require significant customization and investment in upfitting for lightbars, partitions, radios and other technology. Additionally, the increased likelihood for damage to a police patrol vehicle makes leasing undesirable for lessors.

The Department reports that borrowing vehicles from other law enforcement agencies is impractical, as those agencies must retain their own fleets to meet their operational demands and are expected to face increased public safety responsibilities during the 2028 Games. Furthermore, a formal mutual aid declaration—the primary mechanism under which external law enforcement agencies would deploy and supply their own fleet vehicles—is unlikely to occur for a scheduled, planned event like the 2028 Games.

Vehicle Maintenance

The Council requested this Office to report on the maintenance needs of the 300 additional vehicles. First-year repair exposure is largely offset by bumper-to-bumper, powertrain, and hybrid-system warranty coverage for new vehicles. However, the Department would nonetheless assume estimated ongoing operating obligations beginning in Year 1, as each dual-purpose vehicle carries an estimated \$2,000 in annual repairs and maintenance during Years 1–3, increasing to \$2,600 annually beginning in Year 4 once warranty coverage phases out. For 300 units, this amounts to approximately \$600,000 per year in maintenance during the initial warranty period, increasing to \$780,000 per year thereafter. However, these maintenance needs would only represent increased costs to the extent that the new vehicles are added to the fleet, as opposed to replacing existing vehicles. It is currently assumed that all new vehicle procurements would replace existing vehicles that meet replacement criteria, and the

existing vehicles would be salvaged after the 2028 Games. Assuming any new vehicles procured would replace existing vehicles, overall maintenance costs are expected to decrease. Newer vehicles generally require fewer repairs and have lower upkeep needs than older ones, resulting in reduced maintenance expenditures over time.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation to note and file the Department's report will have no fiscal impact. Approval of this action will not authorize any additional expenditures or appropriations for 2028 Games police vehicle procurement.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

The recommendation in this report is in compliance with the City's Financial Policies.

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Attachments

Attachment
Police Department
Dual Purpose Vehicle Purchases List FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26
As of August 21, 2026

PO	Start Date	PO Amount	PO Amount Outstanding	Funding Source	Type	Vehicles Ordered	Vehicles Rec'd	Awaiting Delivery	Last Status	Days	Type
2024-25											
25*429836	10/17/24	\$ 13,602,506.43	\$ 13,602,506.43	25 MICLA	Ford DP SUV Hybrid (\$73,131.76)	186	0	186	10/17/24	0	DP
25*301219	10/17/24	\$ 66,250.56	\$ -	25 MICLA	Dodge Durango DP SUV Pursuit AWD	1	1	0	07/08/25	264	DP
		\$ 13,668,757	\$ 13,602,506			187	1	186			264
								0.53%	99.5%		
2025-26											
26*300464	09/10/25	\$ 80,495.19	\$ -	24 MICLA	Chevy Tahoe DP SUV 2WD (CC10706)	1	1	0	05/06/26	238	DP
26*300677	10/01/25	\$ 2,477,012.50	\$ 2,477,012.50	26 MICLA	Dodge Durango Pursuit SUV DP AWD (WDEE75) (\$70,771.79)	35	0	35	01/26/26	117	DP
26*300395	10/17/25	\$ 70,771.79	\$ -	25 MICLA	Dodge Durango Pursuit SUV DP AWD (WDEE75) (\$70,771.79)	1	1	0	05/06/26	201	DP
26*301107	01/07/26	\$ 182,985.02	\$ 182,985.02	26 MICLA	Chevy Suburban SUV DP 4WD (1LS) (\$91,492.51)	2	0	2	04/24/26	107	DP
26*445370	01/13/26	\$ 3,729,166.28	\$ 3,729,166.28	26 GF	Ford DP SUV Gas (\$73,120.908)	51	0	51	01/13/26	0	DP
26*451572	02/04/26	\$ 73,120.91	\$ 73,120.91	24FATF 44E	Ford DP SUV Gas (\$73,120.908)	1	0	1	02/10/26	6	DP
26*479079	05/14/26	\$ 151,498.84	\$ 151,498.84	26 GF	Ford DP SUV Hybrid (\$75,749.42)	2	0	2	06/01/26	18	DP
		\$ 6,765,051	\$ 6,613,784			93	2	91			98
								2.15%	97.8%		
TOTAL		\$ 20,433,808	\$ 20,216,290			280	3	277			
TOTAL PERCENTAGE		98.94%						1.07%	98.93%		

Attachment
Police Department
Approved Budget for Dual-Purpose Vehicles
FY 2026-27

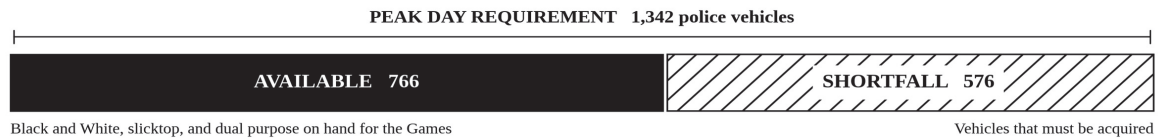
General Fund			MICLA			TOTAL	
Qty.	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Qty.	Unit Cost	Total Cost	QTY	COST
71	76,254	5,414,038	328	76,014	24,932,472	399	30,346,510
71		5,414,038	328		24,932,472	399	30,346,510

Attachment

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT MAJOR EVENTS GROUP

Games Fleet Need and Available Fleet September 14, 2026

WHAT WE HAVE NOW		WHAT THE GAMES REQUIRE		THE GAP	
Black and White patrol vehicles, total	1,394	Games positions needing a police vehicle	1,342	Peak day requirement	1,342
Less: out of service	(294)	Black and White, slicktop, and dual-purpose required	1,342	Less: available from the existing fleet	(766)
Less: held at Area patrol minimums	(630)				
Less: Traffic, Community Safety Partnership Bureau, and MTA	(169)	Public safety professionals, peak day	8,977	Share of the requirement now met	57.1%
Plus: recovered from storage lots	183	Police vehicles per 100 personnel deployed	15	Share of the requirement unmet	42.9%
Black and White available for the Games	484				
Slicktop vehicles, total	258				
Less: out of service	(28)				
Slicktop available for the Games	230				
Dual-purpose vehicles, total	1,018				
Less: out of service	(66)				
Less: assigned to home garaging	(900)				
Dual-purpose available for the Games	52				
TOTAL POLICE VEHICLES AVAILABLE	766	PEAK DAY VEHICLE REQUIREMENT	1,342	ADDITIONAL VEHICLES NEEDED	576



1. Out-of-service status, Area patrol minimums, Traffic Divisions, Community Safety Partnership Bureau, MTA, and home garaging remove 2,087 of those 2,670 vehicles before the Games begin. Division storage lots return 183. This leaves 766 for the Games.
2. Slicktop vehicles are counted as available. Motor Transportation Division confirms they are assigned across gang enforcement details, Area detectives, community relations and senior lead officers, Training Division, and specialized task forces, so committing 230 of them draws directly from those assignments.

Source: Los Angeles Police Department