

CIP EXPENSE DETAIL

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
CONTACT DEPARTMENT(S):

8/22/13
Fleet

SUBJECT: Authorize award and execution of a contract through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) with GRAPEVINE DODGE CHRYSLER JEEP, LLC for the purchase of three light-duty vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$66,139.

Department:	Austin Energy
Project Name:	Capital Outlay (Support Services)
Fund/Department/Unit:	3300-1107-5288
Funding Source:	100% Current Revenues
Current Appropriation:	29,160,412.00
Unencumbered Balance:	834,515.00
Amount of This Action:	<u>(21,552.00)</u>
Remaining Balance:	<u>812,963.00</u>
Total Amount of this Action	<u><u>21,552.00</u></u>

ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: This contract is for the purchase of one new and two replacement light-duty vehicles to be distributed to Austin Energy, the Building Services Division of the Financial and Administrative Services Department, and the Telecommunications and Regulatory Affairs (Public Information Office).

Fleet Services and the Office of Sustainability have worked together to develop a vehicle purchasing process to progress towards our citywide objective of obtaining carbon neutrality by 2020. The purchasing criteria incorporate criteria pollutant and greenhouse gas emissions impact, available technologies on the market, physical demands on the vehicle, service application, and life-cycle cost. These criteria are applied to all vehicle purchase requests submitted to Fleet.

All of these vehicles are flex fuel vehicles that are capable of operating on gasoline (typically 6-10% ethanol) up to E85 (85% ethanol blended with 15% gasoline). A new-technology flex fuel vehicles operating on E85 produces tailpipe NOx, carbon monoxide, and non-methane hydrocarbon levels no different from running on gasoline while also reducing life cycle greenhouse gas emissions by at least 20%.

The vehicles/equipment in this RCA have been recommended for purchase utilizing a process that involves the Fleet Officer, affected Department Directors, and Assistant City Managers (ACMs). ACM approval is required for all new additions to the City's fleet prior to any requests being made to the Purchasing Office.

Departments reviewed the list of vehicles/equipment determined eligible for replacement by Fleet Services based on mileage, hours of use, and maintenance costs. From that list, priority uses were determined within the departments, and the proposed vehicles/equipment were reviewed by the Fleet Service Center Manager to ensure the specified vehicle/equipment is appropriate for the use.

All of the replacement vehicles/equipment have met the Fleet Officer's eligibility criteria for replacement. The Fleet Service Center Managers have inspected each vehicle/equipment to be replaced, and determined that the mileage or hours of use of each vehicle/equipment proposed for replacement cannot be increased without risking a significant increase in repair costs and loss of productivity due to down time.