



Memorandum

Date: 11/17/2020

Meeting of: Committee of the Whole - Public Safety

File No. CM 20-333

Type: Committee Memo

TO: Committee of the Whole - Public Safety

FROM: Mayor Angela Birney

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR CONTACT(S):

Police	Chief Darrell Lowe	425-556-2529
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DEPARTMENT STAFF:

Police	Darrell Lowe	Chief of Police
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TITLE:

Black and White Police Car Paint Scheme

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

Advisement of changing RPD vehicle color scheme from Silver and Blue to Black and White

☒ **Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

REQUESTED ACTION:

☒ **Receive Information**

☐ **Provide Direction**

☐ **Approve**

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**

N/A

- **Required:**

N/A

- **Council Request:**

N/A

- **Other Key Facts:**

The concept of changing the RPD vehicle color scheme was first introduced in December 2019. Information was presented in April 2020. The project was placed on hold due to COVID-19.

OUTCOMES:

The current Redmond Police Department patrol car paint scheme of silver & blue was first adopted in 1983. As part of my efforts to modernize and rebrand the Redmond Police Department, a traditional black & white color scheme for patrol cars is being adopted. An internal survey was conducted, with 90% of the RPD staff in favor of the new paint scheme. The public recognizes police cars as black & white, much like they know fire trucks to be red and Taxi cabs to be

yellow. Many of the agencies surrounding Redmond (Bellevue, Kirkland, Issaquah, Renton, New Castle, Woodinville, Bothell, to name a few) have the black & white color scheme. This change will also create something of a psychological force multiplier.

The current silver/blue color scheme costs approximately \$2600 per car. Changing to the black and white color scheme will cost roughly \$1,000, saving \$1600 per vehicle. There is no apparent difference in the life span of the color change. The new design is a vinyl wrap on a black vehicle. This change will also result in higher resale value for the City when the car gets decommissioned. Presently decommissioned cars are not repainted. The cars that aren't bought by other agencies (in large part due to the cost of repainting) are sold at auction as is, with the two-tone paint scheme.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
N/A
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
N/A
- **Feedback Summary:**
N/A

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

\$1,000.00 per Patrol vehicle

Approved in current biennial budget: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Budget Offer Number:

2019-2020 Offer #000038

Budget Priority:

Responsible Government

Other budget impacts or additional costs: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

If yes, explain:

N/A

Funding source(s):

Department Budget

Budget/Funding Constraints:

N/A

☐ **Additional budget details attached**

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	Click and select a meeting from the dropdown menu.	Click and select an action from the dropdown menu.

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	Click and select a meeting from the dropdown menu.	Click and select an action from the dropdown menu.

Time Constraints:

N/A

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Final Concept of Vehicle Color Scheme