

**CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION**

**2006 VEHICLE PURCHASES
THROUGH THE
OAKLAND COUNTY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE PROGRAM
and
STATE of MICHIGAN MiDEAL EXTENDED PURCHASE PROGRAM**

SCHEDULED REPLACEMENTS:

New Vehicle Make/Model	Vehicle Type	User Dept.	Replaces Vehicle #	Replaced Vehicle Year/Make/Model	Mileage on Vehicle	Disposition of Replaced Vehicle
GMC Sierra 4x2	Pickup	Building	39--48	98 GMC Sonoma	22,473	Building Dept.
GMC Savanna	Van	DPS	39--77	99 GMC Savanna	82,390	MXU Installs
Jeep Liberty	Wagon	DPS	39-109	97 GMC Jimmy 4x4	38,484	DPS Pool
Jeep Liberty	Wagon	Building	39-120	99 GMC Tahoe 4x2	30,017	Auction
Chevy Malibu	Car	Assessing	39-122	96 Chev Lumina	26,585	DPS Pool
GMC Savanna	Van	Building	39-133	99 GMC Savanna	37,019	Auction
Dodge Dakota	Pickup	Building	39-134	99 GMC Sierra 4x4	52,165	Auction
Dodge Dakota	Pickup	Building	39-135	98 GMC Sierra 4x4	34,263	Auction
Jeep Liberty	Wagon	Building	39-137	98 GMC Sierra 4x4	19,983	To DPS Fleet

Mileage as of 1-26-06

39--48 is a small pickup truck used daily by Building Department Ordinance Enforcement personnel for routine and special inspections, surveillance, site reviews, and frequent trips to meetings, training, and seminars outside the City. The vehicle replacing 39--48 will be a Dodge Dakota 4x2 extended cab pickup truck. 39--48 will be kept by the Building Department, and assigned to the Ordinance Enforcement technicians.

39--77 is used by water department personnel for water meter service, installation and repairs. Meter vans are usually heavily loaded with meters, tools and equipment, and see 100% stop and go driving 8 hours a day, which is hard on brakes, tires, suspensions, and transmissions. 39--77 will be kept by the water meter division and used exclusively for MXU radio read equipment installs.

39--109 is small SUV formerly used by a DPS project Engineer but because of low utilization has recently been assigned to the DPS city hall vehicle pool. This vehicle will be replaced, but because it is in relatively good shape will be kept in the vehicle pool. Replacement for this vehicle will be a Jeep Liberty which will be used by the DPS water meter reader, and will contain the new AMR radio read meter reading equipment. The vehicle the meter reader uses now is a 1997 GMC Jimmy (90,000 miles) that will be disposed of at auction.

39-120 is an SUV assigned to the Building Department Director, and 39-137 is a GMC Sonoma extended cab pickup truck assigned to the Building Department Deputy Director. These vehicles are used daily for transportation to and from job and inspection sites and often encounter severe conditions such as unimproved roads, vacant undeveloped land, mud and loose soil conditions. These trucks are also used to transport a variety of Building Department personnel to training and seminars that are held outside of the city. Building Department officials, Inspection Services and Ordinance Enforcement personnel routinely attend training and seminars in groups and require a vehicle with more seating capacity than a pickup truck. Building Department Officials carry a variety of plans, drawings, tools and equipment that need to be kept in a dry

secure area inside the vehicle.

39-122 Is a 4-door car assigned to the Assessing Department. This vehicle is used for transportation of appraisers throughout the city.

39-133 is a van driven by the Building Department's Plumbing/Cross Connection inspector who is required to carry numerous tools and inspection records.

39-134 & 39-135 are used by Building inspectors These vehicles are used daily for transportation to and from job and inspection sites and often encounter severe conditions such as unimproved roads, vacant undeveloped land, mud and loose soil conditions, and unplowed roads in winter.

Vehicle odometer readings cannot be the only criteria used to determine vehicle replacement. Extreme conditions (construction sites, vacant land), 100% stop and go driving and extended idling periods are also important considerations.

The city's fleet equipment policy, which includes a replacement timetable, was created in 1988 to provide a responsible program and process for the practical maintenance and replacement of the City's vehicles and equipment. One of the written goals is to: "Maintain the fleet in a safe, useful condition through proactive, preventive maintenance and scheduled replacement". Proactive and Scheduled replacement both address the issue of replacing a vehicle having relatively low miles even though a private owner may postpone replacement.

The 7-year replacement schedule for cars and light trucks is a guideline, not a rigid requirement. Often, vehicle disposals are postponed for extended utilization periods. Each vehicle that is fully depreciated is evaluated, and if criteria for replacement is not met, replacement is postponed for 1 year and then vehicle condition is re-evaluated.

In most cases, we have found that after 6-7 years, or 40,000 miles, frequency of vehicle maintenance and repairs significantly increases driving up overall operating costs. It is in the best interest of the City to replace, rather than to repair these vehicles.

The City purchases cars and light trucks through the Oakland and Macomb County Cooperative Purchase programs, and the State of Michigan Extended purchase program. Vehicles are purchased through these programs at a cost significantly lower than retail, and surplus vehicles are disposed of at a local auction house. Purchasing the vehicles at a discount, and selling them at public auction results in a relatively low life cost to the City.

Vehicle manufacturers allot a very small percentage of their order schedules for fleet vehicles. Order cut-off is usually in the first quarter of the model year. Therefore, it is important that the City expedite the purchase process to avoid missing the order cut-off date. If the cut-off date is missed, the vehicles would have to be purchased retail, or the vehicles in need of replacement would have to be repaired at significant cost.

