



City of Rochester Hills  
AGENDA SUMMARY  
FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2017-0544

**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members

**FROM:** Allan Schneck, P.E., Director Department of Public Services

**DATE:** December 4, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Purchase Authorization for Replacement Vehicles for 2018

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**REQUEST:**

City Council is requested to authorize the purchase of nine (9) new vehicles (replacements for 39-147, 39-282, 39-289, 39-529, and 5 additional vehicles) from Todd Wenzel Buick GMC, Westland, Michigan in the amount of \$229,832.00, and two (2) new additional vehicles in the amount of \$52,192.00 from Berger Chevrolet, Grand Rapids, Michigan for a total purchase cost not-to-exceed \$282,024.00.

**REASON FOR PURCHASE:**

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. Proactive and scheduled replacement addresses the issue of replacing a vehicle having relatively low miles but may have seen severe service and or high engine run hours.

Vehicle manufacturers allot a very small percentage of their order schedules for fleet vehicles. Order cut-off is typically slated for the first quarter of the model year. It is important that the City expedite the purchase of the vehicles to avoid missing the manufacturers order cut-off date. If the cut-off date is missed, the vehicles would have to be purchased at retail, or the vehicles in need of replacement could incur additional repair and or maintenance costs from not being replaced.

The City purchases vehicles through the Oakland County Cooperative Purchase Program. Additional cooperative contracts available for the City's use were reviewed to verify that the Oakland County Cooperative Purchase Program continues to offer vehicles to meet the City's needs at the lowest available cost. Vehicles are purchased through the Oakland County Cooperative Purchase program at a cost significantly lower than retail, and surplus vehicles are disposed of through the Michigan Intergovernmental Trade Network (MITN) on-line auctions by Purchasing. Fleet management best practices identify 20% as a target rate of return to receive from an initial investment of a vehicle. Over the past year utilizing the MITN on-line auction site the City has been realizing a 30% rate of return from the initial investment of the vehicle. Purchasing the vehicles at a significant discount and selling them at auction before significant operating costs are incurred has resulted in relatively low life cycle costs to the City.

**PROCESS:**

**Vendor Name and Address:**

Todd Wenzel Buick GMC  
35100 Ford Road  
Westland, MI 48185

Berger Chevrolet

2525 28<sup>th</sup> SE  
Grand Rapids, MI. 49512

**Reason for Selection:**  
Oakland County Cooperative Purchasing Program

**Method of Purchase:**  
Purchase Order

**BUDGET:**  
Funding is included in the FY 2018 Adopted Budget. A portion of the remaining budget will be utilized for equipping snow plows on the selected vehicles.

<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Department Account No</b>	<b>Account No. Description</b>	<b>Budget Amount</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Remaining Budget</b>
Fleet	661.981000	Capital – Vehicles	\$362,900.00	\$282,024.00	\$80,876.00

**RECOMMENDATION:**  
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<b>APPROVALS:</b>	<b>SIGNATURE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Department Review		
Department Director		
Budget Content: Chief Financial Officer		
Purchasing Process: Supervisor of Procurement		
Mayor		
City Council Liaison		