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November 1, 1990

Budget and Finance Committee  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: SACRAMENTO POLICE DEPARTMENT NARCOTICS/GANGS DIVISION  
VEHICLE NEEDS: THIS REPORT RECOMMENDS THE PURCHASE AND  
MAINTENANCE OF FIVE AUCTION VEHICLES FOR UNDERCOVER USE.

SUMMARY

This report recommends the purchase and maintenance of five auction vehicles for undercover use by the Sacramento Police Department's Narcotics/Gangs Division. The purchase price of the five auction vehicles is approximately \$40,000 and will be funded through asset seizure monies.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The covert nature of operations conducted by the Narcotics/Gangs Division demands a large, readily changeable fleet of vehicles. Every investigative officer requires the use of a vehicle assigned to him/her. One vehicle assigned to each officer will enable the division to perform covert surveillance operations where numerous vehicles are needed to cover parallel routes and escape routes, and to lower the possibility of detection by the suspect who is being followed. An increase in the number of vehicles will also afford officers the ability to immediately respond to assist in the service of search warrants and raids.

Auction vehicles are the most covert and cost-effective means of filling this need. Narcotics/Gangs Division personnel have consulted with Gene Moore, Fleet Manager, who agrees that the purchase of auction vehicles is the most effective means of obtaining suitable vehicles for undercover use. The department may resell these vehicles after using them.

The vehicles currently assigned to the Narcotics/Gangs Division consist of the following:

6	Fleet vehicles
9	Auction vehicles
14	Asset seized vehicles
<u>5</u>	Leased vehicles (paid for by federal grants)
34	<b>TOTAL</b>

Five additional vehicles are needed to accommodate the remainder of investigators who do not have vehicles assigned to them and for use by the Division Lieutenants. These vehicles will also provide coverage for vehicles which are being repaired or periodically maintained.

#### FINANCIAL DATA

The total cost for the purchase of five auction vehicles is \$40,000. As of October 31, 1990, the cash balance in the asset seizure account, less encumbrances, is \$415,300. This purchase will reduce the balance to \$375,300. This balance is sufficient to provide a minimum of 12 months of operating expenditures for staff currently supported with asset seizure funds.

The operation and maintenance of the five vehicles will be absorbed within the Department's existing fleet maintenance budget. Nine vehicles for 18 new officers approved in the 1990/91 budget have not yet been purchased resulting in a savings in this line.

#### POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The purchase of auction vehicles for undercover use by the Narcotics/Gangs Division is consistent with past practices.

#### MBE/WBE EFFORTS

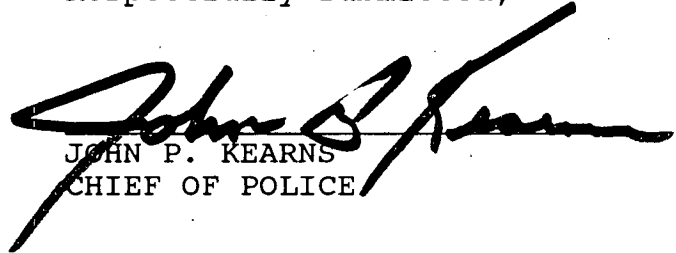
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**RECOMMENDATION**


It is recommended that the Budget and Finance Committee approve this report and refer it to the City Council. It is further recommended that the Budget and Finance Committee recommend that the City Council approve the attached resolution authorizing the purchase and maintenance of five auction vehicles for the Sacramento Police Department Narcotics/Gangs Division's fleet, and that \$40,000 be taken from the Asset Seizure Fund to cover this expenditure.

Respectfully submitted,



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RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



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**RESOLUTION NO.**

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND MAINTENANCE OF  
FIVE AUCTION VEHICLES FOR UNDERCOVER USE BY THE  
SACRAMENTO POLICE DEPARTMENT NARCOTICS/GANGS DIVISION**

WHEREAS the Sacramento Police Department desires to utilize Asset Seizure monies for the purchase and maintenance of five auction vehicles for undercover use by the Sacramento Police Department Narcotics/Gangs Division.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sacramento Police Department is authorized to purchase five auction vehicles.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Narcotics/Gangs Division will transfer \$40,000 from the Asset Seizure Fund (579-210-2134-4374) to the Narcotics/Gangs Division's operating budget (101-210-2134-4632).

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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