

# CITY OF SACRAMENTO

EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

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December 9, 1981

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SUPERINTENDENT
R. E. MOORE
ASSISTANT SUPT.

#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Howard Ishida, Support Services Administrator

FROM: Richard J. Brookins, Fleet Superintendent

SUBJECT: Purchase of Sedans for FY 80/81 and 81/82

COPY TO: Frank Mugartegui, Director of General Services

We are currently in the process of evaluating several sub-compact automobiles of various makes and models. These sub-compact automobiles are being operated in the Police Department and in the Car Pools. The cars have proven operationally acceptable on both areas. The cost information for the fleet was inadvertently destroyed and we are again in the process of collecting comparative information. However, we have some information relating to the fuel consumption on these units. The information shows we are averaging 19.8 miles per gallon on the test sub-compacts as compared to 12.1 on the compact units.

There are five sub-compact cars due to be replaced in the current replacement budget. We have reviewed the U. S. Department of Energy Gas Mileage Guide and have noticed that the Volkswagon Diesel Pickup rank highest in the MPG ratings. Motor Trend Magazine and several periodicals have rated the Volkswagon as the most economical units in their class currently being produced. Included in the fifteen test units we are operating we have a few Volkswagon units equipped with gas engines. Volkswagon has a promotion in effect until December 31, which would allow us to purchase the Volkswagon Diesel Rabbits and the diesel pickups with Volkswagon rebating the cost of the diesel engine directly from the factory.

Datsun and Isuzu also offer pickups with the diesel engine option.

It is our request that the formal bid process be waived for the purchase of these five units and that you receive authorization to purchase the vehicles on an informal bid. We would like to have 2 Volkswagon Diesel Rabbits, 1 Volkswagon Diesel Pickup, 1 Isuzu Diesel Pickup, and 1 Datsun Diesel Pickup.

If the units are not available or you cannot negotiate a reasonable price we would be willing to modify the request based on your findings and recommendations.

# RESOLUTION NO. 8/- 9/2

Adopted by The Sacramento City Council on date of

December 15, 1981

RESOLUTION SUSPENDING FORMAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) DIESEL SUB-COMPACT SEDANS AND THREE (3) DIESEL 1/4-TON PICK UP TRUCKS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO, TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF ALL MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF:

That pursuant to Section 57.401(c) of the Sacramento City Code, it has been determined to be in the best interest of the City to suspend formal competitive bidding for the purchase of two (2) diesel sub-compact sedans and three (3) diesel 1/4-ton pick up trucks and that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the necessary contracts in a total estimated amount of \$43,000.

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## **CITY OF SACRAMENTO**



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HOWARD F. ISHIDA

December 9, 1981



City Council Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Suspension of Formal Competitive Bidding for the Purchase

of Two (2) Diesel Sub-Compact Sedans and Three (3) Diesel

1/4-Ton Pick Up Trucks

## SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Equipment Maintenance Division has a requirement to purchase five (5) sub-compact vehicles (1981/82 replacement budget); however, it has been requested that the City purchase two (2) diesel sub-compact sedans and three (3) diesel 1/4-ton pick up trucks in lieu of the five (5) sub-compact sedans (see attached memorandum). The purpose of this change is to enable the City to gather additional pertinent data regarding cost effectiveness, gas mileage, maintenance costs and reliability/functionability factors from gasoline fueled and diesel fueled vehicles. Data gathered from this program will enable the City to determine its future approach to fleet management. It is therefore recommended that, in the best interest of the City, the City Council suspend formal competitive bidding for the purchase of these vehicles.

### FINANCIAL DATA

The total estimated cost to purchase these vehicles is \$43,000. Sufficient funds have been approved in the Equipment Maintenance Division's current 1981/82 fiscal year budget.

### RECOMMENDATION

It is therefore recommended that, in the best interest of the City, the City Council adopt a resolution suspending formal competitive bidding

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for the purchase of two (2) diesel sub-compact sedans and three (3) diesel 1/4-ton pick up trucks and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary contracts in a total estimated amount of \$43,000.

Respectfully Submitted,

Howard F. Ishida

Support Services Administrator

Recommendation Approved:

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J. S**y**ipe, City Manager

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2 Attachments

December 15, 1981 All Districts