



CITY OF SALINAS

COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS, SANITARY SEWER DIVISION

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TITLE: PURCHASE OF A 2026 FORD TRANSIT CCTV VAN

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a resolution authorizing the Purchasing Agency to complete the direct purchase of one 2026 Ford Transit CCTV van from Municipal Maintenance Equipment (MME) at a total cost of \$497,486.56.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City's current CCTV inspection vehicle is a 1999 Ford Econoline van that has exceeded its useful service life. To maintain a high level of service and continue proactive infrastructure management, staff are requesting the purchase of a Rapid View IBAK Ford Transit Van Wagon XL equipped with a high definition (HD) mainline CCTV inspection system for a total cost not to exceed \$497,486.56. The FY 2026-27 City Budget provided funding through the Sewer Departments operating budget to purchase this replacement vehicle.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Salinas Sewer Maintenance Division relies on a closed-circuit television (CCTV) inspection van to proactively assess the condition of the City's underground sewer infrastructure. This equipment is critical for identifying pipeline defects such as cracks, root intrusion, blockages, and structural failures before they result in costly emergency repairs, service disruptions, or environmental impacts.

The City's current CCTV inspection vehicle is a 1999 Ford Econoline van that has exceeded its useful service life. Due to its age, the vehicle has become increasingly unreliable, experiences frequent mechanical issues, and lacks the technological capabilities required to meet modern inspection standards. Additionally, replacement parts for both the vehicle and its outdated inspection system are becoming difficult to obtain, resulting in increased downtime and reduced operational efficiency.

To maintain a high level of service and continue proactive infrastructure management, staff are requesting the purchase of a Rapid View IBAK Ford Transit Van Wagon XL equipped with a high

definition (HD) mainline CCTV inspection system. This new unit will provide significantly improved video quality, enhanced data collection capabilities, and more efficient inspection processes. The upgraded technology will allow staff to accurately document pipeline conditions, support regulatory compliance, and prioritize maintenance and capital improvement projects based on reliable data.

Municipal Maintenance Equipment (MME) has provided a Sourcewell cooperative purchasing contract quote for the proposed unit in the total amount of \$497,486.56. Utilizing the Sourcewell contract allows the City to streamline the procurement process while ensuring competitive pricing and compliance with public purchasing requirements

Replacing the existing unit with a modern CCTV inspection van will improve operational reliability, reduce maintenance costs associated with aging equipment, and increase productivity in the field. Ultimately, this investment supports the City's commitment to maintaining critical infrastructure, protecting public health, and ensuring the long-term sustainability of the wastewater system.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

Not a Project. The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378).

CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 APPLIES:

No.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

The requested Council action directly relates to Council's Strategic Plans or Goals of "Infrastructure." The purchase of the Ford Transit CCTV van enables the Sewer Enterprise Division to continue to maintain and repair the city's underground sewer infrastructure.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

Fleet Maintenance in coordination with the Sewer Maintenance Division had a meeting to discuss the needs of the new replacement vehicle. Staff concluded that the CCTV van in this report meets both the needs of the Sewer Maintenance Division as well as the requirements of the Fleet Maintenance Shop.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

Funds have been budgeted for this vehicle's replacement in the Sewer Maintenance operating budget for FY26/27. There will be no impact to the City's General Fund since monies for the purchase are already allocated in the current Sewer Maintenance operating budget.

Fund	General Ledger Number (Operating/CIP)	General Ledger Account Name	Remaining Budget Appropriation	Amount Requested
6400	50.5442-66.5500	Sewer Capital Outlay Vehicles/Auto Fund	513,041.94	497,486.56

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution
Vehicle and Equipment quote