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REPORT NO. 05-053

ATTENTION: Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee  
Agenda of March 16, 2005

SUBJECT: Police Motorcycle Fleet Replacement Purchase Plan

REFERENCE: Manager's Report #04-250 – Presented on November 17, 2004

### SUMMARY

Issue – Should the City Council authorize the City Manager to award a contract to A&S BMW to acquire up to 65 police motorcycles to replace the existing Police Department Motorcycle Fleet?

#### Manager's Recommendation(s) –

Authorize the City Manager to award a contract to A&S BMW to purchase and acquire up to 65 Police Motorcycles to replace the existing Motorcycle Fleet.

#### Fiscal Impact –

Approximately \$1.1 million will be expended from the Police Department's Unlicensed Driver's Vehicle Impound Fee Fund (ULD) to finance this purchase.

### BACKGROUND

The San Diego Police Department currently operates a fleet of seventy-two (72) Kawasaki Police Motorcycles. Fifty-one (51) motorcycles are assigned to members of the Motors Unit and twenty-one (21) motorcycles are used for spares and the Motorcycle Training Academy.

On an annual basis, a police motorcycle averages 10-12,000 miles per year, per motorcycle. The average life cycle of a police motorcycle is six (6) years and/or 60,000 miles. The Department's fleet of 72 motorcycles averages 56,346 miles, with 38 motorcycles now in excess of 60,000 miles. In addition, the termination of police production motorcycles by the Kawasaki Motors Corporation eliminates the Department's ability to maintain this fleet beyond 2006 due to parts availability and limited manufacturer support. These factors necessitated the need to look for alternative vendors of police motorcycles.

In May 2004, the City Purchasing Division issued a Request for Proposal, RFP 6757-04-Z, for acquisition of police motorcycles. In July 2004, A&S BMW Motorcycles, San Diego Harley-Davidson and Huntington Honda submitted proposals. After a thorough technical evaluation and negotiations with proposers, A&S BMW was selected to enter into a contract with the City to meet the Police Department's requirements for traffic safety enforcement motorcycles. For additional details, please refer to Manager's Report #04-250, presented to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee on November 17, 2004.

#### DISCUSSION

The award of this contract to A&S BMW Motorcycles will enable the Police Department to begin an initial purchase of motorcycles and establish an annual replacement cycle for the fleet over the course of this five-year contract.

Approximately \$1.1 million is available in the FY 2005 ULD budget. This fund finances the San Diego Traffic Offenders Program (STOP) and other traffic safety expenses. STOP focuses on the proactive enforcement of driver's license laws, and includes provisions for impounding and forfeiting vehicles of unlicensed drivers. Police motorcycle officers are an integral part of the mission of STOP.

A fully equipped BMW police motorcycle costs approximately \$19,531 base price per unit. The Police Department recommends replacing up to 55 units now at a cost of approximately \$1.1 million, including \$84,000 in estimated tax and license fees. The Police Department will establish a replacement plan for the remainder of the motorcycle fleet and will activate this plan when additional ULD budget funds become available in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

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