

**MOORPARK CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: Honorable City Council

FROM:  John Reilly, Captain, Moorpark Chief of Police

DATE: October 11, 2016 (CC Regular Meeting of 10/19/16)

SUBJECT: Consider Authorizing Additional Commercial Vehicle Enforcement in Fiscal Year 2016/2017 and Resolution Amending the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Budget to Appropriate \$20,000.00 from the General Fund Reserve for This Purpose

BACKGROUND

State Route 118 (Los Angeles Avenue) is the primary east / west arterial street through the City of Moorpark. The Moorpark Police Department along with other city entities frequently receive complaints regarding the traffic congestion and traffic safety due to relatively large numbers of commercial vehicles. At the September 7, 2016 City Council meeting, during discussion of the proposed Los Angeles Avenue Traffic Study, staff was requested to evaluate the potential for dedicated traffic enforcement related to commercial vehicles.

DISCUSSION

The Moorpark Police Department Traffic Bureau consists of three full-time motor officers and four part-time cadets. A majority of the traffic enforcement in the city is conducted by the three motor officers with the exception of parking citations, which falls to the cadets and designated City staff. In addition to issuing citations, the Moorpark Traffic Bureau is responsible for completing and investigating all traffic collisions that occur within the city limits. These traffic collisions vary from minor traffic collisions to fatal traffic accident investigations. The Moorpark Traffic Bureau is also responsible for ensuring traffic safety in the school zones, extra patrolling high accident areas, enforcing abandoned vehicle sections, and conducting driving under the influence investigations.

With the increasing number of commercial vehicles using State Route 118 and State Route 23 (Walnut Canyon Road / Moorpark Avenue) comes the increasing amount of time dedicated to commercial vehicle enforcement. Approximately 30 to 35% of the three motor officers' time is dedicated to such enforcement. In calendar year 2015, the

Moorpark Traffic Bureau issued 617 commercial vehicle citations. A majority of these citations, 468 were for moving violations. Commercial vehicle traffic enforcement stops require more time and training. Commercial vehicle citations tend to equate to more court time as commercial vehicle operators are more likely to go to challenge citations in court. All three of the motor officers have additional training in commercial enforcement including the traffic supervisor who is a level one commercial certified traffic officer and maintains a class B commercial driver's license. Regardless of the level of certification our motor officers have, they cannot detain a commercial vehicle without probable cause. The California Highway Patrol has the ability to detain commercial vehicles for inspection without probable cause. No other law enforcement agency in the state has this ability. Working in partnership with the California Highway Patrol will enable us to conduct joint inspections which will result in a higher volume of inspections. When the California Highway Patrol is not available, the motor officers will focus on commercial violations throughout the City. Please see the attached chart for a month by month break down of commercial citations issued by the Moorpark Traffic Bureau in 2015.

2015	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total YTD
Wrong Lane	27	16	18	19	36	33	29	35	18	27	28	6	292
Other Moving	14	6	13	10	14	32	25	11	14	15	11	11	176
Parking	11	9	14	9	17	7	13	15	15	16	18	5	149
Total	52	31	45	38	67	72	67	61	47	58	57	22	617

The City of Moorpark recently purchased a flex fuel Ford F-150 cadet truck. One of the many uses of the cadet truck would be to transport commercial enforcement equipment to working locations. The Moorpark Traffic Bureau possesses portable truck scales that are in the process of being repaired and re-certified by the County of Ventura Department of Weights and Measurements. The overtime allotment, the commercial enforcement equipment, and our motor officers working in conjunction with the California Highway Patrol will greatly increase the amount of time dedicated to commercial enforcement in the City of Moorpark.

Commercial vehicle enforcement is both necessary and time consuming. In order to better enforce vehicle code violations related to commercial enforcement, I would recommend \$20,000.00 be allocated to additional commercial vehicle enforcement. The \$20,000.00 would be used to cover overtime hours directly related to this purpose. The current overtime rate for a Senior Deputy is \$82.13 an hour while a Deputy is \$70.09 an hour for an average hourly rate of \$76.11. Using the average rate of \$76.11 an hour will equate to approximately 260 man hours (260 x \$76.11 = \$19788.60). Only commercial enforcement trained traffic officers will be able to work the overtime and the

commercial enforcement trained traffic officers will be able to work the overtime and the schedule will be determined by the City Manager and Chief of Police to best determine the appropriate days and times to be worked.

Staff is requesting \$20,000.00 for this purpose for the remainder of the 2016/2017 Fiscal Year.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact would be approximately \$20,000.00 from the General Fund Reserve.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION **(ROLL CALL VOTE)**

Authorize \$20,000.00 to be used for additional commercial enforcement from the General Fund Reserve; and adopt Resolution No. 2016-_____.

Attachment: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOORPARK, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-17 BUDGET APPROPRIATING \$20,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND (1000) FOR ADDITIONAL POLICE TRAFFIC OVERTIME DEDICATED TO COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT IN FISCAL YEAR 2016-17

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2016, the City Council adopted the Operating and Capital Improvement Budget for FY 2016/2017; and

WHEREAS, at the regular City Council meeting of September 7, 2016, during a discussion of the proposed Los Angeles Avenue Traffic Study staff was requested to evaluate the potential for dedicated traffic enforcement of commercial vehicles; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined in order to enforce vehicle code violations related to commercial enforcement a budget appropriation increase of \$20,000.00 in the General Fund (1000) is requested for these additional services; and

WHEREAS, Exhibit "A" hereof describes said budget amendment and its resultant impact to the budget line items.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOORPARK DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That a Budget Amendment in the aggregate increase of \$20,000.00, as more particularly described in Exhibit "A", is hereby approved.

SECTION 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this resolution and shall cause a certified resolution to be filed in the book of original resolutions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of October, 2016.

Janice S. Parvin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Maureen Benson, City Clerk

Attachment: Exhibit A – Budget Amendment

EXHIBIT A

**BUDGET AMENDMENT FROM THE GENERAL FUND (1000)
FOR ADDITIONAL POLICE TRAFFIC OVERTIME
DEDICATED TO COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT**

FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017

FUND ALLOCATION FROM:

FUND TITLE	FUND/ACCOUNT NUMBER	AMOUNT
General Fund	1000-5500	\$ 20,000.00
	Total	\$ 20,000.00

DISTRIBUTION OF APPROPRIATION TO EXPENSE ACCOUNTS:

Budget Unit/Account Number	Current Budget	Revision	Adjusted Budget
1000-9200-0000-9118	\$163,452.00	\$20,000.00	\$183,452.00
Total	\$163,452.00	\$20,000.00	\$183,452.00

Finance Approval: 
10.12.2016