

**TO: James L. App, City Manager**  
**FROM: Dennis J. Cassidy, Chief of Police**  
**SUBJECT: Mobile-Vision Digital In-Car Video System**  
**DATE: April 19, 2005**

**NEEDS:** For the City Council to consider awarding the purchase of digital in-car audio / video recording equipment, portable communications equipment (hand held radios), and other miscellaneous safety equipment to Mobile Vision and adopting a resolution approving a budget appropriation for said acquisition.

- FACTS:**
1. The City of Paso Robles Police Department annually receives \$100,000 in Supplemental Law Enforcement Service Funds and has a balance of \$131,400 in a special fund account.
  2. Additionally, during FY 2002/2003 the Police Department, with City Council approval, received \$19,300 from California Law Enforcement Equipment Purchase (CLEEP) funding. This money was earmarked for future equipment purchases as needed and has yet to be appropriated/spent.
  3. Between these two funding sources, the Department has \$150,700 on hand to purchase equipment for police operations.
  4. These funds are held in a special fund (non-General Fund) until such time as the Department identifies a need consistent with funding requirements.
  5. The Audio / Video recording equipment currently being used in police vehicles are VHS format and are becoming obsolete. With the current system it is very cumbersome to retrieve data requested and consumes many man hours in searching for specific incidents.
  6. In accordance with City purchasing policy, bids for replacement equipment were widely distributed. The bid closed March 29, 2005, and the low contract bid was submitted by Lou Blanco with the product brand being Mobile-Vision In-Car Video Systems. (See attachment #1)
  7. The Information Systems Manger has reviewed this system and feels the systems are the best to suit our current needs.

**ANALYSIS &  
CONCLUSION:**

The Paso Robles Police Department originally purchased ten (10) VHS in-car audio / video recording systems in fiscal year 1997/1998. Over a period of years the Department found several problems with the VHS recording system and the retrieval of data.

Numerous advancements in this industry now provide for a PC based digital system, allowing more efficient desktop retrieval and storage. New digital technology should reduce the evidence discovery time by at least 75% and physical storage space by at least 75% as well. Data can be automatically (wirelessly)

downloaded from the vehicle to a server and DVD system when the vehicle drives into the Police Department parking lot.

After carefully inspecting several in-car audio / video recording systems and reviewing the proposal by Mobile-Vision, the Police Department recommends acceptance of the proposal by Mobile-Vision who is also the low bidder.

**POLICY  
REFERENCE:**

City purchasing policy.

**FISCAL  
IMPACT:**

None. The funds represent grant monies received from the State of California and Federal Government. With Council approval, the funds will be spent for their intended purpose without impact upon the General Fund.

**OPTIONS:**

- a.** Adopt Resolution No. 05-xx authorizing the expenditure of \$151,700 of State and Federal Grant funds from the COPS fund #117-210-5235-136 to upgrade in-car audio / video equipment, purchase portable communication equipment (hand held radios), repair the existing department audio / video system located in the various interview rooms and jail area, and to purchase other miscellaneous safety equipment as needed, i.e., flashlights and chargers, portable radio holders, less lethal equipment, etc.
- b.** Amend, modify or reject the above option.

**Digital In-Car Audio/Video Recording System  
Invitation to Bid**

<b>RFP MAILED 3/15/05</b>	<b>Eagleye Technologies</b>	<b>Kustom Signals</b>	<b>Mobile Digital Systems</b>	<b>Mobile Vision</b>	<b>Sales Group</b>
<b>Returned/Received</b>	NO	YES	RETURNED – UNDELIVERABLE	YES	YES
<b>Present when Bid Opened</b>	N/A	Lt. Jerry Hunter Gail Wolff	N/A	Lt. Jerry Hunter Gail Wolff	Lt. Jerry Hunter Gail Wolff
<b>Met Specifications</b>	N/A	NO	N/A	YES	NO
<b>Bids Reviewed by</b>	N/A	Lt. Hunter Sgt. Adams Sgt. Wenter	N/A	Lt. Hunter Sgt. Adams Sgt. Wenter	Lt. Hunter Sgt. Adams Sgt. Wenter
<b>Cost of System</b>	N/A	\$100,223	N/A	\$86,227 (1 TB Server) \$91,546 (3 TB Server)	\$107,889

RESOLUTION NO. 05-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES  
APPROVING A BUDGET APPROPRIATION FOR THE USE OF STATE  
TECHNOLOGY GRANT FUNDS

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WHEREAS, the Police Department has a balance of \$150,700 in State Technology Grant funds, State COPS Grant funds and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has identified a need to replace our existing in-car Audio/Video recording system and repair the existing department wide Audio/Video recording system; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department completed a bid process for in-car Audio/Video systems and Mobile-Vision submitted the lowest bid for the replacement system; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has also identified needed miscellaneous safety equipment, i.e., portable radios, less lethal equipment, flashlights, and existing system upgrades to enhance officers' resources; and

WHEREAS, use of the identified grant funds would be an appropriate use of said grant funds; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to provide for a budget appropriation in the amount of \$150,700 to COPS Fund 117-210-5235-136 from Fund 117 reserves.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles that a one time budget appropriation to COPS Fund No. 117-210-5235-136 in the amount of \$150,700 is authorized for fiscal year 2004/2005.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 2005 by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

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Frank R. Mecham, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sharilyn M. Ryan, Deputy City Clerk