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SUBJECT: Police Department 2019 Capital Budget Requests

The Police 2019 capital budget has been developed after careful consideration of the ongoing challenges the Madison Police Department (MPD) faces in its efforts to maintain facilities and deploy technology and equipment essential to our public safety mission. Meeting the Mayor's instructions to reduce capital spending was challenging due to continued increases in significant departmental needs.

Our priority capital project is the continuation of the Light Bar Replacement Project which was begun in 2018. This is a three-year capital project to replace outdated light bars on police squad cars. The light bars are essential for maintaining visibility and improving safety.

For the past two decades, the MPD has made significant investments in technology that is now required to provide effective police services. Many of these initial purchases were made with either federal grant funding or capital investments. With federal funding no longer available, the MPD must look to capital funding in order to replace outdated equipment. Consequently, my Assistant Chiefs met with the Mayor and requested the addition of a Police Technology & Equipment capital program, similar to the Madison Fire Department's ongoing Capital project. This project will provide ongoing capital funds to replace or purchase significant technology and equipment such as in-car video systems, router systems for squad cars, interview systems at district stations, audiovisual systems at the Training Center, forensic and/or other investigative technology, records software modules, etc. Most of this technology is now considered essential to modern policing. We are grateful that the Mayor has allowed us to add this project, which is our second highest priority.

Our final request for 2019 is to continue the Building Improvement Program. This is the program to maintain five district stations, the training center and the police facilities in the CCB. Projects included in this request are developed and prioritized in conjunction with Engineering staff. The focus of 2019 funding will be updating paint, carpet and furnishings in the CCB and maintaining all of the district and training center parking lots.

Future capital requests focus on continuing the Building Improvement and Police Technology & Equipment programs. In addition, the Mayor provided funding to study the need for a new North District Station and a new Property & Evidence Complex. These two studies are both planned for 2020.

Finally, although I am encouraged by the inclusion of the Police Technology & Equipment program, I believe I must continue to mention future vehicle needs. Several MPD specialty vehicles (such as the SWAT equipment van and the prisoner transport van) are aging and will need to be replaced in the foreseeable future. Other vehicle needs (such as a mobile command post) will also need to be considered. These costs cannot be absorbed in the annual vehicle replacement budget, which is fully allocated to replacing MPD's primary vehicle fleet. We will continue to work with Fleet Services to determine an appropriate replacement funding plan for these vehicles.

Respectfully~

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