

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

TO: THE CITY COUNCIL

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FROM: THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

June 3, 1987

SUBJECT:

APPROVAL OF OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council authorize the acceptance of a Traffic Records Management Grant from the Office of Traffic Safety in the amount of \$34,844.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The City of Lodi received a Grant from the State's Office of Traffic Safety in 1986 for the purpose of implementing a Traffic Enforcement Unit consisting of three motorcycle officers. This program has proven to be highly successful. Overall speed is down and we are starting to see a decline in accident rates.

The Traffic Records Management Grant is a new Grant and is a combined effort of the Lodi Police Department and City Engineering Department; it will provide funds for the following expenses:

1) One part-time clerk (4 hours a day with no benefits) for data entry	\$ 7,344
2) Traffic Records software	7,500
3) Engineering/Traffic Safety software	8,000
4) Cable installation between City Hall and LPD	2,000
5) Funds for hardware costs	10,000
Total Grant	\$34,844

City cost for this program could range from \$21,988 to \$24,988. The cost to the City is because of the additional funds necessary to purchase a new System 36 Mini Computer.

This Grant will accomplish several objectives:

- 1) Provide a means of combining City Engineering and Lodi Police Department's efforts toward traffic safety.
- 2) Provide a more effective means of correlating traffic enforcement with accident locations for effective manpower deployment.
- 3) Reduce the cost to the City of purchasing a larger computer system which is necessary due to our large growing data base.

Respectfully submitted,

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