



# Staff Report

## City Council

Item No. {{section.number}}.A

**Meeting Date:** December 11, 2024

**From:** Michael Contreras, Fire Chief

**Title:** Purchase of One New Ambulance

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Fire Department requests authorization to purchase one Medix MSV 170 ambulance on a 2024 chassis from Republic Emergency Vehicle Services (EVS), to include a Striker Power Gurney and Loader in the amount \$388,982.72.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The fire department operates three front-line paramedic ambulances, one out of each fire station. With the passage of Measure W, the department needs to immediately order an ambulance to be put in service as soon as possible. The current wait time is approximately 18 months for delivery of an ambulance.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Due to the delivery time of current ambulance manufacturers and the increased mileage on fire department ambulances, an order was put in with Republic EVS in May 2024 in anticipation of the need for an additional ambulance. With the passage of Measure W, the need to purchase an ambulance has been elevated, however, the fire department has held a spot on the assembly line reserved with the ambulance ordered in May 2024 which will ultimately help expedite the delivery schedule of this fourth ambulance.

The advantage of having the four ambulances from the same manufacturer is that it allows us to standardize our fleet of ambulances to reduce future replacements costs by only having to replace the chassis and repower each unit while reusing the modular box on the back of each ambulance in lieu of a complete replacement down the line.

The fire department would like to move forward with the purchase from Republic Emergency Vehicle Services immediately to secure the ambulance before it is made available to another fire department. We have a commitment that production can start within a month and that they can deliver the new ambulance between February and May 2026. This is the earliest time frame to expect delivery. Until delivery of the new ambulance, staff will use a reserve ambulance to put the fourth ambulance into service.

**Costs:**

1. 2024 Medix Ambulance MSV 170"

\$370,459.73\*
2. 5% Contingency

18,522.99

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Total

\$388,982.72

Funding to come from the Equipment Replacement Fund (611).

\* Indicates California State tax included.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

	DESCRIPTION	GENERAL LEDGER ACCOUNT CODES	PROJECT CODE	AMOUNT	ONE TIME or ONGOING
2024-2025	Ambulance	611-000-000-000-8800-8807	N/A	\$370,459.73	ONE-TIME
2024-2025	Contingency	611-000-000-000-8800-8807	N/A	18,522.99	ONE-TIME
2024-2025	Total			\$388,982.72	

**FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN:**

None

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. REPUBLIC EVS Work Order
2. REPUBLIC EVS Quote