



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Kevin Richardson, Fire Chief

Date: December 13, 2022

Reference: Consider approval of an Advanced Funding Agreement between the City of Coppell, Fire Department and Texas Department of Transportation for Incident Management Freeway Blocker Truck and authorizing the City Manager to sign any necessary documents.

2040: Sustainable Government

Introduction:

The purpose of this agenda item is to authorize an Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for an Incident Management Blocker Truck. The City of Coppell has over 40 miles of road with 40 MPH plus speed limits. Between 2016 – 2020 1,276 calls for service to incidents on/near a roadway. It is the 2nd most frequent call type. Currently, it is the policy of Coppell Fire Department (CFD) to position apparatus to protect the incident scene, including response personnel, the public, and apparatus. This AFA will allow CFD to accept funds from TxDOT to purchase an apparatus specifically designed to block incidents and protect first responders/apparatus while on scene.

Background:

In 2021, the City submitted an application to the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) for the 2021 Incident Management Freeway Blocking Equipment Call for Projects. This project was recommended for funding at an 80/20 split. As part of this grant, the City must sign an AFA with TxDOT. The intent of this grant is to purchase a Blocker Truck with Attenuator designed to improve the safety of highway incidents. The grant dollars from TxDOT are \$89,867. The remaining portion of the budget for the apparatus has been budgeted for FY 22-23 in the Fire Department's General Fund budget (GL account #10104100-6930). To proceed with this grant, the AFA must be approved.

Benefit to the Community:

This Advance Funding Agreement allows the City to accept grant funds from TxDOT to purchase a blocker truck. The blocker truck will improve first responder and citizen safety as well as protect apparatus by providing a barrier to incidents.

Legal Review:

City Attorney has reviewed the Advanced Funding Agreement.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact of this Agenda Item. Future agenda items will include the purchase of the blocker truck.

Recommendation:

The Fire Department recommends approving and authorizing an Advance Funding Agreement between the City and TxDOT.