

MOTION

PUBLIC SAFETY

The California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) has developed a program to fill in the gaps across the state where there is limited or no response capability for Hazardous Materials by Rail (HMBR). The Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) has been identified as one of 12 agencies to receive a Type II HazMat Emergency Response Vehicle to implement this program. Pending City Council and Mayoral approval, the LAFD would be assigned the vehicle in July 2017. The Department would be responsible for routine care and maintenance of the vehicle, with major repairs subject to reimbursement by Cal OES.

Sworn personnel responding with a Cal OES Type II HazMat Response Vehicle must meet current California Specialized Training Institute (CSTI) Hazardous Materials Specialist training requirements. Cal OES has awarded to the LAFD \$159,459.44 in reimbursement costs to backfill the sworn personnel attending the training through June 30, 2018.

In 2015, Cal OES identified numerous risks posed by potentially hazardous materials that are transported by rail. High hazard areas for derailments are generally located in areas with population centers, schools and hospitals. Furthermore, rail lines are located along earthquake faults in many areas in Los Angeles. LAFD's participation in the HMCR program would further enhance its leadership and effectiveness as an all-risk emergency response agency. Availability of the Type II Emergency Response Vehicle, with properly trained HazMat Specialists, would enable the LAFD to effectively and safely respond to and mitigate catastrophic hazardous materials incidents by saving lives, property and the environment.

I THEREFORE MOVE that City Council, subject to approval of the Mayor:

1. Authorize the Fire Chief to enter into and execute agreements with Cal OES for activities related to the Hazardous Materials by Rail program.
2. Authorize the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) to accept from the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES):
 - (a) The Type II HazMat Emergency Response Vehicle; and
 - (b) Reimbursement in the amount of \$159,459.44 through June 30, 2018.
3. Authorize the LAFD to deposit funds received from Cal OES into Fund 100/38, Revenue Source Code 3734 Reimbursements from Outside Agencies for reimbursement of sworn personnel backfill costs related to HazMat Specialist Training.
4. Authorize the Controller to transfer funds from Fund 100/38, Revenue Source Code 3734 to Fund 100/38 Salary Account TBD.
5. Authorize the City Administrative Officer and City Controller to make technical corrections consistent with the intent of these actions.

I FURTHER MOVE, that the LAFD report to the Public Safety Committee on this grant program.

PRESENTED BY: _____

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SECONDED BY: _____

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