

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL **Date:** February 14, 2005

THROUGH: FINANCE COMMITTEE

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: RECOGNIZING AND APPROPRIATING A STATE OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY MINI-GRANT TO CONDUCT DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE (DUI) CHECKPOINTS.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve a journal voucher recognizing revenue from the Office of Traffic Safety Driving Under the Influence grant program for \$42,084.
2. Approve a journal voucher increasing appropriations to the Police Department Traffic Section overtime account # 8011-101-407800 by \$14,028 for FY 2005.

BACKGROUND:

This program focuses on driver safety on City streets. The State Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) has awarded \$42,084 in overtime grants for the Police Department to conduct up to six DUI checkpoints between the dates of December 17, 2004 through January 3, 2005, August 19, 2005 through September 5, 2005 and Dec 16, 2005 through January 2, 2006. This OTS grant coincides with the national "You Drink and Drive, You Lose" initiative.

The Police Department already conducts several similar checkpoints during the course of the year, using existing personnel resources. It has been staff's experience that these checkpoints are valuable in reducing incidents related to persons driving under the influence of alcohol and/or

drugs. Measuring the preventative effects of those checkpoints is difficult, but every person that is intercepted by the checkpoints is prevented from contributing to accidents, injuries and deaths on Pasadena streets.

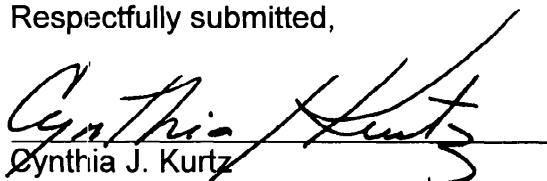
This grant was approved by OTS in early December 2004, and two checkpoints were already conducted on December 17 and 18, 2004, for a total of \$14,028.

The Office of Traffic Safety recognizes the value in these checkpoints, and offers grants to pay for officers to work them. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration selected these dates to focus on holiday DUI patterns and School graduations/July 4th celebrations, where a large portion of DUI accidents occur nationwide. These grant funds do not require matching funds from the city, and are intended to pay the overtime costs of personnel that are hired to supplement existing resource deployment.

Fiscal Impact:

Approval of this recommendation will increase fiscal 2005 revenues by \$14,028 and increase the Police Department Traffic Section appropriations by \$14,028. The additional \$28,056 of recognized funds will be appropriated into the FY 2006 budget to cover grant deployment periods in August, September and December of 2005


Respectfully submitted,


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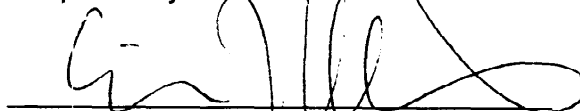
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