

# Agenda Report

TO: City Council August 23, 2004  
FROM: City Manager  
THROUGH: Finance Committee  
SUBJECT: Management and Maintenance of the Los Angeles Interagency  
Metropolitan Police Apprehension Crime Task Force's (LA IMPACT) Air  
Support Unit by the Pasadena Police Department.

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the City Manager to approve an amendment to the current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Pasadena and the other member cities of the Los Angeles Interagency Metropolitan Police Apprehension Crime Task Force (LA IMPACT) to provide management and maintenance of their Air Support Unit for coordinated drug, gang and homeland security efforts throughout Los Angeles County.
2. Approve a journal voucher recognizing revenues of \$50,000 from this agreement into the LA IMPACT FY 2005 operating budget (104-402410) to fund the maintenance of LA IMPACT helicopters.

## BACKGROUND

Since 1988, with the approval of City Council, the Pasadena Police Department has been a part of LA IMPACT (originally, the San Gabriel Valley Narcotics Enforcement Team) whose current mission is to investigate major drug dealers, combat gang violence, and fight individuals who engage in terrorism as part of a multi-jurisdictional task force. The major contribution from the Pasadena Police Department has been to provide a helicopter and two officers for surveillance missions in addition to the two helicopters owned and operated by LA IMPACT.

On May 12, 2004, LA IMPACT's Board of Directors met and decided to seek new management for their Air Support Unit. The Pasadena Police Air Operations Section was asked to provide a plan for the management and maintenance of LA IMPACT helicopters. A plan was submitted to the LA IMPACT Board of Directors who tentatively approved

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for all management and maintenance to be performed by the City of Pasadena's Police Air Operations Section. Final approval was given on August 19, 2004, at a meeting of the Board of Directors for LA IMPACT.

LA IMPACT missions are limited and generally flown outside the City of Pasadena, so once the aircraft departs, it normally does not return until the surveillance mission is completed. This will add approximately thirteen additional flights in and out of the heliport per month. The impact of the additional flights on the surrounding neighborhood would be minimal.

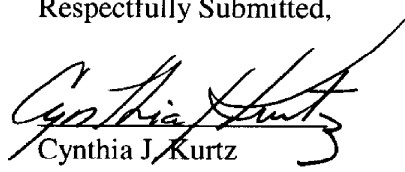
LA IMPACT helicopters are Enstrom helicopters, the same helicopters flown by the Pasadena Police Department. Because of the low number of missions and flight hours, the additional work will not interfere with current operations at the Pasadena Police Air Operations Section. Liability for this action should be minimized by the agreement set forth in the MOU to indemnify and hold harmless each other member agency for acts or omissions of its own employees.

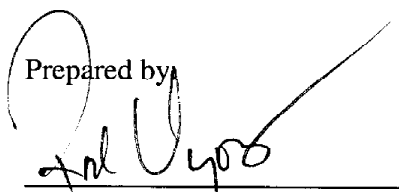
The Police Department has started working with the Planning and Development Department through the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) process for the acquisition of a storage/hanger facility should this action be approved. The cost of this structure is estimated at \$40,000 and there are sufficient funds in the FY 2005 budgets for Air Operations and LA IMPACT. This agreement will generate revenues of \$50,000 annually for maintenance, office and hanger storage, fuel sales, and administrative fees. In addition, the Police Department will increase its share of asset forfeiture seizures.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

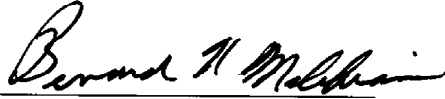
If approved, this action will increase revenues to the LA IMPACT fund (8101-104-402410) in the amount of \$50,000 annually, which will offset all costs associated with the management and maintenance of LA IMPACT helicopters.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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City Manager

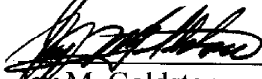
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