

# Agenda Report

**DATE:** March 15, 1999  
**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Participation in Regional Auto Theft Prevention Program

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council approve a journal voucher recognizing \$40,150.00 in estimated revenues and appropriating these revenues to budget account 404110, Police Department - Detective Section for participation in the Taskforce for Regional Auto Theft Prevention program.

**BACKGROUND:**

In 1993, City Council approved a resolution recognizing the Taskforce for Regional Autotheft Prevention (TRAP) program. The mission of TRAP is to promote a coordinated effort and encourage maximum cooperation between all law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies in Los Angeles County to deter and reduce the incidence of vehicle theft; to increase the recovery rate of stolen vehicles; to identify trends and patterns in vehicle theft; to provide training and expertise to participating agencies countywide; and to coordinate a deterrence program in conjunction with the private sector. TRAP is funded by a \$1.00 surcharge to the annual vehicle registration fee. The State of California passes the fees along to counties, who are charged with administering the program. In Pasadena's case, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department serves as the lead agency.

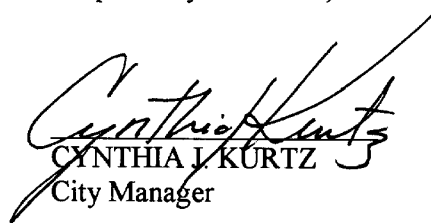
Subsequent to that approval, the police department assigned an officer to the TRAP program and maintained that position until May, 1998. At that time, the officer assigned to TRAP resigned from the police department and no replacement was assigned. In December, 1998, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department requested that the police department rejoin TRAP. That request was met in February, 1999, with the reassignment of an auto theft detective to the TRAP program.

All costs related to our participation in TRAP are reimbursed by the County of Los Angeles on a quarterly basis. The \$40,150.00 represents the burden, benefit and overtime expenses anticipated for the last five months of this fiscal year. We anticipate continued participation in TRAP in subsequent fiscal years with full cost recovery. Revenue to be recognized as a result of our continued participation will be included in our annual revenue projections as part of our normal budget process.

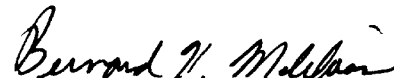
**FISCAL IMPACT:**

If approved, this action will increase revenues to budget account 404110 in the amount of \$40,150.00, to cover the cost of one police detective assigned to TRAP.

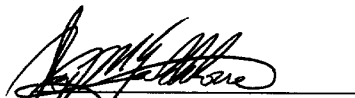
Respectfully submitted,

  
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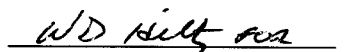
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