Item 24



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: July 31, 2012

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AGENDA LANGUAGE:

Consider and approve acceptance into the Travis County vehicle fleet of seized Honda Civic to be utilized by the Travis County Sheriff's Office in law enforcement operations.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

In November 2011, Travis County Sheriff's Office executed narcotics search warrants in which a 2007 Honda Civic Hybrid was seized. In March 2012 the US Marshall's Service awarded the vehicle to Travis County Sheriff's Office, followed by the transfer of the vehicle in April 2012.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Vehicle maintenance paid by TCSO funding.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

Sheriff Greg Hamilton, TCSO 854-9788 Major Phyllis Clair, TCSO 854-9759 Captain Paul Knight, TCSO 854-3239 Mike Joyce, TNR Fleet 854-9383



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To: Honorable Sam Biscoe, County Judge Honorable Ron Davis, Precinct One Commissioner Honorable Sarah Eckhardt, Precinct Two Commissioner Honorable Karen Huber, Precinct Three Commissioner Honorable Margaret Gomez, Precinct Four Commissioner

FROM: Sheriff Greg Hamilton

Reference: Acceptance of a Seized 2007 Honda Civic Hybrid,

In November 2011, the Travis County Sheriff's Office Vice Unit executed search warrants on a suspected narcotics trafficker. During the execution of the search warrants, one of the arrested persons was driving a 2007 Honda Civic Hybrid automobile.

On March 26, 2012, the US Marshals Service awarded the 2007 Honda Civic Hybrid to TCSO. On April 3, 2012, the US Marshals Service officially notified TCSO of the seizure award.

TNR Fleet Manager Mike Joyce has agreed to accept the vehicle into the Travis County Fleet. TCSO would bear the cost of maintenance for the 2007 Honda Civic Hybrid.

We request the Court accept the 2007 Honda Civic Hybrid as county property and allow TCSO to utilize it for undercover surveillance and Vice related crimes. All appropriate title and paperwork will be forward to the county fleet for processing upon approval.

We appreciate the continued support of the Commissioner's Court in our endeavors to serve all of the citizens of Travis County.

cc: Greg Hamilton, Sheriff Doug Teague, Vice Sergeant

