

City of Hesperia STAFF REPORT



DATE: February 17, 2026

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
Chair and Board Members, Hesperia Water District

FROM: Rachel Molina, City Manager

BY: Cassandra Sanchez, Director of Public Works / City Engineer
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SUBJECT: G & M Automotive Center, Inc. Contract Amendment

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the City Council and Board of Directors of the Hesperia Water District authorize the City Manager to increase the contract with G & M Automotive Center, Inc. for \$50,000 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$300,000 for vehicle maintenance and repairs through the remainder of Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26, ending June 30, 2026.

BACKGROUND

Preventive and corrective maintenance is required for the City of Hesperia's and Hesperia Water District's combined fleet of 110 vehicles, which includes:

- 62 light-duty vehicles,
- 12 medium-duty vehicles, and
- 36 heavy-duty vehicles

Public Works requested bids for FY 2025-26 from five Hesperia vendors and eight other vendors from neighboring High Desert cities. The vehicle fleet's three categories were solicited on three separate requests for bids (RFB) and advertised per City procedures. G & M Automotive Center, Inc., located in Hesperia, was the sole bidder and therefore deemed the lowest responsible, responsive bidder in each bid.

ISSUES/ANALYSIS

Over the past seven months, seven vehicles in the City's fleet required unforeseen and costly repairs. These repairs totaled \$75,600, representing 30 percent of the approved \$250,000 annual repair budget. Four of the seven vehicles were part of the City's 36 heavy-duty units and were repaired despite their age and limited remaining value. This approach was necessary to maintain operational workload, meet service expectations, and ensure reliable response levels for residents.

The additional requested funding will support maintenance of the City's 110-unit fleet through the end of the fiscal year. This funding is essential to avoid service interruptions for residents and to ensure the City can respond to emergency repairs of public infrastructure. Without these resources, inoperable fleet units would limit the City's ability to meet operational needs and maintain reliable service levels.

City staff will rebid the fleet maintenance services in May 2026 for Fiscal Year 2026-27.

CITY GOAL SUPPORTED BY THIS ITEM

Public Safety - Ensure public safety resources adequately protect our community.

Financial Health - Maintain a balanced budget and adequate reserves.

FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient funding has been included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget.

ALTERNATIVE(S)

1. Provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENT(S)

None