



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: January 14, 2014

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Transportation Division, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Emergency Repairs To Cable Restraints And Ventilation Ducts At City Parking Garage Number 2

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve an emergency purchase order in the amount of \$32,400 for the repair of the cable restraints and ventilation ducts at City Parking Garage No. 2.

DISCUSSION:

On Thursday, December 5, 2013, at City Parking Garage No. 2 (Lot 2), located at 914 Chapala Street, a driver attempting to park accidentally accelerated and crashed through the cable restraints. The vehicle demolished the cables, a 24-foot section of ventilation duct, and then landed on top of another car parked in the basement level below. The damage was so severe that 20 public and private parking spaces, including four disabled parking spaces, had to be blocked off in order to protect public safety.

Upon assessment of the damage and the heightened public safety concerns created by the increased holiday shopping traffic, it was determined that immediate repairs were needed. The cable restraints reduce the possibility of vehicles and pedestrians falling into the lower levels of Lot 2. The ventilation system is needed to remove harmful vehicle exhaust fumes from the lowest parking area of the garage. The damaged cables needed to be removed and new cables installed with proper tensioning, complete with new hardware. The damaged sections of ventilation duct had to be completely removed and replaced with new hangers.

Cushman Contracting Corporation (Cushman), a local contractor, was selected to perform the repairs since they were familiar with the Garage, having recently worked on those same cables and ducts on a different project. Cushman also indicated that they would be available to perform the repairs immediately, restoring the parking spaces and eliminating the public safety hazard. An emergency purchase order for \$32,400 was opened with Cushman to perform the repairs.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

There are sufficient appropriated funds in the Downtown Parking Fund to cover all emergency repair costs. However, because the damage was caused by driver error, as confirmed by the Police, staff is working with Risk Management to have the driver of the vehicle reimburse the City for the repair costs.

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