



POLICE DEPARTMENT

TO Eric Lane, Chief of Police

FROM Shawn Shimono, Operations Captain

DATE March 9th, 2026

RE Purchase Request for (3) Police Motorcycles

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends that the City Council:

1. Authorize the purchase of three (3) 2026 BMW R1300RT-P police motorcycles for the Hawthorne Police Department Traffic Unit; and
 2. Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all necessary purchasing documents with Long Beach BMW Motorcycles in an amount not to exceed \$120,638.79.
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BACKGROUND

The Hawthorne Police Department maintains a motorcycle fleet assigned to the Traffic Unit. Police motorcycles are used for traffic enforcement, collision investigations, DUI enforcement, escorts, special events, and other operations that require maneuverability and rapid response.

Currently, the department operates two 2021 Harley-Davidson police motorcycles that were received in a grant. While the grant funding is appreciated, these motorcycles have frequently experienced mechanical issues, which often makes them unavailable for regular patrol use. When these motorcycles are out of service, motor officers must rely on the department's back-up Honda police motorcycles, which are between nine and eleven years old.

Due to their age, the Honda motorcycles contain older technology and aging equipment that does not provide the same level of safety, reliability, and performance as modern police motorcycles. Newer police motorcycle platforms include improved braking systems, stability control, enhanced

lighting systems, and other safety features designed to support officers during traffic enforcement operations.

The purchase of three new police motorcycles will help ensure motor officers have reliable and properly equipped vehicles that enhance operational capability and officer safety.

VENDOR QUOTES

The Police Department obtained quotes from three authorized BMW police motorcycle vendors for the 2026 BMW R1300RT-P police motorcycle configured with required law enforcement equipment.

Quotes received include:

Irv Seaver Motorcycles – Orange, CA

Total unit cost: \$40,716.43

Long Beach BMW Motorcycles – Long Beach, CA

Total unit cost: \$40,212.93

Ventura BMW Motorcycles – Ventura, CA

Total unit cost: \$39,525.72

PROCUREMENT JUSTIFICATION

Although Ventura BMW submitted the lowest unit price, staff recommends purchasing the motorcycles from Long Beach BMW Motorcycles.

Long Beach BMW is located significantly closer to the City and will serve as the primary service and warranty provider for the motorcycles. Police motorcycles require frequent maintenance, inspections, and occasional warranty repairs due to the demands of traffic enforcement operations.

Selecting a dealership located closer to the City will provide more efficient access to service, faster turnaround times for maintenance and repairs, and reduced travel time for staff transporting motorcycles for service. This will help minimize equipment downtime and maintain operational readiness for the Traffic Unit.

For specialized public safety equipment, service accessibility and operational efficiency are important procurement considerations, and staff has determined that purchasing from Long Beach BMW provides the best long-term operational value to the City.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total cost for the purchase of three (3) police motorcycles is \$120,638.79.

CONCLUSION

The purchase of three new police motorcycles will improve the reliability of the department's motorcycle fleet, enhance officer safety, and ensure the Traffic Unit can continue to provide effective traffic enforcement and public safety services. The Traffic Unit is also pursuing the acquisition of a fourth BMW police motorcycle through an Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grant, which is why staff is requesting authorization to purchase three motorcycles at this time.

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the purchase of three BMW police motorcycles from Long Beach BMW Motorcycles.