



Wauwatosa Police Department

Interdepartmental Correspondence

DATE: July 15, 2025

TO: Financial Affairs Committee-Chairperson James Moldenhauer

FROM: Chief James MacGillis

SUBJECT: Consideration of amendment to 2025 operating budget to include enforcement as an allowable expense of the Vehicle Registration Fee revenue

The Wauwatosa Police Department uses on-duty resources, as well as grant funded and data-informed initiatives outside of normal patrol shift work hours, for traffic calming and roadway safety enforcement. This aligns with the City of Wauwatosa's Transportation Affairs strategic direction, focusing on the 3 E's of **Engineering, Enforcement, and Education**. Unfortunately, this year, we are experiencing significant cuts in our enforcement grant funding, specifically:

1. Federal Bike and Pedestrian Safety grant-\$0 dollars in 2025
2. Federal Click it or Ticket Grant-Funding cut by half in 2025
3. Federal Speed Enforcement Grant-Funding cut by half in 2025

The aggregate total (if awarded) is \$19,000, which translates to a \$7,000 deficit this year.

The Wauwatosa Police Department is requesting to utilize Vehicle Registration Fee funds, subject to the approval of the City Administrator, for transportation and roadway safety enforcement, when needed. The request aligns with Wisconsin State Statute **341.35 (6r)**, which states "**Use of fee proceeds. Any municipality or county receiving moneys under sub. (6) shall use the moneys only for transportation related purposes**". The 2025 Budget did not include enforcement as an allowable use of these funds, although it is permitted by state statute.

I am therefore requesting:

Resolution: Permit the limited use of Vehicle Registration Fee revenue for enforcement purposes, subject to prior approval of the City Administrator.

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James H. MacGillis
Chief of Police