



Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember

January 29, 2025

MOTION

Capital Needs for Police, Fire & DPS Fleet

WE MOVE that the Administration provide a report within two (2) weeks on leveraging the FY25 Carryover Budget Capital Project Fund for Police, Fire and DPS fleet needs.

STATEMENT

Recent events have highlighted the urgent need for the City of Cincinnati to invest in its Cincinnati Fire and Department of Public Works (DPS) fleet. This asks for a report on how to best leverage the Capital Project Fund account to invest in that fleet, including recommendations of the types of trucks that should be purchased.

In early November 2024, Cincinnati's Fire Engine 5 in Over-the-Rhine was out of commission for almost 12 hours. With some ladder trucks as old as 1999, and engine trucks from 2003, the need to invest in new fleet is urgent. Lead times on some fire trucks are years out.

Similarly, the recent snow emergency demonstrated a need to invest in our DPS snow fleet. With ~25% of trucks breaking down, and some that have parts that are no longer being made, we clearly have a capital need for new trucks.

Given that the proceeds from the sale of the Cincinnati Southern Railway are restricted from being used for fleet replacement since it is not considered current infrastructure, the City of Cincinnati needs to identify other sources of funds for these investments.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Jeffreys".

Councilmember Mark Jeffreys

For Bileave to 2/3 Budget and Finance

DT

