

**TOWN OF PLYMOUTH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN REQUEST
FY27 SPRING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

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| Department: Fire 220 | Priority #: | 3 |
| Project Title and Description: Training Division Passenger Van | Total Project Cost: | \$76,652.00 |

Department/Division Head: Neil Foley, Fire Chief

Check if project is: New ☒ Resubmitted ☐ **Cost estimate was developed:** Internally ☐ Externally ☒

For project re-submittals, list prior year(s):

List any funding sources and amounts already granted: (Org. 2624226, Obj. 540000), will provide up to \$50,000.00.

| Basis of Estimated Costs (attach additional information if available) | | | If project has impact on 5 Year Plan and future operating budgets, insert estimated amounts. | | |
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| Capital: | Cost | Comments | Fiscal Year: | Capital | Operations & Maintenance |
| <i>Planning and Design</i> | | | FY28 | | |
| <i>Labor and Materials</i> | | | FY29 | | |
| <i>Administration</i> | | | FY30 | | |
| <i>Land Acquisition</i> | | | FY31 | | |
| <i>Equipment</i> | \$76,652.00 | | FY32 | | |
| <i>Other</i> | | | | | |
| <i>Contingency</i> | | | | | |
| Total Capital | \$76,652.00 | | | | |

Project Justification and Objective: This engine has been on the 10-year capital plan for a replacement at this Spring Town Meeting. Any delays would likely result in increased repair costs and reduced reliability of the department's fleet due to historic delays in fire apparatus manufacturing.

For Capital Project Requests:

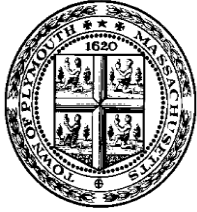
Will this project be phased over more than one fiscal year? If yes, enter it on the 5 Year Plan Yes ☐ No ☒
Can this project be phased over more than one fiscal year? Yes ☐ No ☒

For Capital Equipment Requests:

☐ Check if equipment requested is replacement and enter the year, make & model, VIN and present condition of existing equipment

What is the expected lifespan of this new/replacement equipment: 15 Years

Attach backup information, estimates, or justification to support this request.



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Date: September 18, 2025

To: Capital Improvement Committee

Cc: Lynne Barrett, Finance Director
Derek Brindisi, Town Manager
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From: Neil Foley, Chief of Department

Re: Fire Department Request to Purchase a Passenger Van - \$76,652.00

The Department is requesting funding authorization to purchase a passenger van for the purpose of transporting firefighters and their equipment to required training programs. Additionally, this vehicle will be used to shuttle firefighters, equipment, and resources during large-scale events or incidents. Total cost of the project is \$76,652.00. Partial funding for this project will be provided by the Fire Safety and Prevention Revolving Account (Org. 2624226, Obj. 540000), which will allocate up to \$50,000.00.

All firefighters in our department are required to attend initial recruit training at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, currently in Stow, Massachusetts. This is a mandatory requirement for employment to ensure that our personnel are equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge to serve our community effectively. According to our collective bargaining agreement, it is the department's responsibility to provide daily transportation to and from the Academy. In addition to initial training, our firefighters attend training sessions throughout the state to maintain and acquire new skills and certifications.

Currently, we rely on our aging reserve vehicles for transportation, which often necessitates the use of at least two vehicles to accommodate both the firefighters and their equipment. This system is inefficient and leads to logistical complications, especially when reserve vehicles are unavailable. At times, we have resorted to renting passenger vans for the entire 10-week training period, resulting in significant costs that could be avoided.

By purchasing a dedicated passenger van, we will not only eliminate the need to rent vehicles but also reduce our reliance on multiple reserve vehicles that are often at the end of their service life. Owning our van adds a reliable resource for transporting personnel and equipment for training purposes while enhancing our overall operational efficiency.

In addition to its primary function of transporting recruits, the passenger van will serve as a resource during large-scale events or emergency incidents. It will allow us to shuttle people, equipment, and resources, improving our capabilities during critical situations.

The acquisition of a passenger van for the Fire Department is a strategic investment that addresses current transportation challenges and enhances our operational ability.