

Staff Report

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Interlocal Agreement – Washington Traffic Safety Commission

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INTRODUCTION/PURPOSE/SUMMARY: The Washington Traffic Safety Commission administers statewide grant funding for high visibility emphasis patrols designed to increase public safety. These grant funds are distributed to a regional coordinator, who then works with law enforcement agencies to provide police officers for the mobilization patrols. When an agency allows an officer to work in on the regional task force, during an event, that officer is eligible to collect overtime for the work performed. The grant funds are used to reimburse the agency for those costs.

The benefit of these high visibility emphasis patrols is that we can locally increase the number of police officers on the roadways, looking for violations. The main emphasis for these patrols is removing impaired drivers from the roadways.

The funds allocated to the Clark County region are shared funds, to be used by any of the participating agencies. By signing this Interlocal Agreement, the City would allow Camas Police Officers to participate in this effort. A complete copy of the Interlocal Agreement is attached.

Over the past 30 years, we have participated in these Traffic Safety Commission agreements several times.

BUDGET IMPACT: This is some limited budget impact from this agreement from unreimbursed vehicle expenses. However, it is extremely small dollar amount. Money used to pay the officer's overtime expenses would come from the existing police overtime budget for 2020. The city would be able to invoice the Traffic Safety Commission for those labor expenses, thus making it a near neutral transaction.

RECOMMENDATION/RECOMMENDED ACTION/ACTION REQUESTED: I recommend that the City Council approve the Mayor to sign this Interlocal Agreement.