

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE February 9, 2026

Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee

TO Cara Mendelsohn (Chair), Jesse Moreno (Vice Chair), Laura Cadena, Maxie Johnson, Jaime Resendez, William Roth, Kathy Stewart

SUBJECT **February 11, 2026, City Council Agenda Item #2. 26-122A; Authorize (1) acceptance of a donation from QuikTrip Corporation in the amount of \$509,581.00 for the purchase of four Ford F550 blocker trucks with attenuators for the Dallas Police Department**

The following agenda item is scheduled to go before Council on February 11, 2026.

AGENDA ITEM #2. 26-122A

Authorize (1) acceptance of a donation from QuikTrip Corporation in the amount of \$509,581.00 for the purchase of four Ford F550 blocker trucks with attenuators for the Dallas Police Department; (2) receipt and deposit of funds in an amount not to exceed \$509,581.00 in the Police Gifts and Donation Fund; and (3) establishment of appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$509,581.00 in the Police Gifts and Donation Fund - Not to exceed \$509,581.00 - Financing: Police Gifts and Donation Fund.

BACKGROUND

The Dallas Police Department utilizes blocker trucks to enhance officer and public safety during traffic incidents on high-speed roadways. These vehicles are designed to provide a physical barrier between officers and oncoming traffic while responding to traffic crashes, roadway obstructions, and other emergency incidents.

The department currently operates two blocker trucks built on a Ford F550 chassis and equipped with a stake bed, crash attenuator, and Light Emitting Diode (LED) arrow board. Since implementation of the program in May 2023, these vehicles have been deployed more than 1,200 times citywide and have absorbed multiple impacts, preventing serious injury and loss of life.

The program was launched following the tragic death of Officer Penton, who was struck and killed by a motorist while working a freeway crash in February 2021. These vehicles now serve as a critical barrier between officers and oncoming traffic, significantly reducing the risk of injury or death.

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This action will allow the department to purchase four additional blocker trucks using donated funds from QuikTrip Corporation. The additional vehicles will increase citywide coverage and availability, allowing for more frequent deployment to protect officers and the public during roadway incidents. The Dallas Police Department remains committed to expanding and improving roadway safety initiatives to ensure the well-being of both officers and the community.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Fund	FY 2026	FY 2027	Future Years
Police Gifts and Donation Fund	\$509,581.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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 Chief of Public Safety

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