



Memorandum

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TO: Chair and Redevelopment Agency Board Members

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DEPT: Redevelopment Agency

SUBJECT: Update on Meridian Barricades

Staff is pleased to provide an update on the recent acquisition and initial deployment of the new mobile vehicle barriers purchased to support road closures and enhance event safety within the Redevelopment Area.

The order from Meridian has been received, and the equipment is now fully in our inventory. These barriers have already been deployed at two events—Off Beat Music Festival and Decompression—where they performed efficiently and provided immediate improvements in perimeter security and traffic control.

Enhanced Public Safety

The addition of these barriers represents a significant step forward in our ability to provide a safer environment for large gatherings. Modern mobile vehicle barriers are specifically engineered to mitigate unauthorized vehicle access, reduce risk to pedestrians, and strengthen overall event security. This capability is increasingly considered a best practice for municipalities hosting open-street and high-attendance events.

Improved Functionality and Cost Savings for Promoters

Prior to this purchase, promoters often bore the cost of sourcing and deploying temporary barricades or equipment to meet safety requirements. With the City now owning this dedicated system, we can offer a more streamlined and consistent solution. This is expected to:

- Reduce costs for event promoters by eliminating or significantly lowering equipment rental needs;
- Ensure a standardized, higher-quality safety setup across events;
- Allow faster, more efficient deployment and removal, reducing labor hours and street-closure impacts.

Next Steps

Staff is currently developing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to formalize conditions for use, responsibilities, and ongoing management of this equipment. Additionally, we are initiating a managed competition process to determine the most effective approach for storage, maintenance, and deployment. The goal is to ensure we can offer the best, most affordable service to event organizers while protecting and extending the life of these new assets.