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The Honorable Chris Kracman
Caddo Parish Commission

Dear Commissioner Kracman,

I am writing on behalf of the Greenwood Police Department to respectfully request funding assistance for the acquisition and deployment of a Traffic Safety / Crash Response Trailer to enhance roadway safety and incident management within our jurisdiction. Over the past several years, our agency has responded to an increasing number of serious and high-risk traffic incidents requiring extended scene management, lane closures, and coordinated traffic control efforts. These incidents often involve multiple agencies and prolonged roadway disruptions, highlighting a growing need for a more efficient and organized deployment of traffic safety resources. This proposed trailer is designed to meet that need by serving as a centralized, rapid-response platform for critical traffic control equipment and scene safety operations.

The Town of Greenwood is uniquely positioned along several major transportation corridors, including Interstate 20, U.S. Highway 80, and U.S. Highway 79, which serve as primary routes for both local and interstate travel. Interstate 20, in particular, is a heavily traveled east-west corridor supporting a significant volume of commercial trucking traffic in addition to passenger vehicles. Highway 80 and Highway 79 further contribute to regional traffic flow, connecting surrounding communities and serving as alternate routes during interstate congestion or closures. The convergence of these roadways within and around Greenwood increases both traffic volume and complexity, leading to a higher likelihood of serious crashes, hazardous roadway conditions, and large-scale incidents requiring immediate and effective traffic management.

When major crashes occur on these corridors, especially on Interstate 20, the impact extends well beyond the initial incident. Traffic can quickly back up for miles, creating dangerous conditions for approaching motorists and significantly increasing the risk of secondary crashes. These secondary incidents often result in additional injuries, property damage, and strain on already limited emergency response resources. Effective traffic control, through the rapid deployment of cones, signage, and warning devices, is critical in mitigating these risks. However, without a dedicated, pre-staged system to transport and deploy this equipment efficiently, valuable time is lost during the initial stages of incident response. This delay can directly affect the safety of first responders operating in



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active traffic environments and the traveling public attempting to navigate around the scene.

Currently, our ability to deploy large-scale traffic control measures is limited by the lack of a centralized, rapidly deployable equipment platform. This proposed trailer would serve as a dedicated resource, allowing officers to quickly respond with the necessary equipment to safely manage crash scenes and roadway hazards.

The trailer will be outfitted to carry and deploy essential traffic safety equipment, including:

- 36-inch traffic cones
- 36-inch flat-top delineator tubes with bases
- 36-inch traffic drums
- 48-inch roll-up traffic signs with stands
- Portable stop signs
- A-frame barricades

Additionally, the trailer will be equipped with emergency lighting powered by a self-contained battery and charging system, ensuring visibility and operational capability during night-time incidents and extended deployments.

The total projected cost for this project is as follows:

- Trailer: \$8,500.00
- Emergency lighting and controls: \$4,500.00
- Battery and charging system: \$2,500.00
- Traffic safety equipment: \$7,500.00
- Upfitting (estimated): \$2,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$25,000.00

This investment will significantly improve the safety of our officers, firefighters, EMS personnel, and the motoring public. By enabling faster and more effective scene control, this trailer will help reduce the risk of secondary crashes, improve traffic flow during critical incidents, and enhance overall public safety across Caddo Parish.

We respectfully request your consideration and support for this project. I would be happy to provide any additional information or meet with you to discuss how this equipment will directly benefit our community.



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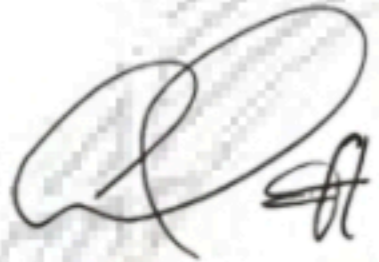


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Thank you for your continued support of public safety in our region.

Respectfully,

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