



THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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DATE: 7/21/2025

TO: Kyle Kelley, Girdwood Manager

FROM: Andre Achee, Whittier Chief of Police AA

RE: 2026 – 2027 Service Contract

Kyle:

Per our previous discussions, the City of Whittier would like to amend our current 2026-2027 Girdwood Service Contract extension options.

Based on the additional costs associated with our new dispatch service contract, personnel and equipment utilization in Girdwood we propose the following:

Dispatch services increase: \$25,750.00

Software (Dispatch / CAD): \$ 7,000.00

Personnel/Equipment: \$10,000.00

Total Increase: \$40,417.00

The updated costs for 2026 and 2027 are proposed to be \$896,905.00. I can expand on the breakdown of the additional costs at this evening's GBOS meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Community Concerns for follow-up

DOT Items:

DOT Alyeska Highway Pedestrian Safety Corridor (Bike Path) concerns:

Refresh of painted stencils: GVSA manager working with DOT for approval for GVSA to re-paint.

Bollards: GVSA will continue to use bollards seasonally to restrict vehicles from path. Bollards are removed in winter to allow for snow clearing.

GVSA does not have authority or funding mechanism to work on DOT ROW without permission by DOT.

Community interest in traffic calming in the 45MPH zone: request to lower speed limit to 30MPH and to add flashing radar "You are Speeding" signage. GBOS resolution of Support was recommended by PSAC in November 2024; resolution 2025-03 was signed and sent to SOA in Jan 2025.

Unrestricted access to airport property. Public should call police to report illegal activity. No recreational access is permitted on airport land. Service Area stated that 2nd gate after the hangar condo to be added to deter parties. DOT is examining this request. Local pilot says that DOT is considering gate just after the last residence on Donner Rd, where airport property begins.

Enforcement Concerns:

Drug/Alcohol use in Girdwood Parks – Chief Achee will have patrol include walk-thru.

Alyeska Highway Speeding. Speed limit enforcement by Whittier Police requested for 45MPH zone.

Unsafe parking on roads - Call Whittier Police for parking enforcement if emergency vehicles are unable to pass. WPD has equipment and authority to enforce municipal parking laws.

Traffic Study is occurring currently on Timberline and Alyeska Highway. Results of summer studies usually arrive in the fall.

Homeless Camps:

Abatement of homeless camps completed spring 2024 and illegal parking has been enforced successfully since then within the Service Area.