TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION

Police Committee

Issue Briefing

Topic: Resolution to allow access to the Pennsylvania Crash Information Tool

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I. Action To Be Considered By The Board:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Board President to enter into an electronic agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for access to the Pennsylvania Crash Information Tool (PCIT) to assist with planning enforcement details and future proposals.

II. Why This Issue Requires Board Consideration:

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation requires the Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution authorizing the Board President to sign and accept the terms of the PCIT agreement.

III. Current Policy Or Practice (If Applicable):

N/A

IV. Other Relevant Background Information:

The Lower Merion Township Police Department recently received grant funding from PennDOT in the name of a Police Traffic Services (PTS) grant. PennDOT is now allowing grantees access to the PCIT to assist with planning enforcement details and future proposals.

The 2021-2022 PTS grant includes the following programs: Aggressive Driving, Occupant Protection, Pedestrian Safety, Roving DUI Patrols, Sobriety Checkpoints, the Cops in Shops Program and DUI Awareness Programs. The grant runs between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2022. The PCIT will provide access to the most up-to-date data for planning purposes, including crash data not yet available to the public.

V. Impact On Township Finances:

There is no cost to utilize and access the PCIT.

VI. Staff Recommendation:

Adopt the resolution to allow access to the PennDOT Crash Information Tool (PCIT).