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Dear Fellow Supervisors,

I want to start by apologizing for the delay in getting this to you. [REDACTED] provided the underlying data nearly a month ago, and I've taken some time to compile and organize it in a way that I hope is useful to everyone.

Some time ago, questions were raised regarding the effectiveness of our fleet management practices, particularly when certain vehicles were sent to auction. In response, it was suggested that we examine how much we are spending to operate and maintain the county's fleet.

The analysis I am sharing with you today does not cover every vehicle in the fleet of more than 200 vehicles managed by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] team. Rather, it focuses on the more commonly used, non-heavy duty and non-commercial truck vehicles across departments. This particular study covers 114 vehicles. That said, the underlying database maintained by [REDACTED] is quite comprehensive, and [REDACTED] is capable of generating customized reports in a variety of formats to extend this study further if desired.

Using one of [REDACTED] standard outputs, I compiled and summarized operational costs across departments. These include expenses for fuel, tires, maintenance, and repairs. Please note, these figures do not reflect the capital acquisition cost of the vehicles, which would be depreciated over time; instead, they represent the ongoing operational cost of keeping the vehicles in each fleet operating on the road.

While I am not an expert in determining what the "right" cost per mile should be, this data gives us a clear picture of what we are currently paying. This is ultimately the kind of question many of us have asked—at least informally—when we saw certain vehicles go to auction. With this understanding, we can begin to evaluate whether these operational costs seem reasonable and whether they align with our expectations across departments.

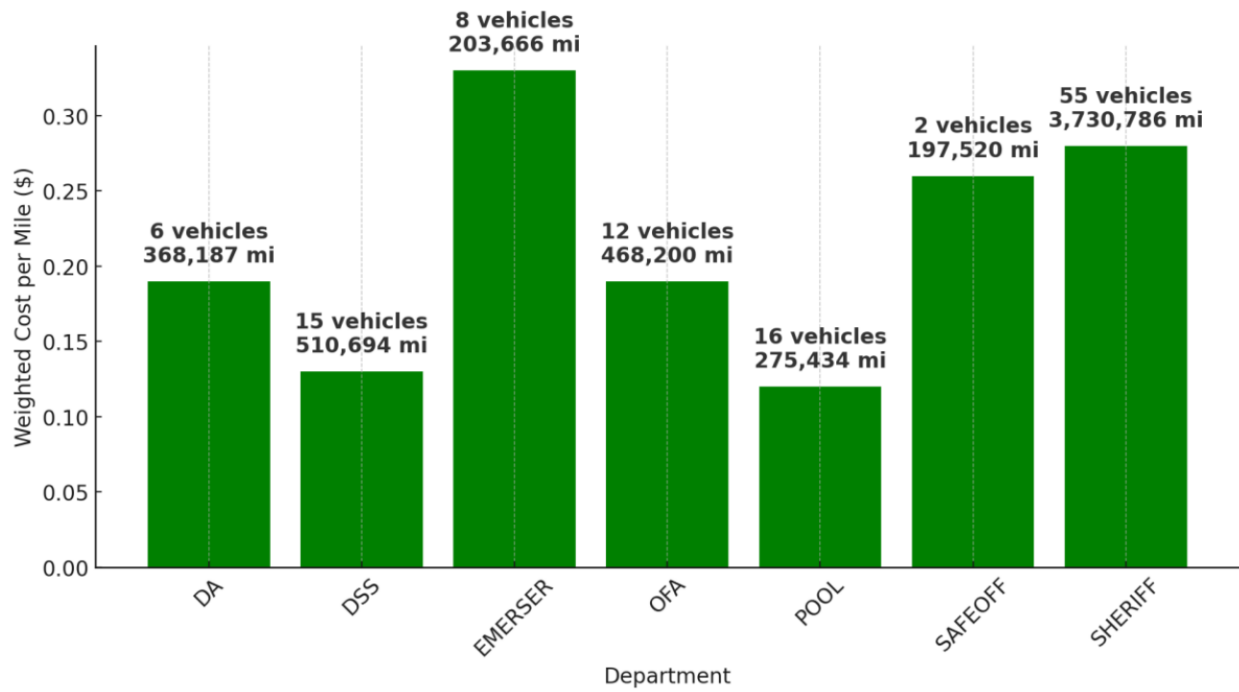
Attached you will find a visual summary—a bar chart showing the weighted average cost per mile by department. These figures reflect a weighted calculation: total operational cost divided by total mileage within each department. This provides a more balanced picture, particularly where usage varies widely across fleets.

A companion table outlines the number of vehicles, total mileage, and total operational cost for each department. If any of you would like to drill down into the data at the individual vehicle level, that information is also available in spreadsheet form.

With kind regards,

Charlie

Weighted Average Cost per Mile by Department



Department	Vehicle Count	Total Mileage	Total Cost (\$)	Weighted Avg. Cost per Mile (\$)
DA	6	368,187	71,467.47	0.19
DSS	15	510,694	64,288.25	0.13
EMERSER	8	203,666	66,494.66	0.33
OFA	12	468,200	87,265.86	0.19
POOL	16	275,434	32,067.75	0.12
SAFEOFF	2	197,520	51,276.30	0.26
SHERIFF	55	3,730,786	1,032,061.02	0.28