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TO: CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE
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SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR A NEW DPW FUEL ISLAND
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I would like to extend my support to DPW Director Kevin McCabe for the construction of a new fuel island at the DPW. As you all know, the police department is a twenty-four-hour-a-day operation, and we need to top off our cruisers a couple of times a day with fuel. The current pump is situated so that it is difficult to access without backing up and having to contend with other vehicles driving through during the daytime hours.

A new fuel island we could drive through like a typical gas station would make the refueling task easier. To run a 24/7 operation, especially during emergency situations, public safety needs safe access to fuel and without a pump at the DPW, we would be left with no after-hours option in the town.

Furthermore, relocating the pump to the back of the lot, near the cell tower, could potentially mitigate the noise impact on the neighborhood. As someone who occasionally refuels early in the morning, I can attest to the disruptive noise the pump generates. By moving it to the back of the lot, we could significantly reduce this disturbance, enhancing the quality of life for our neighbors.

A new fuel island would simultaneously accommodate diesel and gasoline vehicles. This would be helpful because currently, if the DPW or Fire Department is filling one of their large trucks or machines, we would have to wait several minutes to fuel our cruisers.