

AGENDA



Thursday, February 25, 2010

Public Works
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**Item No. 42**

Subject: Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Public Works Department Operating Budget of Ordinance No. 20090914-002 to increase the Beginning Balance by \$4,981,811 to appropriate \$842,079 into the Public Works Street Preventive Maintenance program for the purchase of heavy-duty vehicles and decrease the Transportation Fund Ending Balance by \$842,079.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from the Transportation Fund Ending Balance. Relate to Item #49.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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This action appropriates \$842,079 from the Transportation Fund Ending Balance for the purchase of heavy-duty maintenance vehicles for use in the public right of way.

In Fiscal Year 2010, Public Works assumed responsibility for the new downtown streetscape maintenance program. This program began as a pilot program in Fiscal Year 2009, and provides sidewalk cleaning, graffiti abatement, trash removal, and other general maintenance activities to improve the appearance and cleanliness of the downtown core. Public Works staff has reviewed the full complement of equipment needed to implement this program and is recommending the necessary equipment purchase at this time. The equipment includes three "sidewalk sized" street sweepers, two trailers for transporting the sweepers, one super crew pick-up truck, and one platform truck with crew cab. The cost of this equipment is \$398,844.

The second heavy-duty equipment request is for a thermoplastic striping truck, which is used by the Roadway Markings Division of the Transportation Department. Thermoplastic striping is an application technology which results in longer-lasting road markings. This unit is used daily to install long stripe lines in the roadway for bicycle lanes, yellow lines and other long markings. The existing thermoplastic truck is experiencing multiple equipment failures and has been out-of-service for approximately 50 percent of the time over the past year. Due to the continued breakdown of this unit, the Division has had to contract for thermoplastic striping at a substantially higher cost than using in-house resources. This replacement unit would be the daily operating vehicle for the Division, with the existing unit placed in reserve to be used on an "as needed" basis. The cost of this equipment is \$443,235.