



REQUEST FOR ACTION UTILITIES COMMISSION

Agenda Date: 9/2/2026
Agenda Section: Other Business

Department Origination: Public Works

Agenda Item: Approve a Budget Amendment in the Increased amount of \$38,789.16 for the 2026 Crack Sealing Budget for a total revised budget of \$288,789.16

Approval Required: Simple Majority Vote

BACKGROUND

The City of Baxter solicited quotes for crack sealing and Astech Corp was the low quoter. City council approved the crack sealing contract with Astech Corp at the May 19, 2026 council meeting. The contract includes \$0.87 per linear foot of sealant for both route and seal and blow and seal cracks.

Every year city staff counts cracks and tries to estimate the linear footage that is required to be crack sealed. Based on the crack count estimate, the estimated contract value was \$165,300. The number of cracks required to be sealed exceeded the amount estimated and the total invoice for the crack sealing contract is \$271,799.31. Counting cracks before the road completes the freeze/thaw cycle is an approximation because additional cracks will form and hairline cracks will seal themselves. Staff worked with the contractor to ensure only the open cracks were sealed and to verify the linear footage of crack sealing in the invoice represents the work that was completed.

Half a semi load of crack sealant was purchased this year for a total of \$16,989.85. With the overage on the crack sealing contract, additional crack sealant will need to be purchased next year to replenish the material for 2027. Two semi loads (approximately \$68,000) are included in the 2027 budget submittal to replenish from 2026 for the 2027 season and rebuild the supply.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The 2026 budget included \$250,000.00 for crack sealing, \$170,000 for labor and \$80,000 for material. With the total labor cost of \$271,799.31 and \$16,989.85 of material purchased the total spent on crack sealant this year was \$288,789.16, (\$38,789.16 over budget).

Staff is proposing to transfer \$38,789.16 from the Repairs/Maintenance to streets line item to pay for the additional cost. The Repairs/Maintenance to streets line item includes \$30,000 for lateral seam patching and \$30,000 for pavement repairs that will not be utilized this year.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends approving the budget amendment in the increased amount of \$38,789.16 to pay for additional crack sealing contract.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

MOTION to approve a budget amendment in the increased amount of \$38,789.16 for the 2026 Crack Sealing Budget for a total revised budget of \$288,789.16.