THE CITY OF BURLESON TEXAS

Department Memo

City Council Regular Meeting

DEPARTMENT: **Public Works**

FROM: **Justin Scharnhorst, Deputy Director of Public Works**

MEETING: **November 9, 2026**

SUBJECT:

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff direction regarding street maintenance operations. *(Staff Contact: Justin Scharnhorst, Deputy Director of Public Works)*

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AND GOAL(S):

Strategic Focus Area 1	Strategic Goal
High Performing City Organization Providing Exceptional, People Focused Services	1.2 Continue to improve the efficiency and productivity of operations 2.3 Enhance connectivity and improve mobility 2.5 Develop and maintain facilities and utility services

SUMMARY:

The City's Street Maintenance Program is progressing, with several efforts underway to improve project delivery, increase cost efficiencies, and coordinate construction activities across departments. While some projects have taken longer to initiate than originally anticipated, the timing reflects a deliberate process to planning, procurement, and coordination to ensure the work is completed efficiently and with minimal disruption to the public.

An important part of this year's program has been coordinating street maintenance priorities with the City's broader infrastructure planning efforts. This additional coordination helps ensure projects are sequenced appropriately, account for future utility needs, and protect the City's investment in street improvements over the long term.

The City has also structured its street maintenance contracts to support long-term efficiency. Multi-year, unit-price contracts allow work to be completed under established agreements across multiple fiscal years, reducing the need to repeat procurement efforts. Additionally, the current asphalt program is incorporating both Year 1 and Year 2 street projects into the same

construction effort. Combining this work allows the City to reduce duplicate mobilization costs and make better use of available funding. Looking ahead, the City is preparing to solicit bids for concrete maintenance work that could serve both the Street Maintenance Program and the Stormwater Utility Division.

Project scheduling also requires coordination with other major construction activities, including Capital Improvement Program projects and TxDOT work that affect traffic flow and access throughout the community. Balancing these efforts is important to managing the cumulative impact on residents and the traveling public. For example, upcoming work on Hidden Creek will require a detour to complete the necessary improvements. Staff are evaluating the schedule around the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays to minimize traffic disruptions as much as practicable while ensuring the work can proceed.

Although the timing of individual projects may vary, the City is advancing the Street Maintenance Program earlier in the fiscal year than in previous years. The combination of multi-year contracting, coordinated construction efforts, and improved alignment with utility and capital projects is intended to strengthen program delivery, reduce avoidable costs, and support a more sustainable approach to maintaining the City's street network.

PROCUREMENT METHOD:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

N/A

REFERENCE:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

Proposed Expenditure/Revenue:
Project Number:
Fund: General
Account Number(s):
Account Description:

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