

City of Independence - Strategic Planning Project Information Sheet

Project Title: Combination Jet/Vac Truck

Department: Utilities

Contact Person: Travis Foley – Utilities Director

Estimated Total Cost: \$600,000

Project Timeline: Calendar Year 2026

Project Description: Purchase a combination jet/vac truck

Project Justification / Community Benefit: Currently, the city hires a contractor to use a combination truck to clean a quarter of the sanitary sewer system every year. To provide the best service possible, I believe the system should be cleaned annually or biannually. To justify this, I think it would be in the city's best interest to purchase a truck of its own. Besides the routine maintenance of the sewer system, we have had to hire a contractor in emergencies, such as cleaning of the lift station, for hydro excavations, and other miscellaneous tasks and projects throughout the years. To continue our proactive approach to the sewer system and utilize it on multiple projects throughout the city, I believe it would be a significant benefit to the town to purchase one of these trucks. Purchasing one of these trucks and utilizing it in a proactive approach aligns with the city's goal of providing high-quality city services.

Key Dependencies or Potential Roadblocks: Determining the optimal time to purchase the truck will be the most significant decision.