



MEMO

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

To: Board of Public Works

From: Jake Van Gompel, Street Superintendent

Date: July 6, 2026

Re: Agenda Item 2e, Recommendation for Award of Leaf Collector Skid Unit

Background information:

With the arrival of our new automated garbage truck the Street Department is ready to start converting Garbage Truck #228 into an automated leaf collection vehicle. This project had three bidders for the opening on June 24, 2026. See bid tabulation included in this packet.

This piece of equipment will be a powerful addition to help with the workload through the leaf collection season. Currently 8 to 11 staff members are needed for 5 to 6 weeks for this collection. This collector should reduce the number of staff needed throughout the season while also giving us options to run multiple shifts with only one staff member. This automated collector will also give us opportunity to clean storm inlets, offer a spring collection if needed, and to be better prepared for early winter storms.

Strategic Plan:

Within the foundation of the strategic plan innovation has been an effort we strive for within the Street Department. This equipment will improve existing processes while creating other opportunities for services.

Budget:

This conversion project was budgeted at \$70,000 in 2025.

Recommended action:

- 1) Award bid to EJ Equipment for the Leaf Collector Skid Unit for the total price of \$92,366.00; and
- 2) Authorize the Street Superintendent to utilize additional funds from the 421 Equipment fund for conversion costs.

Leaf Collector Skid Unit Bid Tabulation		
	Bid Bond	Outright Price
R-Now	Yes	\$133,250.00
MacQueen Equipment	Yes	\$113,063.80
EJ Equipment	Yes	\$92,366.00

