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## Department

To: Board of Public Works  
From: Street Superintendent, Jake Van Gompel  
Date: 6/17/2024  
Re: Agenda Item 2b. Authorization to seek bids for new loader

### Background information:

In the approved 2024 CIP vehicle replacement schedule we were looking to replace our 1991 John Deere grader. Taking a deeper look into operations and the versatility of other machinery, we were looking for something to better fit the mold of Street Department operations. Our current loader puts over 400 more hours on than our graders in a year. With the right attachments, we will be able to utilize a loader in more operations than a grader, making it an all-around better investment while still staying under the budgeted amount for the replacement of the grader.

### Strategic Plan:

Rather than just replacing, this forward thinking of operations will offer a higher quality of life for residents through services.

### Budget:

These funds were budgeted in our Capital Improvement Plan. (See attachment) With replacing the grader for a loader and attachments we will see significant cost savings. Current estimates for Loader and attachments are \$425,000. This could be \$75,000 savings in the 2024 CIP budget.

### Staff Recommended Action:

Authorize the Street Superintendent to seek bids for new loader and attachments with trading in or selling outright equipment #21, the 1991 John Deere grader.