



MEMO

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

To: Board of Public Works
From: Jake Van Gompel, Street Superintendent
Date: May 18, 2026
Re: Item 2b, Authorization to Seek Bids for Replacement of Tandem Dump Truck #215

Background information:

Truck #215 is one of two tandem dump trucks in the Street Department Fleet. It currently has 66,000 Miles and 7,200 hours. The tandem trucks see higher amounts of miles per year because they are used throughout all seasons. Snow plowing, hauling of snow, brush, yard waste, and leaf collection are the main projects this equipment is scheduled on. This truck was purchased as a demo unit in 2014, so we were unable to specify the different features of the vehicle like we do when equipment goes out for sealed bid.

Through monthly maintenance and yearly DOT inspections there were a few reports that caused elevated concern. Rust jacking of the dual c-channel frame and coolant detected in the engine oil. Currently neither issue takes this unit out of service but requires close monitoring and elevated concern of premature failure.

Truck #215 was moved up in the equipment replacement schedule during the last budget cycle because of the concerns mentioned. Currently replacement is scheduled for 2027 instead of the 15-20yr cycle we anticipated reaching before replacement.

With moving this vehicle in front of the 2026 projects we should be able to beat the cost increases associated with the new emission laws set to take place in 2027. Anticipated cost increases for 2027 emissions are 20-25K.

Strategic Plan:

To continue providing a high quality of life through services, the Street Department replaces older equipment to enhance operations.

Budget:

The city has budgeted \$325,000 for this replacement in 2027.

Recommended action:

Authorize the Street Superintendent to seek bids for the replacement of Tandem Dump Truck#215



