



MEMO

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

To: Board of Public Works
From: Jake Van Gompel, Street Superintendent
Date: August 3, 2026
Re: Item 2a, Authorization to seek bids for the replacement of unit #31 Snowgo Snowblower.

Background information:

Within the Capital Improvement Projects for 2026 the city has budgeted for the replacement of unit #31 the Snogo Snowblower. This unit is a vital piece of equipment for snow removal operations. It is the only unit that can remove snow from STH 55 when snowbanks start restricting outside travel lanes. It is also used for removal of accumulated snow from downtown and multiple streets with little or no terrace.

The projected replacement schedule for this unit was 20 years. With continued maintenance the Street Department was able to prolong replacement for an additional 5 years. Frame and engine head corrosion, leaking radiator, and engine valve issues are concerns steering us in the direction of replacement.

Strategic Plan:

To continue providing a high quality of life through services, the Street Department replaces older equipment to ensure the department's equipment can maintain safe travel routes.

Budget:

The city has budgeted and borrowed \$250,000 for this replacement in 2026 Capital Borrowing.

Recommended action:

Authorize the Street Superintendent to seek bids for the replacement of unit # 31, the Snowgo Snowblower.



