

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 24, 2024
TO: Melissa R. Marsh, City Manager
FROM: Sean P. Ballantine, Director of Public Services
SUBJECT: Scheduled Replacement – Loader #488

The approved FY 2024-25 Budget includes the scheduled replacement of Loader #488, a 2003 Volvo L-30 B front-end loader with bucket, forks, and broom, funded through the Parks division.

This is the smallest of the various DPS loaders, and is heavily utilized year-round for parks maintenance projects, general handling of materials at the DPS yard, snow removal at municipal facilities, and curblane sweeping and cleanup. As noted on the attached evaluation sheet, the current machine is 21 years old, and has an extremely poor evaluation score of 44 (28 and over is denoted as requiring priority replacement). The replacement of this machine is essential to support routine DPS operations.

The last three loaders purchased have been Volvo, due to its being highly favored in demonstrations and operations, as well as a proven track record of providing strong service with minimal maintenance and downtime. Having all of these machines provided by the same maker also helps to streamline the parts and service inventory, as well as providing familiarity for the operators who use both machines on a routine basis. Due to these factors, Staff elected to spec out a new Volvo as a functional like-for-like replacement.

The loader and its attachments are available on a cooperative MiDeal bid through the State of Michigan, from Alta Equipment, which is the area Volvo dealer. Based on this information, Staff requests that Council approve the purchase of one Volvo L-30 GS Front-End Loader, with identified options from Alta Equipment of Burton, Michigan, through the MiDeal Cooperative Purchasing Contract #240000000159 for a total equipped cost of \$160,898. Funds are budgeted and available for this scheduled replacement and purchase.

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