

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 17, 2026
TO: Melissa R. Marsh, City Manager
FROM: Sean P. Ballantine, Director of Public Services
SUBJECT: Replacement of Vehicle #463

The FY 2025-26 budget includes funding for the scheduled replacement of vehicle #453, proposing to replace a 2013 cargo van with a utility truck, funded through the Water/Sewer division. This proposal has since been re-evaluated, taking into consideration a couple of factors.

Vehicle #463, a 2015 pickup truck in the same division, has experienced an accelerated decline in its condition since the original budget evaluation took place. Its condition analysis score now outranks that of the cargo van, making it a higher priority for replacement.

The resolution of the financial burden caused by the GLWA-attributed water main breaks is still an unknown, and has prompted a thorough review of the current water/sewer budget, in an attempt to mitigate the impact. The budgeted cost to replace the pickup truck is less than that of the proposed cargo van replacement, prompting that replacement to be deferred to next year, and to replace the pickup truck now.

Based on the planned operations of the department, Staff pursued an economical lighter-duty, but still fully capable pickup truck as a replacement, as opposed to a like-for-like plow truck replacement, budgeted at \$7,000 more. The quote provided for this replacement meets the needs of the department.

Staff therefore recommends that Council approve the purchase of one 2026 Ram 1500 Tradesman pickup truck as quoted from LaFontaine Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep-Ram, of Lansing, in an amount not to exceed \$45,000, through the MiDeal cooperative vehicle purchasing agreement. Funding is budgeted and available.

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