



## AGENDA REPORT

### City Council Meeting

**TODAY'S DATE:** December 9, 2025

**MEETING DATE:** December 17, 2025

**TO:** MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Holly Ellis, Public Works Director

**SUBJECT:** Approve Purchase Orders for Street Equipment

#### DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND:

The Street Division relies on a fleet of heavy equipment to support essential year-round operations, including snow removal, leaf pick up, branch pick up, hauling materials for water and wastewater utility repairs, supporting capital projects, and maintaining safe and accessible roadways. Several core equipment in the City's fleet have reached or exceeded their useful service life, resulting in escalating maintenance costs, increased equipment rental costs, reliability concerns, operational delays, and reduced efficiency during critical weather events. The FY26 budget includes equipment replacements to improve reliability, operational capacity, and worker safety.

Four pieces of equipment are requested for replacement, three of which were budgeted for in FY26:

1. End Loader (included in FY26 budget)
2. Dump Truck (included in FY26 budget)
3. All-Wheel-Drive Motor Grader (included in FY26 budget)
4. Loader-Mounted Snow Blower

These units are available through established Sourcewell cooperative purchasing contracts, attached to this Agenda Report for reference, which comply with Idaho Code §67-2807 and §67-2808(2), and allow the City to leverage competitively bid pricing.

#### *1. End Loader – Streets Division*

The Streets Division's existing end loader is approximately 25 years old, far beyond the typical 12-year useful life recommended by the American Public Works Association (APWA). This loader supports snow hauling, leaf and branch pickup, and general material handling. Its age has resulted in increased downtime, limited parts availability, and reduced operational efficiency. Replacement will restore reliable performance throughout the year.

The proposed John Deere End Loader (Wheel Loader) is available through the Sourcewell Contract 011723-JDC at a total cost of \$232,500.

#### *2. Dump Truck – Streets Division*

Dump trucks are essential for year-round operations, including snow hauling, branch and leaf pick up, street paving/patching, utility support, and have the potential to be outfitted to support brine/water application for roadway maintenance. The primary dump truck serving these functions was manufactured in 1989, had reached the end of its service life, and was facing significant repair costs. In anticipation of

its scheduled FY26 replacement, the unit was retired and sent to surplus. The 2006 de-icer truck, used for brine and water applications, is also experiencing significant rust and mechanical failures. Both units have exceeded their expected 10- to 12-year APWA useful life by decades, resulting in escalating maintenance costs and reduced operational availability.

A replacement dump truck was included in the FY26 budget. The proposed 2027 Freightliner 114SD with a 12-foot Cobalt dump body will be capable of supporting all dump truck operations and brine/water application. This will restore dependable hauling capacity and support winter maintenance operations. The total purchase price is \$307,088.09, procured under Sourcewell Cooperative Contract 032824-DAI. If approved, the de-icer truck will be included in the surplus.

### *3. All-Wheel-Drive Motor Grader – Streets Division*

The FY2025 budget includes replacement of one of two graders (both manufactured in 1999) to ensure snow-clearing efficiency, particularly at intersections where ice buildup is common and in the downtown core during large storm events when coordinated grading and snow blowing are required. The existing grader is aging and lacks modern controls, visibility, and traction features that increase efficiency and safety during major storms. A new grader will also support summer maintenance, including shoulder work, gravel road shaping, and site clearing.

The proposed John Deere 772G-Tier AWD grader is available through Sourcewell Contract 011723-JDC and is competitively priced at a total cost of \$389,000.

### *4. Loader-Mounted Snow Blower – Streets Division (Downtown Operations)*

A functioning snow blower is critical for clearing accumulated snow from Sandpoint's downtown core without pushing snow onto sidewalks and blocking business access. The snow blower enables crews to move snow directly into haul trucks, a process essential in narrow downtown rights-of-way.

The City's existing blower has experienced repeated mechanical failures, including a major engine rebuild exceeding \$50,000, yet reliability issues continue. Rental options for this specialty equipment are extremely limited and costly (a 2024 rental exceeded \$12,000 per month) and often unavailable locally during major storms.

Without this equipment, crews cannot reliably maintain safe downtown access, which impacts businesses, pedestrian safety, ADA mobility, and winter commerce.

The proposed LaRue D45 loader-mounted two-stage blower is available via Sourcewell Contract 062222-JAL. The total cost is \$205,256.80. If approved, the existing snow blower will be retired and included with the next surplus.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The three budgeted equipment purchases (end loader, dump truck, and grader) total \$928,588.99, which is \$121,411.01 under the FY26 equipment allocation. Purchasing all four units, including the snow blower, brings the total to approximately \$1,133,845.79, or \$83,845.79 over the original equipment budget. This additional investment is justified and can be accommodated within existing budget appropriations.

Rental costs for a snow blower continue to escalate and are dependent on availability during peak storm events. Based on last year's rental of more than \$12,000 per month and the closest availability of the rental was from Colorado, staff is concerned that snow blower rental costs could exceed \$72,000 next winter alone. Acquiring a new blower now avoids these potential costs and ensures operational reliability during major storm events.

To cover the remaining funding needed for the snow blower, staff proposes using savings within the Street Division's FY26 budget as well as unspent funds from the Boyer Culvert Emergency Repair, which came in under the \$500,000 expenditure authority, recognizing the need for an operable snow plow as an emergency expense. Current projections indicate that both winter operations and emergency repair expenses will come in below budgeted amounts, allowing the City to reallocate these savings without affecting other planned work or requiring budget amendment.

This approach allows the City to leverage FY26 savings to avoid significantly higher future rental and repair costs, reduce operational risk during winter storms, and fully replace essential equipment that is at the end of its useful life.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends City Council consider approval of Purchase Order No. 26-1672 to Pape Machinery for John Deere 544PZT End Loader in the amount of \$232,500.00.

Staff recommends City Council consider approval of Purchase Order No. 26-1668 to Freightliner Northwest for Cobalt Dump Truck in the amount of \$307,088.09.

Staff recommends City Council consider approval of Purchase Order No. 26-1675 to Pape Machinery, Inc. for All-Wheel-Drive Motor Grader in the amount of \$389,000.00.

Staff recommends City Council consider approval of Purchase Order No. 26-1669 to Solid Waste Systems, Inc. for Loader Mounted Blower in the amount of \$205,256.80.

**ACTION:**

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**WILL THERE BE ANY FINANCIAL IMPACT? YES HAS THIS ITEM BEEN BUDGETED? YES, within FY26 budget**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Proposed Resolution
2. PO 26-1672 to Pape Machinery for End Loader
3. Pape Machinery End Loader Quote
4. PO 26-1668 to Freightliner Northwest for Cobalt Dump Truck
5. Freightliner Northwest for Cobalt Dump Truck Quote
6. PO 26-1675 to Pape Machinery, Inc. for All-Wheel-Drive Motor Grader
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8. Purchase Order No. 26-1669 to Solid Waste Systems, Inc. for Loader Mounted Blower
9. Solid Waste Systems, Inc. for Loader Mounted Snow Blower Quote
10. Sourcewell Daimler Contract 032824- Freightliner
11. Sourcewell John Deere Contract 011723