



DPW – STREET & SOLID WASTE DIVISION

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TO: Mark Stevens, Finance Director
FROM: Stacy Winkelman
RE: Approval to Order Equipment Ahead of Budget Year

Dear Mark,

Our five-year plan has purchases of a tandem axle dump truck (shared purchase with the Storm Water Utility) and a single axle dump truck in 2024. Also in 2024 is a purchase of a new refuse truck out of the Solid Waste Utility.

Tandem and single axle trucks are essential parts of our department. They are used year-round but are most depended on during the salting and snow plowing seasons. Tandems are used on larger straighter routes while single axles are used downtown where streets are closer and there are many overhead wires. Both trucks are used during construction season as well – tandems for the bigger projects and single axles for projects like storm water repairs. The refuse truck is probably the most used and hardest working vehicle in any City fleet. These trucks run five days a week year-round. If it's a holiday, they work twice as hard the next day. By continuing to replace refuse trucks it will eventually keep repair costs down.

Vendors are still seeing at least one year delivery dates, sometimes more like a year and half and pushing two years for delivery. Considering the importance of the trucks it will be most helpful to be able to at least order the trucks one year before they are budgeted for.

Respectfully,

Stacy Winkelman
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