

Agenda Statement

Meeting Date: August 19, 2025
To: City Council
Through: Jackie Wilde, City Manager
From: Kristin Erchinger, Finance Director
Agenda Item: Purchase of 2025 Motor Grader



BACKGROUND, JUSTIFICATION, & INTENT:

The City's 2025/2026 Budget includes the anticipated purchase of a new motor grader. The public works department currently maintains one motor grader; a 2000 Champion Grader. This equipment will help address maintenance of Whittier's roads during the winter, as well as maintenance needs on Shotgun Cove Road and at the Head of the Bay, and will reduce reliance on a single grader.

The City will utilize competitive bids received by the State of Alaska to purchase a 2025 Caterpillar Model 160-15 AWD motor grader, including a front hydraulic plow, snow wing, operator training, freight FOB Whittier, a one-year standard warranty plus six-year extended warranty.

CONSISTENCY CHECKLIST:

	Yes	No	N/A
1. Legislative Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Comprehensive Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Whittier Code: <i>WMC 3.32.210(E) Sole Source Procurement</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Other: <i>City of Whittier 2025/2026 Biennial Budget, p. 24</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

FISCAL NOTE: The 2025/2026 Budget anticipates this purchase at an estimated cost of \$600,000, with plans to pay for the equipment over seven equal payments of \$85,714. The quote from NC Machinery is for six equal payments of \$84,559.05, plus a nominal \$1.00 payment in year seven, for a total all-in purchase price of \$507,355.30, well under the budgeted \$600,000.

ATTORNEY REVIEW: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Not Applicable

RECOMMENDATION: Council approve purchase of a 2025 Caterpillar motor grader utilizing the State of Alaska motor grader contract, plus authorize purchase of optional accessories, and the financing of the purchase over a seven-year period.