



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR REED
SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

FROM: Councilmember Rose Herrera
DATE: 5/22/13

Approved *Bur* Date 5/22/13

RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: Front Loader Purchase

Amount of City Funding Required: \$250,000

Fund Type (i.e. General Fund, C&C funds, etc.): Storm Sewer Operating Fund (446)

Proposal Description, including anticipated outcomes (describe how change would affect services for San José residents, businesses, community groups, etc.):

DOT responds to illegal dumps in the streets and has two staff during the day handling requests for removal of debris in the public right of way. Many of these requests are for smaller items that can be collected by one or two staff and loaded into the back of a service vehicle. However, the City has unfortunately been experiencing an increase in larger illegal, dumps that staff cannot easily remove and must instead call upon the use of a front loader truck. A front loader is a dump truck with a scoop loader that picks up debris and drops it into the dump bed and can be efficiently operated by one person. When this vehicle is out of service, DOT must deploy much larger crews to remove this debris by hand and load it into dumpsters.

DOT has one front loader in the fleet and it is used to pick up debris deposited from the street sweepers and to remove larger piles of debris from illegal dumps. In FY 2011-2012, the front loader transported 670 tons of illegally dumped debris and through April of 2013, the loader has already transported 750 tons.

The existing vehicle is a 1997 model with over 170,000 miles on it and exceeds the current replacement criteria. It is incurring vehicle M&O costs of approximately \$25,000 per year and has been in the shop for repairs 14 times this year. The repair requests and costs are slowly increasing,

which is a clear sign of aging and indicative of a vehicle that has exceeded its useful life and in need of replacement.

Funding Source

Essential Services Reserve (\$2 million)

Other (Program/Project/Fund): Storm Sewer Operating Fund (446)

Department or Organization: Department of Transportation

Department or Organization Contact (list contact information for the individual that certified cost estimates contained within your recommendation):

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This change is:

One-time Ongoing

The City Service Area to which the change best relates:

Community and Economic Development Services

Environmental and Utility Services

Neighborhood Services

Public Safety

Strategic Support

Transportation and Aviation Services