



Public Works Department

Fleet Services Division

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To: Commissioner Matt Jones
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From: Grant Roberts, Fleet Manager

Cc: Jeff Maxwell, Director of Public Works
David Mcleod, Deputy Director of Public Works
Courtney Gabriel, Purchasing

Date: January 31, 2022

SUBJECT: Request for waiver of bid requirements to acquire a used Cold
Recycler/Reclaimer machine in place a new unit with approved 2022 RM11
Fleet Additions/Replacement funds

Request:

Due to pandemic related cost increases Road Maintenance requests to purchase a used Reclaimer/Recycler machine in place of new unit to stay within budget.

Budget:

Not to exceed \$417,575.00

Background & Justification:

Road Maintenance Division has an approved 2022 budget request for the addition of a Wirtgen WR200i asphalt reclaimer machine based on a quoted purchase price of \$417,575. As of January 6th 2022, the price has increased substantially to \$456,118 due to pandemic related materials shortages, assembly line shut downs, and high customer demand. Aside from exceeding our approved budget by \$38,543.00, the lead times for production and delivery have been pushed back to October/November of 2022.

With these constraints in mind, we've been evaluating alternatives and have identified a 2018 model year version of the same make/model machine available on the secondary market (i.e. used) with just 900 hours of total operating time on the system. Our Fleet heavy equipment mechanics have evaluated this particular machine and determined that it is good operating condition. Based on funding limitations and extended lead times, I believe it is in the County's best interest to purchase an asphalt reclaimer on the secondary market rather than purchasing new directly from the manufacturer in this instance.

Purchasing heavy equipment on the secondary market does not lend itself to strict adherence to Boulder County's formal bid procedures. When looking at used equipment the buyer is not in a position to fully spec out requirements in advance but rather has to make a selection based on "as-is" conditions of equipment available at the time of purchase. For these reasons, I am requesting a waiver from Boulder County's formal bid requirements and permission to proceed

with the purchase a used 2018 Wirtgen WR200i Recycler/Reclaimer machine at the cost of 385,900.00 from 4 Rivers Equipment.

If approved, we will need to issue a purchase order ASAP. Road Maintenance has acknowledged that they will be responsible for covering all inspection, and transportation fees associated with the purchase of this vehicle as well as all future O&M costs.

Thank you,

Grant Roberts.

Courtney Gabriel

Courtney Gabriel, Purchasing

Jeff Maxwell

Jeff Maxwell, Director of Public Works

Marta Loachamin, Board of County Commissioners of Boulder County, Chair