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 To: Board of Commissioners
From: Brian Mital, Associate Director of Operations Dan Goossen, Director of Organics Recycling Sarah Reeves, Executive Director
Date: July 1, 2024
RE: Purchase of truck and collection body for organics

Staff have determined a need exists to dedicate District resources to ensuring adequate high quality food scraps are sourced, collected, and delivered to the Organics Recycling Facility (ORF) to facilitate ORF program sustainability. This need will be partially satisfied through providing limited and targeted hauling services to select generators of high-quality food scraps.

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Our truck RFB yielded five bids for trucks capable of collecting organics of our initial anticipated route and allow room for growth. The targeted vehicle is a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 4500 that is currently available for \$61,755.64 from Cody Chevrolet in Montpelier, VT.

We received two bids from the fabrication RFB. Iroquois Manufacturing of Hinesburg, VT will build a 12' by 8' platform body with 50" high 10-gauge steel sides. Due to the nature of organics waste, the body will be sealed and watertight with safety clamps. The body will have a curbside cut out to stay within width limitations and include a Rotac Long-Arm Adjustable Tipper (purchased separately) and a Class 50 hoist. The fabricated body will cost \$36,577 and the adjustable tipper is \$4,250.

The FY2024 capital budget approved in May of 2023 included \$100,000 towards the purchase of an organics collection truck and required fabrication. We encumbered this capital procurement for FY2025. We are slightly over the budgeted amount due to our need for a four-wheel drive model to have the proper cab to axle distance to fit the preferred bed size, allow us to service clients in severe weather, add an additional plow truck for District-wide use and if this pilot program is unsuccessful, a four-wheel drive vehicle with either be more versatile for an alternative use to the District or be better suited for the re-sale market.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the purchase of a new 2024 Chevy Silverado 4500 cab and chassis from Cody Chevrolet of Montpelier, VT, fabrication of a dump body from Iroquois Manufacturing of Hinesburg, VT, and a tipper from Micromatic, LLC of Berne, IN for a total vehicle price not to exceed \$105,000.