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TO: Honorable County Commissioners  
Scott Arneson, County Administrator

FROM: Greg Isakson, Public Works Director

RE: 05 Apr 22 County Board Meeting  
**Super Truck Interest**

Date: 30 Mar 22

#### Summary

It is requested that the County Board consider authorizing staff to revise the use of 2022 and 2023 Capital Plan funds to purchase a Super Truck in 2022, and potentially purchase a second Super Truck in 2023.

#### Background

In a Committee of the Whole (COW) held on 15 Mar 22, staff presented information about a Super Truck which offers more flexibility and versatility than the standard tandem truck that Goodhue County has been purchasing for decades.

As mentioned during that COW, 2022 and 2023 Capital Plan funds could be reprioritized by:

- Not purchasing a new water truck in 2022 and a tandem in 2023; and,
- Purchasing a chassis for a Super Truck in 2022 and the plow, box, etc. along with a water tank and side dump trailer for use with this truck in 2023 at approximately the same capital outlay.

During that COW, there was a comment asking why we are waiting to shift to a Super Truck.

Based on that comment, staff analyzed the impact of these changes to the 2022 and the 2023 Capital Plan budgets. Our findings are listed on the next page.

**Option 1** Purchase a tandem in 2022, cancel the purchase of the water truck in 2022, cancel the purchase of the tandem in 2023, and revise the use of those funds to purchase a Super Truck, water tank, and side dump box trailer, (as discussed at the 15 Mar 22 COW).

Cancel the purchase of:

2022 Cap Plan	Water Truck	\$150,000
2023 Cap Plan	<u>Tandem – no trade</u>	<u>\$280,000</u>
	Total funds available:	\$430,000

Use those funds to purchase a Super Truck

2022 Cap Plan	Chassis	\$135,000
2023 Cap Plan	Plow, etc.	\$143,000
2023 Cap Plan	Water Tank	\$ 70,000
2023 Cap Plan	<u>Side Dump box</u>	<u>\$ 80,000</u>
	Total Capital Outlay:	\$428,000

**Option 2** Change course, cancel the purchase of a tandem in 2022, cancel the purchase of the water truck in 2022, cancel the purchase of the tandem in 2023, and revise the use of those funds to purchase two Super Trucks, a water tank, and a side dump box trailer.

Cancel the purchase of:

2022 Cap Plan	Tandem – w/ trade	\$224,000
2022 Cap Plan	Water Truck	\$150,000
2023 Cap Plan	<u>Tandem – no trade</u>	<u>\$280,000</u>
	Total funds Available:	\$654,000

Use those funds to purchase a Super Truck in 2022 and a second Super Truck in 2023

2022 Cap Plan	Chassis	\$135,000
2022 Cap Plan	Plow, etc.	\$143,000
2023 Cap Plan	Chassis	\$135,000
2023 Cap Plan	Plow, etc.	\$143,000
2023 Cap Plan	Water Tank	\$ 70,000
2023 Cap Plan	Side Dump box	\$ 80,000
	Trade/Sell old tandems	<u>\$ -82,000</u>
	Total Capital Outlay	\$624,000

### Alternatives

- As shown in Option 1 above, continue the plan to purchase a tandem in 2022, and authorize staff to revise the use of 2022 and 2023 Capital Plan funds to purchase a Super Truck in lieu of a tandem in 2023.
  
- As shown in Option 2 above, chance course, do not purchase a tandem in 2022 or 2023, and authorize staff to revise the use of 2022 and 2023 Capital Plan funds to purchase a Super Truck in 2022 and a second Super Truck in 2023.
  
- Stay the course and continue to purchase one tandem truck per year without purchasing any Super Trucks.

### Recommendations

It is the recommendation of staff to not purchase a tandem in 2022 or 2023, and authorize staff to revise the 2022 and 2023 Capital Plan funds as shown in Option 2 above and purchase a Super Truck in 2022 and a second Super Truck in 2023.