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TO: Honorable County Commissioners  
Scott Arneson, County Administrator

FROM: Jess L. Greenwood, P.E. – Deputy Director / Assistant Engineer

RE: 21 Mar 23 County Board Meeting  
**Request to Order 2024 Equipment with Long Delivery Schedule**

Date: 15 Mar 23

#### Summary

It is requested that the County Board authorize Staff to order several pieces of equipment in the 2024 Capital Plan.

#### Background

Some of the equipment that Public Works needs to purchase takes up to a year or more for delivery. Some of these need to be ordered in 2023 for delivery in 2024.

The last several years tandems and other heavy equipment have been ordered the year prior due to long delivery timeframes. The Board gave authorization to Public Works at their September 20, 2022 meeting, this last fall, to order several pieces of equipment from the 2023 capital plan. The tandems (Super Trucks) ordered this last year will not be arriving until this fall and early winter, respectively. Another challenging aspect regarding these purchases are the short duration windows to order off of the State Contract. If we have authorization and begin the process now, Goodhue County can and will be able to be in line to place an order for the requested equipment when the processes are open. Public Works is requesting authorization to follow the same process as past years and place orders for a tandem plow truck (\$250,000) and excavator (\$305,000) that is both budgeted for and should be delivered in 2024.

#### Alternatives

- Authorize staff to order a tandem plow truck and excavator so delivery will occur in 2024.
- Take no action at this time.

#### Recommendations

It is the recommendation that the Board authorize staff to order a tandem plow truck and excavator so delivery will occur in 2024.