



**CITY OF LODI  
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

**AGENDA TITLE:** Approve Specifications and Authorize Advertisement for Bids for 3,000 Tons of Asphalt Materials for Fiscal Year 2007/08  
**MEETING DATE:** April 4, 2007  
**PREPARED BY:** Public Works Director

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve specifications and authorize advertisement for bids for 3,000 tons of asphalt materials for fiscal year 2007/08.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The asphalt materials purchase is needed to carry out the annual street maintenance program that is guided by the Pavement Management System used by the Street Division and is consistent with past practices. The street maintenance program includes the thin overlay program and routine pavement repairs at an estimated cost of \$180,000. This is a simple purchase of materials which has traditionally been bid on by the two asphalt suppliers in the area.

The amount of asphalt used by the Street Division has been reduced by 25%, from 4,000 tons to 3,000 tons, over the past four years due to budget reductions. The amount of asphalt requested for fiscal year 2007/08 is the same tonnage of asphalt approved for fiscal year 2006/07, but the estimated increase in cost of \$24,000 over the last fiscal year is due to the escalating cost of asphalt. As the 2007/08 budget has not yet been finalized, should the full amount of funding needed not be made available, staff will reduce the amount of asphalt purchased to match the level of funding.

Trucking services will be dealt with on an informal bid basis, as the individual costs will be less than \$5,000 per event. This has been the accepted past practice and will allow us to obtain services from multiple sources on an as-needed basis rather than relying on one provider for the entire season. The proposed operating budget has sufficient funds to cover these items.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This budget expense will assist the Street Division in its continuing effort to maintain the City of Lodi's asphalt paving. The contract needs to be bid prior to the budget in order to have a contract in place for the summer maintenance season.

**FUNDING AVAILABLE:** Not applicable.

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