



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 24, 2025

TO: Forest Preserve District Finance & Administration Committee

FROM: Benjamin Haberthur, Executive Director
Jeremy Jensen, Director of Operations

SUBJECT: Presentation and Approval for the Purchase of One Replacement Tandem Axle Dump Truck for the Operations Department

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Committee with information to consider the approval and purchase of a replacement, tandem-axle dump truck for the Operations department.

BACKGROUND:

Funding was approved in the fiscal year 2026 budget for the replacement of truck #416, a 2006 International 7400 Workstar, 6x4 tandem axle, with dump body. Truck #416 will have approximately 20 years of service at the time the replacement is received. The odometer currently reads 70,275 miles. It has been experiencing a higher rate of required maintenance due to common wear and tear and corrosion-related issues. The District's fleet team assessed all the heavy-duty trucks for mechanical condition, and cooperatively worked with the Operations Managers on frequency of use, current requirements, and projected future needs.

The District currently has two tandem-axle dump trucks, one assigned to the Trades Division, truck #106, and this vehicle, assigned to South Operations. They are the largest trucks in the District fleet and are shared throughout the District. They serve as transportation for heavy equipment and for large-scale material hauling including bringing in mulch, aggregate, soil for construction projects and for hauling-off debris from demolitions.

The District also has two single-axle, heavy-duty trucks. Truck #328 is assigned to North Operations and truck #432 is assigned to South Operations. As part of an assessment for future needs, truck #432 will no longer be replaced within the District's vehicle replacement schedule, at the end of its useful life. Truck #328 will be replaced with a tandem-axle dump at the time of its scheduled replacement. This will provide each Operations division with similar capabilities, increase the availability to cover other District departmental needs, and allow for more efficient use of staff time on cooperative projects by maximizing material hauling and minimizing trips needed. Additionally, this will allow for the reallocation of approximately \$150,000 on the Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Schedule in future years, while still meeting the current demands and projected needs of the heavy-duty truck fleet.

An International HV607 with dump body is being recommended for the replacement of truck #416, and is available through the State of Illinois Procurement Contract with Rush Truck Center of Springfield, Illinois for a total cost of \$169,187.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funds totaling \$180,000 were budgeted in account 01-21-23-7010, South Operations Automotive Equipment, for the replacement of Truck #416. Sufficient funds of \$180,000 will be available as of July 1, 2025, to cover the purchase cost of \$169,187.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is recommending the Committee approve the purchase of one (1) International HV607 with dump body from Rush Truck Center of Springfield, Illinois, as presented, for a total cost of \$169,187.

ATTACHMENTS:

Total State of Illinois Procurement Contract With Rush Truck Center (Inclusive of Chassis and Upfitting)
Specifications for Chassis
Specifications for Upfitting