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Council Question Response

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

On behalf of City Manager Ed Shikada, please find below the staff responses to inquiries made by Council Member Tanaka in regard to the November 2, 2020 Council Meeting agenda.

Item 2: Approval of Blanket PO for Asphalt Concrete Materials

- 1. Does the city know where these asphalt repairs would be likely to take place?**
Work under this contract will be performed at locations identified throughout the year, so generally no. This includes any place there is a need for utilities work – these could be breaks, leaks, or new construction by private parties. This also includes Public Works in-house street maintenance work performed throughout the city.
- 2. During COVID, when the economy is facing massive economic unrest, why are repairs critical specifically for now?**
Repairs are continuously needed for safety and compliance with operations requirements. Also, as mentioned above, this includes coordination with private construction, for which schedules are not set by the City.
- 3. What would be the traffic impact of asphalt repairs on major roads? How long would these impacts persist?**
This is normal work that Utilities and Public Works perform every day in order to avoid traffic impacts from potholes and other safety concerns. Routine traffic management practices are employed to ensure traffic safety, and inconvenience is minimal. Repair and/or replacement projects are often completed within a 1-day turnaround.
- 4. Is authorizing additional government spending on road repairs wise during COVID?**
The Public Works maintenance program has been scaled down due to fiscal constraints; for Utilities, this is to repair sections that need to be repaired and/or replaced for safety and compliance. These expenditures are within the council-approved budget.
- 5. The staff report detailed a 4% increase in price. During COVID, why have the prices risen?**

Contracts of this nature are awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, as prescribed by state law. This is the market price as bid.

Thank you.



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