

Memorandum

TO: City Council
FROM: Steve Benoit , Parks and Recreation Director
DATE: May 18, 2026
SUBJECT: Approve quote from Warning Lites for purchase of a trailer attenuator.
ITEM NUMBER: 8.n
SECTION: CONSENT AGENDA

REQUESTED MOTION

To award the quote for the purchase of a trailer attenuator to Warning Lights in the amount of \$28,500.

INTRODUCTION

The city council is being asked to approve a quote for the purchase of a trailer attenuator.

DISCUSSION

The parks maintenance division currently maintains both the Highway 96 and Lexington Avenue medians. These medians were redone to their current design in the year 2000 to include grass, plantings, trees, mulch, and irrigation. The work needed to maintain the medians includes mowing, weed whipping, fertilizing, spraying, irrigation maintenance, tree trimming, trash removal, dead heading, mulching, landscaping, and stump grinding. In order to keep the medians aesthetically pleasing maintenance is performed from April through November. This includes work from one to five days a week, depending on the time of year, that can last from as little as 15 minutes up to six hours.

To provide safety to the staff, the current practice is to place signage at both ends of the work zone notifying drivers that maintenance work is being performed. Concern, however, has been brought up if this practice is adequate in supporting staff safety due to factors such as increases in volume and speed of traffic in addition to distracted driving.

Staff consulted with our CHESS representative who provides safety guidance to the city. After a thorough review and looking into multiple options it was recommended to utilize trailer attenuators to follow crews as they perform work in the medians. A trailer attenuator is a large shock-absorbing device attached to the rear of a truck designed to protect road construction workers and motorists. The city currently owns one trailer attenuator. A second trailer attenuator is needed for this work since protection is required on both sides of the median's.

Warning Lites is a company that provides trailer attenuators needed for this type of work. Warning Lites is on the state contract, number A210(5). Staff has not worked with Warning Lites in the past, but we have a positive recommendation from another organization that has purchased this type of attenuator from them.

The cost of the trailer attenuator is \$28,500 and will be funded through the equipment fund. This item was not budgeted in 2026, however staff have identified savings in other equipment costs that will allow for this purchase to be accommodated.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the foregoing information, it is recommended that the city council award the quote for the purchase of a trailer attenuator to Warning Lites in the amount of \$28,500.

ATTACHMENTS

[Warning Lites Quote.pdf](#)