

CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA

AGENDA # 16

AGENDA REPORT

DATE July 19, 2005

ITEM: STREET MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT STUDY

INITIATED BY: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

ACTION REQUESTED: CONTRACT APPROVAL

PRESENTED BY: JIM REARDEN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Commission approve the contract with Robert Peccia and Associates for a total not to exceed the sum of \$23,000.00

**MOTION:**

I move that the City Commission approve the contract with Robert Peccia and Associates for a total not to exceed the sum of \$23,000.00

**SYNOPSIS:**

This study will serve to quantify a revised Street Maintenance District assessment methodology in accordance with the parameters established by Senate Bill 175. The recent legislation passed in the State legislative regular session now allows a variety of different assessment mechanisms to be used. One new mechanism, and the focus of this study, is to equate the street maintenance assessment fees to the actual trip generation rates for the individual property uses.

**BACKGROUND:**

At the present time, Street Maintenance District assessment fees are collected by assessing residential and commercial properties based on their square footage as a percentage of the total square footage in the Street Maintenance District. This has led to inherent inequities in certain commercial users that generate more traffic pay the same Street Maintenance District assessment fee as a residential use would. Funds for the Street Maintenance Assessment Study are provided for in

the FY 2005-2006 Street Division budget.