

REQUEST FOR ACTION

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Agenda Item

Authorize staff to sell decommissioned street signs

ACTION REQUESTED

Authorize staff to sell decommissioned street signs that do not meet Federal Highway Administration standards

BACKGROUND

The Federal Highway Administration has mandated that all street signs meet certain retroreflectivity and sizing requirements. Retroreflectivity relates to the signs ability to illuminate at night time when a light is shined on it. The sizing requirements are to address public safety concerns to ensure first responders are able to clearly see street names.

The City of Delano has had a street sign replacement plan in place as part of the Capital Plan which will bring Delano into compliance with the mandate. In 2009, the City received a grant from 3M which offset approximately 30% of the remaining sign replacement cost.

As the old signs are removed, the City will need to dispose of them because they will never meet safety standards. There are two apparent options 1) sell them as scrap metal or 2) sell them online. Staff recommends selling them online to allow residents and other members of the public to bid for the signs. This will be done through eBay.com, which offers the easiest format to make these sales. As the signs are removed, they will be logged, and entered into eBay.com's data base.

Staff recommends the sale of all street signs which do not meet safety requirements on eBay.com.