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From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Thursday, January 1, 2026 1:23 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2026002

Recommendation # 2026002

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2026002 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

Group/Organization

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID 2026002
Recommendation Title Proper equipment for Public Works - More asphalt trucks
Areas Affected Brevard roadways all throughout the county
Department Affected Public Works Department
Current problem "The repeated cold asphalt patching on Indian River Drive north of the 528 Expressway highlights a critical need for a more permanent solution. Public Works' responsiveness with cold patches is appreciated, but limited availability of hot asphalt equipment (currently one truck for the county) prevents long-term repairs. I suggest either procuring another hot asphalt truck or utilizing a contracted paving service." While Indian River Dr is the closest to a third world road I have seen in the County there are many roads that need repair. Don't build a parking garage for a rich developer when our roads are third world.
Recommendation Extended Road Lifespan: Addressing issues early prevents them from escalating into major, more expensive repairs. Reduced Need for Frequent Patching: Proper preventative maintenance (like overlays or reconstruction) avoids the constant, costly cycle of temporary patching. Efficient Use of Taxpayer Dollars: Investing in long-term road solutions is more cost-effective than continually dealing with reactive, short-term fixes. Since an asphalt truck may be a large financial commitment can it be used by

some of the smaller cities in Brevard County to help defer the cost? Note that there needs to be personnel to staff and work the truck and the associated repair.

Attachments

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TO: James P. Liesenfelt, County Manager

THRU: Tad Calkins, Assistant County Manager

FROM: Marc Bernath, Director of Public Works

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2026002

CEER #2026002, Proper Equipment for Public Works – More Asphalt Trucks, was received by the County from Tom Kennelly.

Citizen Statement:

“The repeated cold asphalt patching on Indian River Drive north of the 528 Expressway highlights a critical need for a more permanent solution. Public Works’ responsiveness with cold patches is appreciated, but limited availability of hot asphalt equipment (currently one truck for the county) prevents long-term repairs. I suggest either procuring another hot asphalt truck or utilizing a contracted paving service.” While Indian River Dr is the closest to a third world road I have seen in the County there are many roads that need repair. Don't build a parking garage for a rich developer when our roads are third world.

Citizen Recommendation:

Extended Road Lifespan: Addressing issues early prevents them from escalating into major, more expensive repairs. Reduced Need for Frequent Patching: Proper preventative maintenance (like overlays or reconstruction) avoids the constant, costly cycle of temporary patching. Efficient Use of Taxpayer Dollars: Investing in long-term road solutions is more cost-effective than continually dealing with reactive, short-term fixes. Since an asphalt truck may be a large financial commitment can it be used by some of the smaller cities in Brevard County to help defer the cost? Note that there needs to be personnel to staff and work the truck and the associated repair.

Staff Analysis:

Both hot and cold patching methods are used to make temporary pothole repairs. The utilization of cold patch on Indian River Drive is limited to where water is inundating the roadway. Hot patch may only be utilized in those areas of Indian River Drive that are dry. The County utilizes hot patch whenever possible to make repairs. The use of cold patch on Indian



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River Drive has not been the result of patch truck unavailability. Records demonstrate Indian River Drive was hot patched 4 times last year and cold patched 10 times. Indian River Drive is on the road repaving list but has been deferred to coordinate the repaving with a SOIRL project.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject #2026002 because funding is not available to purchase equipment and fund personnel as recommended. A funding source would need to be identified as part of the budget process.