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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive  
**Through:** Elizabeth Kosa, Assistant Public Works Director  
**From:** Gina Miller, Public Works Maintenance and Operations Assistant Superintendent *EUM*  
Andy Bowler, Public Works Maintenance & Operations Superintendent *Eum for AB*  
**Date:** February 15, 2022  
**Re:** Taylor Driving Schools Contract for Class A CDL Training

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### **Requested Action**

I am requesting Executive approval to enter into a contract with Taylor Driving Schools to provide Class-A Commercial Driver License (CDL) training to Public Works Maintenance and Operations employees.

### **Background and Purpose**

Public Works Maintenance & Operations Division requires Road Maintenance Workers to obtain their Class-A CDL within 18 months of hire. Federal law changes regarding training for CDL licensing are now prohibitive to internal training. As a result, we will need to send employees to a professional driving school for 160 hours to train and test for their CDL.

### **Funding Amount and Source**

The source of funding for this agreement, in the amount not to exceed \$60,000, is Road Funds.

### **Differences from Previous Contract**

Previous agreements for outside CDL training have been completed two ways. First under a LOA between maintenance and Operations and the contractor. Second, due to a high number of employees that needed training, we requested a contract for up to \$22,000. Due to the increased cost of the longer training, we are requesting to enter into a contract to allow us to provide training for up to 12 employees through 2022.

Please contact Gina Miller at extension 6423 or Andy Bowler at extension 6417 if you have any questions or concerns.