CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

To: **Mayor Graham and City Council**

From: **Dennis Sullivan, Director of Public Works and**

Walter Denton, City Administrator

Date: **March 17, 2008**

Subject: **RESOLUTION – I-64 Interchange Mowing Exits 14 & 16**

List of committees that have reviewed: None.

Background: Exits 14 & 16 are the primary entry portals to the City of O'Fallon and Village of Shiloh, currently, and need to be maintained at a higher standard than common interstate right-of-way. The City, therefore, requested of both IDOT and St Clair County permission to provide additional mowing and maintenance of the exits. The effort will normally include trash removal from both interchanges in their entirety; and the mowing of Interchange, Exit 16 in its entirety; and the mowing of the first 15-feet off the edge of pavement at Exit 14. Annually, the effort will include trash pickup and mowing as well as well as fence line cleaning - removal of unwanted woody vegetation - and the pruning of trees within the interchanges as required. At this time, staff is anticipating that mowing will be no more than 10 times a season.

At the bid opening, S&S Excavating's bid was much lower than the competitors, raising the question as to their understanding of the scope. A letter of clarification was sent to them as the low bidder to reaffirm their bid. They responded that there was a misunderstanding. They had bid each interchange separately, and included fence line cleaning in their mowing bid, but not realized that any tree pruning was to be considered. As a result, the bid shown for S&S in the attached bid tab is a product of the clarification process.

Legal Considerations, if any: None beyond normal concerns when services are contracted.

Budget Impact: Funds were reserved in the current FY08 budget and are programmed in the FY09 budget for the maintenance. The Village of Shiloh will be invoiced for the services provided on the southeast quadrant of the Exit 16 interchange.

Staff recommendation: Staff recommends awarding the low bid of $3,885.00 to S&S Excavating for mowing and trash removal, and $6,885 for fence line cleaning and pruning as needed.