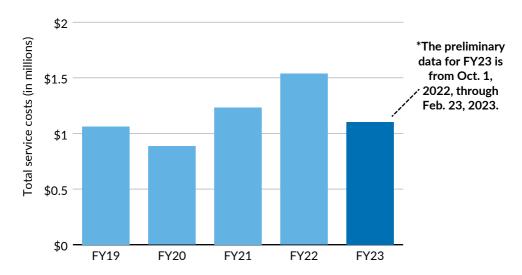
## Mechanic shortage leads to rising costs of outsourced work in Columbia

Due to a shortage of mechanics, the city of Columbia has outsourced a lot of the mechanic work for maintenance of city vehicles. For the past few fiscal years, which run from Oct. 1 through Sept. 30, the costs of outsourcing these services have increased. Outsourcing costs for fiscal year 2023 are on track to nearly double those of fiscal year 2022.



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