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May 03, 2017

Mr. Sylvester Jones
City of Flint Administrator
1101 South Saginaw Street
Flint, Michigan 48502

Dear Mr. Jones:

As you may be aware, the Stewart Avenue from Dort Highway to James P. Cole Boulevard, and Andrews Street from Stewart Avenue to Wager Avenue road projects from last year's construction season were put on hold to take the opportunity to upgrade the existing watermain beneath the roadway while the existing pavement was removed and replaced as part of the project scope. Since the project was put on hold, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has completed design plans for the watermain. The estimated cost for this work is approximately \$1.2 million.

Completing the watermain with the road work would be the most cost efficient method to replace the waterlines as much of the excavation and roadway work would be funded through the road project utilizing Transportation Economic Development (TED) Category A funding. Unfortunately the TED funding cannot be used to pay for the watermain work.

MDOT has met with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) who indicated that the City's Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN) funds could be utilized for this work. MDOT met with city of Flint Staff (Mark Adas, City Engineer, Betty Wideman, Transportation Director and Rob Bincsik, Water Services Supervisor) to discuss this possibility and they indicated that the Stewart Avenue watermain was not listed on the prioritized Intended Use Plan (IUP) and that it would need to be amended to utilize WIIN funding. This would require public notices/hearings, city council approval, conducting an environmental assessment and Environmental Protection Agency approval.

MDOT is asking whether the city is agreeable to make it a priority to utilize the existing WIIN funding awarded by the MDEQ for the Stewart /Andrews Street watermain. We ask that you let us know in writing by May 19, 2017 as there are a number of deadlines associated with revising the IUP and adding the watermain work into the road project contract.

If the decision is made not to include the watermain work utilizing the City's WIIN funds or a response is not received by the above date, MDOT will move forward with only the road portion of the project. The scope of road work may be limited to minor road surface rehabilitation without underground utility improvements.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further please contact me at 810-653-7470 or DoyleL@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Larry Doyle".

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