



8 Mile and Woodward Improvement Project Update- February 2021

Human Services Committee

- **Launching RFP-** The Human Services RFP for outreach and case management closed January 6th with the winning firm being selected the week of February 1st and the hopes of having a contract approved by Detroit City Council within a month's time. The contract will serve both the 8 Mile and Woodward Project as well as the HOT pilot project.
- **Launching all other vendors-** Currently, the Detroit and Oakland Continuums of Care are encouraging coordination among outreach staff and there are case managers who are directly engaging with people experiencing homelessness at the intersection. They are working in direct conjunction with service providers to help them obtain medical care, personal documents, and housing among other necessities.
- **February 18th Community Meeting-** The committee will provide an update on the scope of work that has been built out for this portion of the project, as well as the timing for the start of dedicated case management, where professionals will directly engage the persons at the intersection to verify needs and begin the process of accelerated service referrals and support. Additionally, brief updates will be shared on the state of the Physical Improvements component of the project, and interim strategies for maintaining the right of way while the project rolls out.

Physical Improvements Committee

- **Contracting Design Firm-** With input from the Community as well as the Selection Committee, we have moved forward with the firm The People of Detroit for the physical improvements design, with the goal of having them under contract by the beginning of March.
- **Launching Public Communications Plan-** In conjunction with the Ferndale Communications Team, the committee is creating a project communications plan that will be launched mid-February. The group has identified lack of public knowledge/ information as a barrier for project success.
- **Interim Right-of-Way Maintenance Process-** The Cities are currently working to coordinate a joint process on right of way maintenance before, during, and after project completion. The goal of the process will be to ensure regular cleaning of the intersection to maintain public health and safety for all area residents and users of the intersection. A priority will be clear and transparent communications to persons living at or using the intersection, who will be provided ample notification of, and opportunity to prepare for, upcoming cleanings and will have a safe, cost-free opportunity for temporary storage and collection for any belongings whose presence at the intersection inhibit ADA access or public health and safety.

Tentative Timeline- Next 45 Days

Monday, Feb 1- Project Communications Plan and FAQs will be completed by the Ferndale Communications team and will be immediately sent out for approval by both governmental teams.

Thursday, Feb 4- Comments on Project Communications Plan are due back from both teams so revisions can be made.

Friday, Feb 5- Project Communications Plan will be sent out to both City Councils for review.

Tuesday, Feb 9- Comments on the Project Communications Plan are due back from both Councils so final revisions can be made if necessary.

Friday, Feb 12- 8 Mile and Woodward Project communications will begin to be disseminated to the public.

Thursday, Feb 18 at 8 p.m.- Human Services Community Meeting. (Teams will offer a brief update on Physical Improvements at the start of meeting, followed by an in-depth update on the Human Services Design.)

Monday, March 8- 8 Mile and Woodward Physical Improvement Project presentation and fund approval at Ferndale City Council Meeting.

Tuesday, March 9- Electronic 8MBA Board Vote to approve the transfer of funds from the City of Ferndale to 8MBA for deposit and disbursement for the payment of invoices related to project expenses as received by 8MBA and approved for payment by the project team. Board Member votes due by end of day **Wednesday, March 10.**

Monday, March 15 at 1 p.m.- Contract Execution and Kickoff Meeting (20% of Design Budget plus 3D scan cost to facilitate start of design work- complete first draft)

Monday, March 22- Design Draft Good Faith Progress Payment

Monday, March 29 at 12 p.m.- Design first draft submittal (All elements should be depicted with an updated estimate on cost.)

Wednesday, March 31 at 1 p.m.- Draft Review Meeting

Thursday, April 1 at 7 p.m.- Community Meeting- Physical Improvements (Team presents draft to community and solicits feedback.)