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TO: Kyle Burleson, Executive Director
Detroit-Wayne County Port Authority

FROM: David Whitaker, Director 
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DATE: March 9, 2021

RE: 2021-2022 Budget Analysis

Attached is our budget analysis regarding your department's budget for the upcoming 2021-2022 Fiscal Year.

Please be prepared to respond to the issues/questions raised in our analysis during your scheduled hearing on **Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 3:00 pm**. We would then appreciate a written response to the issues/questions prior to your budget hearing. Please forward a copy of your responses to the Councilmembers and the City Clerk's Office as well.

Please contact us if you have any questions regarding our budget analysis.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Attachments
Issues and Questions

cc: Councilmembers
Auditor General
Jay Rising, Acting Chief Financial Officer
Tanya Stoudemire, Chief Deputy Chief Financial Officer
Steve Watson, Budget Director
Renee Short, Budget Analyst
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Detroit Port Authority

FY 2021-2022 Budget Analysis by the Legislative Policy Division

The City of Detroit provides a \$250,000 general fund subsidy to the Detroit Port Authority from the Non-Departmental budget for FY 2022 (page B-281 from the FY 2022-2025 Four-Year Financial Plan, B agency section).

Issues and Questions

- 1) Please indicate how the \$250,000 subsidy received from the City will affect the Detroit Port Authority's operation. Has the \$268,000 or 57% reduction in State of Michigan subsidy adversely affected the Detroit Port Authority's operation? If so, how?
- 2) On the Detroit Port Authority's website, there is a section devoted to Port Forward. Please provide a brief synopsis of the current progress of the project, how has the pandemic effected the project, when will the project be completed, have the project costs increased, and have additional resources been obtained to cover any cost overages.
- 3) How much of a subsidy will the Detroit Port Authority receive from Wayne County for FY 2022?
- 4) When will Victory cruises start their new cruising season from the Detroit Port Authority? Will the Detroit Port Authority continue to be a stop along the journey?

NOTE: The latest audited financial statements were requested from the Detroit Port Authority.