



City of Detroit

CITY COUNCIL

MARY SHEFFIELD
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
DISTRICT 5

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ron Brundidge, Director, Department of Public Works
FROM: Mary Sheffield, President, Detroit City Council
DATE: March 13, 2023
RE: Department of Public Works (DPW), Budget Hearing Questions, Fiscal Year 2023/2024

SUMMARY:

1. Our office has received complaints regarding the lack of garbage collection. What is the department's plan to ensure that garbage collection is consistent and how does the department plan to hold garbage contractors accountable?
 - o Due to the number of complaints received, what penalties and fines has the department issued to-date?
 - o When does the current garbage collection contract expire? Has the department considered moving these services in house? How much would this cost?
2. Currently, the department has allotted \$2.96 million for sidewalks. How will this money be used? How many sidewalk repairs will this address? Outside of an increase in funding, how does the department plan on addressing the city's sidewalk issues? Is there effort on behalf of the department improve concrete quality?
3. In the department's FY 24 proposed budget, there is a \$203,029 decrease in expenditures for street maintenance. What does this street maintenance entail? What is the reason for this slight decrease? Will the department still be able to adequately address street repairs with this decrease?
4. Does the department have sufficient funding for city cameras to prevent illegal dumping? How many cameras does the current funding allocate? Will this funding be allocated equally between all Council districts? Does the department have plans to increase this funding?
5. In 2022, Detroit announced a speed hump program to install 3000 speed humps. Please provide an update on the status of speed hump installations to date. What results have you seen from the program? Does this analysis align with community feedback?
6. How are residents being informed of maintenance projects in their neighborhoods as it relates to sidewalk, street, and alley repairs?

7. What is the department's plan to provide quality, timely services for snow removal? What areas benefit from the department's snow removal services? Please include all districts associated.
8. A previous highlight of the department included an aggressive program to ensure that all newly resurfaced streets in the city are compliant with all Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility standards for handicap ramps. Is this program current? Can you provide an updated analysis of the program?
9. Is there opportunity for the department to champion a variety of streetscape designs? If so, how will the department do so?
 - o How much funding is allocated towards streetscape designs?
 - o How many additional neighborhoods will receive streetscape designs based on the allocated funding?

Please contact Caryn Shannon from my office at caryn.shannon@detroitmi.gov if you have any questions.

Cc: Honorable Colleagues
City Clerk