



City of Detroit

COUNCILMAN SCOTT R. BENSON

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mark Schrupp, Director, Detroit  
Port Authority

**FROM:** Scott Benson, City Council District 3

**CC:** Hon. Fred Durhal, Chair, Budget, Finance, and Audit Standing  
Committee  
Hon. Janice Winfrey, City Clerk  
Conrad Mallett, Corporation Counsel  
Malik Washington, Mayor's Liaison

**VIA:** Council President Mary Sheffield

**DATE:** 20 March 2023

**RE:** **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON VARIOUS PORT  
AUTHORITY INITIATIVES AND PLANS**

As part of the ongoing budget sessions, I kindly request that the Detroit Port Authority provide detailed responses to the following questions related to ongoing and proposed initiatives:

1. Identify the return on investment for the proposed \$430K bollard to be used by private shipping companies.
2. Please submit your decarbonization plan to Detroit City Council.
3. Provide the specifications for the proposed hydrokinetic energy harvester, including the amount of energy to be produced by this machine.
4. Provide the net present value of \$1m 1980 dollars in 2023.
5. Describe the process to remove the Port Authority from the Master Concession Agreement.
6. Please identify the ability of the Port Authority to work with the ship construction industry to locate a shipbuilding facility within Detroit along the Detroit River.
7. Has the Port Authority completed a strategic plan? If so, please submit a copy to City Council.

Your timely response to these questions will greatly assist the City Council in evaluating and making informed decisions during the budget sessions. I would appreciate receiving your responses by April 2, 2023.

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 313-224-1198.

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