



City of Detroit

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ron Brundidge, Director, Department of Public Works

THRU: Budget, Finance, and Audit Standing Committee

FROM: Council President Pro Tempore James E. Tate Jr.

DATE: Friday, March 17, 2023

RE: Department of Public Works and Greater Detroit Resource Recovery FY 2023-24 Budget Questions

Following the Department of Public Works (DPW) and Greater Detroit Resource Recovery Authority's (GDRRA) FY 2023-2024 budget hearing on March 13, 2023, please respond to the following questions.

1. How often does the side loader solid waste vehicle consume trash/recycle containers?
2. Why is the size of the recycling container so much smaller than the trash container? (95/96-gallon vs 64 gallon)
3. What would be the estimated cost to increase the size of the recycling containers to match the size of the trash container?
4. What is the protocol for replacing trash and recycling receptacles that have been damaged by a side loader waste vehicle?
5. Why isn't residential recycling available at City dump yards?
6. How does DPW evaluate if the trash collection vendor is operating according to expectation?
7. How does DPW evaluate if speed humps are affecting operations of emergency service vehicles?
8. Is the City of Detroit responsible for the maintenance of the bike lanes along Grand River between Southfield Freeway and Telegraph Road? If so, what is the maintenance schedule?
9. Will street sweeping and drainage cleaning on the residential streets be conducted once or twice per year?

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10. Please explain additional plans to increase the collection of illegal dumping and enhance response time, based on submissions via the Improve Detroit smartphone application?
11. In the last calendar year, approximately how many submissions for pothole repairs did the department receive via Improve Detroit?
12. Has there been an analysis from DFD that the public can review showing how service has been impacted by traffic speed humps?

If there are any questions, please contact my Policy Analyst, Jai Singletary, at jai.singletary@detroitmi.gov

Thank you,

CC: Honorable Council Members
Mr. Malik Washington, Mayor's Office
Mr. Steve Watson, Office of the Chief Financial Officer