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**To:** Council Member Angela Whitfield-Calloway, Detroit City Council District 2

**From:** Ron Brundidge, Director  
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**Re:** Responses to 2023-2024 Budget Analysis

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Please find below responses to your questions sent on March 14, 2023, regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Proposed Budget for the Department of Public Works.

1. **There is a persistent growing concern about the maintenance of our city owned sidewalks:**
  - a. **Question: How many miles of city owned sidewalks does the City of Detroit have? Is there a ballpark dollar amount to cover the maintenance of our city owned sidewalks for repair? Ideally, how long would it take for DPW to complete repairs for all city owned sidewalks?**

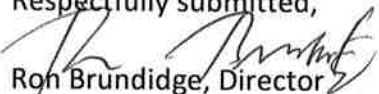
The city has 3,700 miles of residential sidewalk and approximately 5,000 total miles of sidewalk that is under our jurisdiction. This equates to approximately 3.1 million individual flags of residential sidewalk and 4.2 million flags in total. Our most recent survey estimated that we currently have 470,000 sidewalk flags in need of repair or replacement. The budget submitted for fiscal year 2023-24 provides for the replacement of 15,000 flags of city tree damaged sidewalk. This is in addition to the amended budget that Council approved which will provide funding for replacing 70,000 flags citywide.

2. **The city of Detroit has an illegal dumping problem:**
  - a. **What and How can DPW help curb illegal dumping across the city? Are we working with adjacent county agencies to coordinate in stopping illegal dumpers who cross city and county lines to dump in Detroit? What would a successful illegal dumping enforcement program look like?**

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Multiple interventions are needed to effectively fight against and to curb illegal dumping. We want to have resources that allow us to quickly remove dumping when it happens, so that continuous dumping is discouraged. We want to continue and expand our surveillance efforts so that dumpers are caught and severely prosecuted. We also want to expand our outreach efforts to better message the importance of all of us doing our part to keep our city clean. This component becomes more important as we see an increase of residents placing debris in front of vacant lots, as opposed to putting them out appropriately on scheduled curbside collection days.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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