



# CITY OF DEARBORN

## *Home Town of Henry Ford*

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Great Lakes Water Authority

Re: GLWA CIP FY 2027 – 2031

Dear GLWA CIP Team,

The City of Dearborn has reviewed the proposed CIP for FY 2027 – 2031 and have concerns about the number of proposed projects for the treatment plants and the limited number of projects proposed for the transmission system.

It seems that a large amount of funds is being proposed to be spent at the water treatment facilities and a limited amount on the transmission system. These funds for the transmission system seemed to be directed to those counties that are named other than Wayne County.

Over the past year there have been breaks on the transmission system including southwest Detroit and most recently in Novi. Yet, we do not hear GLWA proposing any type of inspection of the existing transmission system especially those mains located in the neighborhoods and based on the age.

Here in Dearborn, we have nearly 32 miles of transmission main that runs throughout our community including a 72-inc main within one of the older neighborhoods just outside Springwells Treatment Plant. This 72-inch main is well beyond 50 years old and more than likely beyond its useful life. Yet, GLWA has no plans to have this main inspected for possible problems. GLWA seems more concerned to fix the problems in western Oakland County with looping the 14 Mile Road transmission main then worry about the possibility of a catastrophic failure of a 72-inch main within an older neighborhood.

We believe that GLWA needs to take a more proactive approach to these older transmission mains than a reactive approach when those mains fail.

The City of Dearborn appreciates the opportunity to comment on the CIP and look forward to hearing what GLWA plans to do in the future of the transmission system.

Sincerely,

DEARBORN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy Hawkins", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Timothy Hawkins

Director of Public Works and Facilities

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