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Ecorse Road Construction Update

Sanitary Sewer

The contractor has made excellent progress on the sanitary sewer so far. Sewer from manhole 1 to manhole 15 is complete, representing approximately 41% of the total pipe length. The conditions of the sewer trench for the eastern portion of the project were ideal, with very little ground water. As we move to the west we are encountering a wetter trench condition which is likely to slow progress somewhat. The contractor's schedule calls for them to complete the sanitary sewer through manhole 22 (approximately 1,200 feet west of Belleville Road) this fall before they stop construction for the winter months. They are on track to achieve this goal.

Water Main

The project includes approximately 5,900 feet of water main replacement. To date the contractor has completed approximately 3,000 feet of water main, and we anticipate that by the end of this week (October 20th) that they will have another 1,500 feet of water main installed. Overall this represents approximately 75% of the water main for the project. The first section of pre-chlorinated pipe bursting for the water main had a few issues with flushing and reconnection of services, however the contractor has worked out those kinks and the process is working smoothly now. The water main is planned to be completed this year before the contractor stops work for the winter.

Roadway Construction

Construction of the main line roadway has also progressed very well. The contractor has completed subgrade excavation, placing aggregate base and concrete paving for the east bound lanes from the west end of the project through the Belleville Road intersection and up to Edwards Street. The contractor's schedule calls for traffic to be switched over to the east bound lanes before winter, thus enabling them to begin construction on the west bound lanes next spring.