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Memorandum

To: CPSID Committee Members
From: Brian Jonckheere
Date: 5/28/2025
Re: Upcoming Project

Honorable Commissioners:

Today our office had a mandatory pre-bid meeting with respect to the upcoming letting of a contract for improvements to the Brighton No. 4 Drain, located in Brighton Township. A map of the drain and the project area is included as the first attachment. This project was petitioned by Brighton Township residents under the provisions of Chapter 8 of the Michigan Drain Code (MCL 280.191).

Following receipt of bids and the hearing regarding apportionment of the costs later in June, our office will be approaching the Board of Commissioners for a pledge of full faith and credit on this project at the July Finance and Asset Management Committee meeting. Our bond counsel will be Laura Bassett with Dickinson Wright, and Financial Consultant Kari Blanchett with PFM.

Plans and specifications for the project are available at our office and will be submitted with this memorandum but may be too large to include in the packet. The project consists of the upgrading portions of the drainage system that were installed in 1944, from pipe ranging from 10 to 15 inches in diameter, to pipe ranging from 18 to 30 inches in diameter, along with installation of a detention basin. A time series aerial photograph, showing the significant land use changes since 1944, is included as an attachment. It is worth noting that the original 1944 project included a total of 48 parcels, while today there are over 400 parcels encompassing the drainage district.

The pledge of full faith and credit is an essential component of obtaining financing for infrastructure projects under the Michigan Drain Code, Act 40 of the Public Acts of 1956, as amended. Without the pledge of full faith and credit, it is doubtful that we would get bids for the bonds for this project.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact myself or Drain Commissioner Jonckheere.

Attachments (Map, Plans, Specifications, Aerial photograph)