

**City of Hartford**  
**Project Updates**  
**May 13, 2026**

**Project:** W. Main Street Improvements – West City Limits to Center Street  
**Project Budget:** Estimated \$2.755M  
**Funding:** MEDC CDBG \$2,491,110; City \$307,890  
**Contractor:** TBD – Harris ConAg, LLC  
**Award Amount:** \$2,220,456.75 – award scheduled for March 23, 2026 meeting  
**Scope:** The water main between Marion Avenue and Center Street will be replaced with a new 12” ductile iron water main, including approximately 200’ in each direction at Center Street (north, east, and south). All water services will also be replaced. As part of the project, the water main will be installed beneath the CSX crossing. Most of the existing curb and gutter will remain, but the entire roadway will be reconstructed. The project will be constructed during the 2026 construction season.

**Schedule:** The bid opening was held on February 24, 2026. Four bids were received and the low, responsive bidder was Harris ConAg, LLC in the amount of \$2,220,456.75. The City took action on the grant agreement with the MEDC and award the construction contract at the March 23 meeting. We attended an open house for the community on March 12 and shared the upcoming projects. We had a second meeting with the DDA on March 17 to present the impacts to the downtown area and coordination between the W. Main Street project, the water system improvements, and the N. Center Street railroad grade crossing improvements. We were available for the Main Street businesses immediately following that meeting. We held a preconstruction meeting with the MEDC to review grant administration requirements. The preconstruction meeting with the contractor is scheduled for May 21, 2026. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin mid-June with completion in late October or early November.

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**Project:** Lead Service Line Replacements (LSLR) & Water System Improvements

**Project Budget:** Estimated \$11.76M

**Funding:** EGLE DWSRF – DWSRF Loan \$4,767,120 + BIL LSLR Loan \$2,288,880 = \$7,056,000 at 1.00%; BIL DWSRF PF \$4,324,880 + BIL LSLR & WM Grant \$379,120 = \$4,704,000 Grant

**Contractors:** Contract A (LSLR): Compton, Inc.  
Contract B (Water Main Replacement): Kalin Construction Co., Inc.  
Contract C (Water Main Replacement): Krohn Excavating, LLC  
Contract D (Controls & Instrumentation): L.D. Docsa Associates, Inc.

**Award Amount:** Contract A – \$4,540,787.50  
Contract B – \$2,979,063.00  
Contract C – \$2,507,461.50  
Contract D – \$509,150.00

**Scope:** The goal of this project is to replace all of the lead service lines within the City's system, replace select water main, and minor water plant improvements. As part of the project, the City approved roadway improvements at a maximum cost \$1.5M at the February 2025 Commission meeting. This includes the reconstruction of Marion Avenue, Michigan Street, Hart Street, Washington Street, and Bernard Street. Each of these roadways includes storm sewer improvements as identified in the Storm Water CIP from the Asset Management Plan. Some of the sanitary sewer laterals will be replaced due to the pipe materials and their age.

**Schedule:** Preconstruction meetings for Contracts A, C, and D were held in 2025. The preconstruction meeting for Contract B was held on April 29 and Kalin plans to start work early to mid-June. The work on Tower Drive may be postponed until 2027 to avoid conflicts with W. Main Street.

Krohn is working on Bernard Street between S. Center Street and S. Maple Street. Paving is scheduled for the week of May 18 for both Bernard Street and Dunbar. They plan to move to Marion Avenue following completion. Compton has been completing service investigations when weather is cooperative and property owner coordination is successful. On-site progress meetings occur every two weeks. We attended a second meeting with the DDA on March 17 to present the impacts to the downtown area and coordination between the W. Main Street project, the water system improvements, and the N. Center Street railroad grade crossing improvements.

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**Project:** S. Center Street Improvements  
**Project Budget:** Estimated \$2.8M  
**Funding:** \$2.5M requested for FY27 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS), \$300k City match  
**Contractors:** TBD  
**Award Amount:** TBD  
**Scope:** The goal of this project is to fully reconstruct approximately 0.9 miles of S. Center Street from I-94 to Main Street. The existing footprint would generally be preserved with minor curb replacements or ADA upgrades where necessary. The roadway would be fully reconstructed from the bottom up. The existing water main, sanitary sewer, and most of the storm sewer is relatively new (less than 26 years old) and would remain. Some storm sewer would be replaced as needed. The project includes recessed pavement markings and new signs.

**Schedule:** A funding application for CDS was submitted through Senator Elissa Slotkin's office on March 31. The City would likely find out if the project was selected in late 2026 or early 2027, depending on approval of the federal budget. Due to the environmental review process, construction would occur in 2028 or 2029, depending on when the City receives notification of award.

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