



City of Hartford * County of Van Buren * State of Michigan

TO: Mayor Danger and the Hartford City Commission

FROM: Nicol Pulluam, City Manager 

DATE: May 18, 2026

RE: APPROVAL FOR LOCAL ROAD REPAIRS

ITEM BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

The item before the Commission is to approve the road repairs to S. Maple Street and Shepard Street.

DISCUSSION:

Over the past few weeks, the Public Works Superintendent, Ricky, and I have been meeting with employees from the Van Buren County Road Commission. We had the opportunity to ride along with one of their superintendents, who provided recommendations on the best solutions for our road repairs. Their suggestions included chip sealing, fog sealing, and patching. The road repairs will begin this fiscal year and will extend into the next fiscal year.

The recommended streets are as follows:

- South Maple: current fiscal year (local road)
- Shepard Street: current fiscal year (local road)
- Franklin Street – current fiscal year (local road)
- Reynolds Street – current fiscal year (local road)
- E. Main Street – next fiscal year (major road)
- Center Street – next fiscal year (major road)
- Heywood Street – next fiscal year (major road)
- Edwin Street – next fiscal year (major road)

We have received quotes from both the Van Buren County Road Commission and Tripe E Asphalt. However, additional roads have been added to the original quote, so I currently do not have quotes for all of the roads needed. I am requesting that the commission approve up to \$205,000 for both the current and next fiscal year. Until we receive all the quotes, we cannot confirm whether we can complete all the listed roads.

We are receiving multiple complaints each day about the poor condition of the city's roads, particularly regarding the numerous potholes. Fortunately, we have additional funding from revenues generated by right-of-way permits to cover street construction costs.

RECOMMENDATION:

The City of Hartford City Commission approves the road repairs, not to exceed \$205,000, from the local and major roads budget for the current and next fiscal years, to Triple E Asphalt, VBCRC, and their designated contractor.