



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

TO: Mayor Danger and the Hartford City Commission

FROM: Nicol Pulluam, City Manager 

DATE: July 30, 2026

RE: **APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER/CONTRACT MODIFICATION DWSRF ON MARION AVENUE**

ITEM BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

The item before the Commission is to approve the change order/contract modification for the DWSRF project on Marion Avenue.

DISCUSSION:

The city's engineer, Mickey, stated previously that the sanitary sewer services on Marion Avenue were found to be constructed of Orangeburg pipe. The contractor began to replace the laterals with PVC services; it was discovered that a portion of the 8" clay sanitary sewer main was covered with concrete. This complicates the sewer lateral replacement and would add costs for removing the concrete to access the main for the sewer lateral replacement. It's about 380' of the sanitary sewer main in this condition. Additionally, the concrete extends into the gravel base for the road and could contribute to reflective cracking.

The engineers don't know why this was done but speculate that it was to add structural support due to the shallow cover and perhaps to strengthen the connections of the Orangeburg laterals to the clay sewer main. The concrete is a poor insulator and likely contributed to the freezing of the sewer in the past.

The change order/contract modification is a net change of \$31,278, which is a credit to the project.

RECOMMENDATION:

The City of Hartford City Commission approves the change order/contract modification for the DWSRF project on Marion Avenue, giving the City Manager permission to execute the contract modification.