

City of Hartford
Project Updates
February 11, 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
Award Amount: TBD
Scope: The City submitted an application and received an invitation to continue with the application process for funding through the CDBG program. This is the same program that funded the Linden Street and Clark Street improvements (the City has used this resource for 10+ projects in the past 25 years). 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 would be constructed during the 2026 construction season.

Schedule: We completed the design ahead of schedule and the project is currently out to bid. The bid opening is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on February 24. Permit applications for water main construction and CSX railroad right-of-way have been submitted. Design review meetings with City staff were held on October 29 and November 13. We met with the DDA on November 19 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 are planning to meet with the DDA again on March 17.

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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 have been held for Contracts A, C, and D. The preconstruction meeting for Contract B will be scheduled in the coming months as Kalin doesn't plan to start work until June 2026.

Krohn has completed work on Bernard Street from Mary Street through the S. Maple Street intersection. The Dunbar water main extension has been completed except for the connection at W. Main Street. They plan to move to the force main at the Iron Removal Plant when weather allows. This location will not impact traffic. Compton has been completing service investigations when weather is cooperative and property owner coordination is successful. On-site progress meetings occur every two weeks.

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