

Downtown Development Authority of City of Madison Heights

Memorandum

Date: November 13, 2025

To: Downtown Development Authority Board Members

From: Giles Tucker, Community Development Director

Subject: Updates on the 11 Mile Streetscape & Other Projects

- **551 E 11 Mile Rd Sprinkler System Replacement:** The total cost for repair from the property owners preferred contractor is \$4,800. The property owner, contractor and I have signed a Letter Agreement agreeing to the entirety of the scope and costs to make the owner whole.
- **PA 57 Compliance & Reporting Due December 31st:** November 20th is our second public information meeting. We will also be submitting our annual financial information to the MEDC by December 31st. A draft was sent to the Finance Dept 10/30.
- **Clock Tower & Holiday Decorations:** As of 11-13-25 DPS is in the DDA area installing the snowflakes & banners. They hope to be completed this week. Afterwards they will also hang wreaths on the clock tower and reset the clock.
- **Snow Letter:** A reminder of the responsibility to keep public walkways clear was sent to all DDA businesses and property owners on Friday, November 14th. Letters were stuffed in-house and will go to 202 recipients at \$0.78 per letter for postage, plus the cost of paper and envelopes.
- **SEMCOG Grant Submitted:** A \$225,000 grant for traffic calming and pedestrian safety features throughout the City, including a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) within the streetscape area was submitted on November 7th. Funding awards are anticipated in December 2025.
- **Mitch's Print Façade, Sign & Public Art:** Mitch Socia from Mitch's Print has expressed interest in the Façade & Sign Grant programs. He is also interested in possibly commissioning a mural on his building and inquired about resources for such a thing. Speaking with John Bry from MSOC, there are some resources that can be applied, but most for art on public property. A good first step for the Design Committee is to identify and catalog good places for public art on public and private property and explore resources to develop them.
- **MHDDA Bylaws Revision Placed on 12-8-25 City Council Meeting:** At our August 21 DDA meeting the DDA board recommended the revision of its bylaws to remove the limit of two full terms for a DDA board member. This revision must be approved by City Council.

- **11 Mile Streetscape Project:** Permanent signage for U-Haul on Townley and for 515 E. 11 Mile Rd are now installed. DPS has installed bollards and painted curbs to the beginning of the on-street parking. All that remains for the completion of the project is private parking lot striping. DiLisio's subcontractor is contacting the property owners to coordinate by next week.

