

Downtown Development Authority of City of Madison Heights

Memorandum

Date: January 11, 2024
To: Downtown Development Authority Board Members
From: Giles Tucker, Community Development Director
Subject: Update on Ongoing Projects

11 Mile Rd Streetscape Plan Progress

City staff have been able to reach ten of the fourteen property owners directly impacted by the proposed streetscape project. The remaining four property owners have not responded to phone calls and emails about the project. To ensure that the plan is completed in time to be ready for grant opportunities Nowak Fraus and MKSK are continuing their work on the plan and expect to have a completed project in February 2024.

Meanwhile, staff will continue to attempt to contact property owners and gather feedback on the plan. Responses have generally been positive. A few property owners have outright expressed their full support, while others supported the project in general, but have identified concerns specific to their parcel. Staff will send the completed plan to each property owner via certified mail. Any modifications that are needed to accommodate property owners will be included later as the project approaches the implementation phase.

A meeting has been scheduled with grant coordinator Brian Pawlik from SEMCOG on Friday, January 19th to discuss the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant application. City staff anticipates having a complete and competitive application submitted for this grant opportunity in June 2024.

Update to Façade and Sign Grant Guidelines and Application

The Economic Vitality Committee met at City Hall on January 9th to discuss changes to the Façade and Sign Grant guidelines. All recommended changes have been recorded and a new reformatted guidelines and application for both grant programs will be presented to the DDA board for approval on the February 20th DDA meeting.