

Downtown Development Authority of City of Madison Heights

Memorandum

Date: May 6, 2026
To: MHDDA Board
From: Giles Tucker, Community Development Director
Subject: Updates on Ongoing Projects

27025 John R Rd RFQ (11 Mile Rd & John R)

Staff received two proposals for the development of an RFQ document for the redevelopment of the NW corner of 11 Mile and John R. Staff has decided to move forward with Progressive Companies' proposal for a total cost of \$21,600. All this cost will be covered by Technical Assistance funds through the MEDC. It is estimated that the RFQ development will take a total of 12 weeks. Therefore, we anticipate having all deliverables by the Fall of this year.

Clock Tower Painting and Component Replacement

Seaway Painting expects to paint the clock tower mid-May; a specific start date is TBD. I have brought in the City's electrical contractor CNS, who has reviewed the specs provided by Verdin and conducted an onsite visit this week. We are awaiting a scope of work and proposal from them to ensure everything is in place prior to Verdin's installation.

One variable cost that has arisen is the inclusion of a cellular modem. Our electrician believes if we add this device and cell service, we would be able to program the tower remotely instead of entering the gas station. I do not have confirmation this will work or the pricing for the modem and monthly data required. Thus far I believe it will be a few hundred for the modem and around \$30 per month for the data service.

Our target date for installation is July 15th. I still need to coordinate electrical work and secure a lift for the project.

Downtown Banners

The DDA Board set a budget not to exceed \$5,000 for the replacement of missing banners, brackets and tie downs. Staff ordered these replacements on May 1st from Banner Co. in Detroit for a total price of \$3,198.69. Delivery date and installation to be determined.

28220 John R Rd Brownfield TIF Project

After receiving approval from the BRA, notice to all taxing jurisdictions was sent and City Council will consider the project for approval following a Public Hearing at the May 11th City Council meeting.

Update of Grant Support for DDA Strategic Plan

At our last meeting the DDA approved the proposal from POW Strategies for the development of a DDA Strategic plan for a total cost of \$10,000. MEDC RRC TA grant funds will reimburse \$7,500 of these costs and another \$1,500 of the costs will be covered by Main Street Oakland County. Combined only \$1,000 will be out of pocket for the completion of the plan.