

Mayor and Council –

FYI, regarding a letter of support, GLWA requested that they continue engaging with legislators in hopes of securing federal funds. I believe a meeting may be in the works between those federal representatives and GLWA.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

My purpose in writing today is to express the City of Novi's support for the Great Lakes Water Authority's (GLWA's) request for an appropriation to support its 14 Mile Road Water Transmission Main Replacement and Rehabilitation project. This critical piece of regional infrastructure comprised of 42" and 48" diameter watermain provides clean, safe drinking water and fire protection to several Oakland County communities, including the City of Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield Township, City of Novi, Commerce Township, City of Walled Lake, and the City of Wixom. This is a densely populated urban area home to over 280,000 people and offices for several Fortune 500 Companies.

Pipe segments within this main have experienced several catastrophic breaks in recent years, most recently in September 2025 and March 2026. The most recent break caused the cities of Novi and Walled Lake to be without water for an extended period and several others to issue boil water advisories for their residents and businesses. GLWA has performed a condition assessment of this watermain and determined that the best course of action includes a project utilizing cost effective measures to of rehabilitation including the removal and replacement of approximately one mile of 42-inch pipe, 140 lineal feet of carbon fiber reinforcement lining repair at seven locations, and installation of acoustic fiber optic cable to provide long-term condition assessment monitoring of the existing pipe. Since the time the original request was submitted, GLWA sustained an additional break in a 48-inch pipe segment within this main. This project will restore resilience to the 14 Mile Road Water Transmission Main, greatly improving drinking water and fire protection reliability to the communities it serves.

GLWA is a regional water and sewer authority organized under the provisions of Michigan Public Act 233 of 1955 that was formed as a part of the City of Detroit's bankruptcy proceedings. GLWA provides potable water to approximately 40% of Michigan's population and wastewater collection and treatment services to approximately 30% of this state. GLWA's works very closely with its member communities within a service area that includes 8 counties (including all of Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb Counties as well as parts of Lapeer, St. Clair, Washtenaw, Genesee and Monroe Counties), and 126 communities.

The City of Novi supports this project, GLWA's appropriation request for the project, and encourages your approval of their application to make this project possible. The investment will greatly improve resiliency of this critical piece of the regional water system and better serve the people and businesses in southeast Oakland County Michigan for decades to come.

Regards,



Victor Cardenas

City Manager