

MEMORANDUM



TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: VICTOR CARDENAS, CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: UTILITY LINES AT NEW PUBLIC SAFETY HEADQUARTERS
DATE: DECEMBER 4, 2025

As the process to construct the new Public Safety facilities begin, some significant/tough decisions will be presented to the City Council. Plante Moran Realpoint (PMR) is finalizing a decision matrix to formalize which decisions will come before Council, as well as a budget dashboard to track progress.

This week proved to be a significant first step with teams from HED and BRW architects in town touring the current facilities and building future sites. In addition to progress on the buildings, preliminary work on the road construction is underway, which brings the first significant decision for City Council consideration; the relocation of existing power lines on Lee BeGole Dr. and installation of new lines on the road connecting 11 Mile and Grand River. **Below are the preliminary estimates** from DTE's engineering division to relocate/bury the power lines:

- Underground relocation route (from I-96 to Grand River) **~\$5.6 million**
- Overhead relocation route **~\$2.0 million**

DTE's Senior Engineer Clarifications:

1. The two spans going east/west on the south side of I-96 must stay overhead (the poles may be relocated as needed)
2. The underground estimate includes undergrounding the 2 spans at the northwest corner of 11 Mile and Lee BeGole
3. The estimates assume existing conduit on the north side of 11 Mile is not in conflict with the road project and will be used to pull cable to relocate the OH lead.
4. The majority of the cost shown below resides between 11 Mile going south to Grand River, DTE will build a new concrete incased conduit run for the underground cable
5. This is a high-level estimate, not reviewed by the system underground and cable designers. Constructability constraints, wetlands, and locations of primary switch cabinets will affect the actual cost

Enclosed are pictures of the lines currently along Lee BeGole and at the corner of Lee BeGole and 11 Mile. Additionally, I've included the proposed budget for the headquarters that shows site work for the facility budgeted at \$4 million and \$800,000 for the road. There could be a mix of above and below (presumably with a dollar figure in between the 2 above estimates), where the lines/wires on Lee BeGole north of 11 Mile, in front of the new buildings, are buried but above ground at 11 Mile.

