



MEMORANDUM

TO: VICTOR CARDENAS, INTERIM CITY MANAGER
FROM: JORDAN MCBEE
COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT MANAGER
SUBJECT: GLWA WATER MAIN PROJECT UPDATE
DATE: MAY 31, 2023

Since the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) began the construction of a 54-inch water main over a year ago along Meadowbrook Road, the City's Community Relations and Public Works Departments have been in regular communication with GLWA and coordinate weekly with them to advocate for residents and businesses and the most efficient and safe way to complete the water main installation.

To keep residents and businesses informed, we began sending regular e-newsletter updates regarding the construction work and traffic patterns in December 2022.

Community Relations has also been in communication with MSU Tollgate Farm and Education Center, Crosspointe Meadows Church, and Meadowbrook Elementary School, as well as residents of Beacon Hill, Meadowbrook Townhomes, Tollgate Woods, and Tollgate Ravines to advocate on their behalf -- ensuring access is maintained, construction signage is accurate, streets are swept during the construction, and there are no interruptions to trash or mail services.

GLWA is still on schedule to complete the road work on Meadowbrook Road north of 12 Mile this fall.

While the 3-day closure of 13 Mile at M-5 was previously scheduled to close the last week in May, the Community Relations, Public Works, and Public Safety Departments advocated on behalf of Walled Lake Consolidated District families and pushed GLWA to wait until the school year ended to initiate the closure to help alleviate the impact construction would have on bus routes in the area. The closure is now planned to take place from June 14 to June 16.

Multiple departments within the City of Novi have worked with Fox Run partners to ensure that they stay informed on upcoming traffic shifts and to reiterate that the Novi Police and Fire Departments will be able to provide emergency services to the senior living community. Police presence and flag control will begin Monday, June 5, and continue weekdays from 7-10 am and 3-6 pm – an element of this project the City pushed for to accommodate to alleviate traffic and the impact on residents in the area.

We continue to be in contact with Brightmoor Christian Church and have advocated on their behalf to ensure access to the church will be maintained during the construction project.

GLWA anticipates road work completion of the 13 Mile Road portion of the project in late summer.

A weekly e-newsletter is sent out to residents and businesses directly impacted by the 13 Mile Road and Meadowbrook Road construction work. Please see the e-newsletter sent out this week below.

While this is not a City of Novi project, having heard the complaints and frustration about this project from residents and businesses, staff has and will continue to work diligently with GLWA to ensure proper communication and customer service and push them to keep on schedule and accountable.