



CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Consideration of approval of Method of Service (MOS) Response Agreement with DTE to relocate underground facilities along Lee BeGole Drive and 11 Mile Road for the estimated amount of \$2,315,813.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Department of Public Works, Engineering Division

KEY HIGHLIGHTS:

- The agreement includes the design and relocation costs of DTE infrastructure along Lee BeGole Drive and 11 Mile Road.
- The scope includes undergrounding the existing overhead distribution facilities along the new road alignment and relocating underground facilities conflicting with the proposed Public Safety Headquarters building footprint.
- Total costs are lower than the budgeted \$3.7M as part of the road project
- Everything included in this agreement pertains to work north of 11 Mile Road
- Utilities/power lines south of 11 Mile Road **will not** be buried

FINANCIAL IMPACT

	FY 2025/26
EXPENDITURE REQUIRED	\$ 2,315,813.06
BUDGET	
Public Safety Building Fund 464-446.00-975.952	\$ 3,710,00.00
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$ 0
FUND BALANCE IMPACT	\$ 0
A total of \$18M is budgeted for all costs related to the road and infrastructure improvements (engineering services, construction, utilities, and contingency). The \$3.71M for utility relocation and improvements is included in the total budget.	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The current alignment of BeGole Drive includes DTE's overhead lines, poles, and associated joint users and a below-grade primary duct bank. This conflicts with the location of the new Police and Fire headquarters buildings; therefore, the infrastructure needs to be relocated.

The proposed realignment of the roadway (Lee BeGole Drive) will be reconstructed in three distinct phases; see attached (Lee BeGole Drive Reconstruction and Extension).

- The first phase will entail a connection at Crescent Boulevard, to the north, near the existing roundabout at Crescent Boulevard and Town Center Drive. Then, proceeding east and south across the I-96 drain, and stopping in between the existing DPW entrances.
- The second phase will connect where the first phase left off and continue south over the Bishop Creek, into an S-curve to the east which increases the 11 Mile Road frontage for the future public safety buildings and constructing a new roundabout at 11 Mile Road.
- The third phase will be to connect Lee BeGole Drive via 11 Mile Road and Grand River Avenue.

Before DTE's field construction work can begin, the City must enter a 'Method of Service Response Agreement' and provide a full payment in the amount of \$2,315,813 to DTE Energy. This will give DTE's internal teams the green light to move forward with the final design phase and create an invoice. After receiving the payment, DTE anticipates approximately 12 months to complete the work. The removal and relocation of DTE's existing underground and overhead facilities are attached as the 'DTE Scope and Plan of Infrastructure Relocation'.

The City Attorney has reviewed the agreement favorably (Beth Saarela, June 1, 2026).

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a Method of Service (MOS) Response Agreement with DTE to relocate underground facilities along Lee BeGole Drive and 11 Mile Road for the estimated amount of \$2,315,813.