



CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL
JULY 13, 2026

SUBJECT: Approval of Acceptance of Department of Public Works (DPW) Asset Management Policy for American Public Works Association (APWA) Accreditation

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Department of Public Works, Administration

KEY HIGHLIGHTS:

- DPW – APWA Accreditation is progressing toward a site visit in August 2026
- Asset Management Policy codification is required for accreditation along with City Council acceptance

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The DPW initiated the process of becoming an American Public Works Association (APWA) Accredited Agency in 2022. For four years DPW staff have worked diligently to assess operations and identify improvements to establish an agency- wide culture of continuous improvement.

Now in Phase 4 Evaluation (see attached road map) there is a scheduled our site visit for the week of August 10, 2026 (Phase 5). An Agency Evaluation team will spend the week reviewing our policy/practices manual and make a recommendation on accreditation.

The APWA Management Practices Manual, Chapter 10, Asset Management System is one of the 10 chapters required for accreditation. The critical requirement for **Chapter 10** is codification of an Asset Management Policy. A draft version of the Asset Management Policy was shared in the Administrative packet on June 26 and the final version converted to APWA standards is attached herein.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of Acceptance of Department of Public Works (DPW) Asset Management Policy for American Public Works Association (APWA) Accreditation