



## Engineering Department

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### MEMORANDUM

**To: Board of Public Works**  
**From: Caleb Wodarz, P.E. – Engineering Department**  
**Date: 12/14/2022**  
**Subject: Emergency Repair – 20-Inch Reservoir Transmission Watermain**

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On December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the Water Utility was informed of a major watermain break on the 20-inch transmission line, which feeds the City of La Crosse's main water reservoir, located under the BNSF Railroad tracks on the east end of the 2600 block of State Street.

Emergency crews were called upon to isolate the break and to restore water to the surrounding neighborhood homes by the early hours of December 11<sup>th</sup>; however, this is only a temporary fix. The Water Utility will be required to replace and reconnect the 20-inch transmission line as it one of two that supply water to the City's main reservoir, currently leaving the City with no back up.

The Water Utility is requesting the Board of Public Works to declare an emergency to waive public bidding law requirements, allowing Engineering & Public Works to solicit and approve quotes for repair of the watermain in the 2600 block of State Street, per Wisconsin State Statute, Section 62.15(1b).