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MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Public Works
From: Bernard Lenz – Utility Manager
Date: 05-01-2020
Subject: Emergency Repair – 9th and Green Bay Streets

The Utility experienced a failure of a deep sanitary sewer manhole at 9th and Green Bay Streets resulting in a sinkhole and collapse of the roadway. The Utility has determined failure of the brick manhole at the connection with the main was the cause and full replacement of the brick manhole is required to repair this situation. Due to the depth of this sewer this work will include replacement of the overlying water main and some storm sewer and a partial closure of Green Bay Street, South Ave, and full closure of 9th street is required to perform this work.

Normal sewage flow is not yet fully blocked by this failure, but collapse and full blockage requiring continuous by-pass pumping is imminent. Thus, I am asking the Board declare this an emergency pursuant to Wis. Stat. secs. 62.15(1b) to maintain the welfare of the city and to approve the immediate full replacement of the failing sanitary sewer manhole.

The utility is providing some of the materials and by-pass pumping and, if approved, will hire a contractor to do the majority of the work on a time and material basis. Funding for the repairs will be paid by the Sanitary Sewer Utility operating budget. An estimate is attached.

Thank You