



MEMORANDUM

To: Council Member Gabriela Santiago-Romero
Cc: Gary Brown, Director Detroit Water and Sewerage Department
Ron Brundridge, Director, Department of Public Works
From: Samuel Smalley, Deputy Director, Detroit Water and Sewerage Department
Date: November 18, 2024
Re: Oregon St Drainage Concerns

Below, please find the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department's response to your memorandum dated October 22, 2024:

1. Has this block ever had catch basins?

DWSD RESPONSE: DWSD has no records of catch basins in this area. DPW/City Engineering builds the roads and catch basins, DWSD maintains the catch basins. It is not DWSD's practice to install new catch basins where catch basins were not originally installed during road design and construction.

2. If so, when were they removed, and what were the reasons behind their removal?

DWSD RESPONSE: Please see DWSD's response to No. 1.

3. If there have never been catch basins on this block, is there a specific reason why that has been the case?

DWSD RESPONSE: DWSD defers to DPW to respond to this question.

4. Are there any existing plans to review or upgrade drainage infrastructure within this block?

DWSD RESPONSE: Since DPW/City Engineering designs and builds the roads and catch basins and DWSD only maintains the catch basins, DWSD defers to DPW to respond to this question.

5. Is there a minimum spacing requirement or standard for the placement of street drains to ensure adequate drainage, and prevent excessive gaps between them?

DWSD RESPONSE: DWSD defers to DPW to respond to this question.