



## City of Detroit

CITY COUNCIL

**MARY SHEFFIELD**  
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
DISTRICT 5

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Ron Brundidge, Director, Department of Public Works  
Gary Brown, Director, Detroit Water and Sewerage Department

**FROM:** Mary Sheffield, President, Detroit City Council

**DATE:** September 26, 2025

**RE:** Request for a Report on Flood Mitigation Solutions on West Grand Blvd

I am requesting your departments to explore flood mitigation options along West Grand Boulevard between Rosa Parks and Linwood, in light of repeated resident concerns and documentation of severe flooding in this area. Constituents have suggested converting the paved medians into green infrastructure like the Oakman Boulevard project, which may help address the issue.

I understand that the HUD grant funding referenced by residents is already obligated and cannot be repurposed for this initiative. However, I would appreciate a report on what possibilities and options exist to mitigate flooding here, including both short term and long term solutions.

Thank you for your time and assistance in reviewing this matter. I look forward to your report. Please contact Yvonne Ragland from my office at [yvonne.ragland@detroitmi.gov](mailto:yvonne.ragland@detroitmi.gov) if you have any questions.

Cc: Honorable Colleagues  
City Clerk