



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 if you have any questions.

Cc: Honorable Colleagues
City Clerk