



Detroit City Council
Councilmember Renata Miller

MEMORANDUM

TO: Timothy Palazzolo, Director
Detroit Construction & Demolition Department

THROUGH: James Tate, Council President
Detroit City Council

FROM: Renata Miller, Councilmember
Detroit City Council

DATE: March 20, 2026, 11:00 am

RE: 2026-2027 Budget Hearing, Detroit Construction & Demo Department

1. How many demolitions, stabilizations, or property cleanups are planned for District 5 neighborhoods in FY2027, and how are those projects prioritized?
2. Once Proposal N bond funds are exhausted, how will the City continue demolition and blight removal efforts in District 5, where vacant and dangerous structures remain a concern?
3. Proposal N bond proceeds funded much of the department's demolition work. How much funding remains as of FY2027, and what is the plan once those funds are fully used?
4. Department staffing declines from 146 positions in FY2026 to 100 in FY2027. How will this reduction affect demolition operations and facility maintenance services?
5. The Mayor proposes \$10 million in capital projects for FY2027. What specific projects will these funds support and how will they improve neighborhood safety or city facilities?