

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Manager, Crestwood City Council

FROM: Marcus Evans, Director of Public Works

DATE: October 15, 2020

SUBJECT: Urgent Warning Regarding Proposed FY2021 Budget Cuts to Infrastructure Maintenance

This memo serves as a formal record of my strong objection to the proposed 40% reduction in the capital budget for the Water Main Replacement Program. As detailed in our 2019 Asset Condition Report, over 35% of our primary water mains are now operating beyond their engineered service life. Deferring these replacements is not a cost saving; it is a direct transfer of risk to the public.

We are currently operating on a reactive, 'break-fix' basis, which is fiscally and operationally unsustainable. A catastrophic failure is not a matter of 'if,' but 'when.' I urge you to reconsider these cuts and prioritize the long-term value and safety of our core infrastructure assets. Failure to do so will result in service disruptions and emergency repair costs that will far exceed the proposed savings.