

Subject: FW: Water main Replacement Program

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Thought you might be interested in this.

Ernie

> -----Original Message-----

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> *To:* Mayor and Council - DNV

> *Cc:* John McPherson; Richard Zerr

> *Subject:* Watermain Replacement Program

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> *Councillor Crist:* In answer to your question about the replacements,
> amount budgeted, and amount spent for 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001, please
> see the attached table. As you have indicated, our November 13, 1996
> report to Council laying out the 1997 program indicated we were planning
> on doing 8500 metres in 1997. When we reviewed the program at the end of
> 1997, we found that we had been able to replace 8000 metres in 1997 for
> the approx budgeted amount, and also determined that we had substantially
> reduced the number of high risk mains (those with at least 1 break and
> potential risk of serious damage). Consequently, in our November 18, 1997
> report to Council laying out the 1998 program, we recommended that 8000
> metres be replaced in 1998.

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> You'll note in the table that the amount spent is more than the amount
> budgeted in several of the years. This was allowed for the following
> reasons:

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> * recognition of the importance of the program
> * available funds from the Water Utility in each of those years could
> be re-allocated to the watermain replacement budget using "bottom-line"
> budget responsibility principles

> * the watermain replacement program was proven to have saved
> significant operating costs for the Water Utility

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> I hope this information helps. I would be pleased to give Council a full
> presentation on the watermain replacement program to help clarify some of
> the issues.

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> Yours truly,

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> *Bob Huffman*

> *Manager, Utilities*

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