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**GLWA CONTINUES INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS
ALONG 14 MILE ROAD; IMPLEMENTS TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL
RESTRICTION TO ENSURE RESIDENT & WORKER SAFETY**

- *85 percent of pipe replacement completed*
- *Construction completed in 14 Mile/Novi Road intersection; road restoration has begun*
- *Traffic leaving Haverhill Community will be directed eastbound on 14 Mile Road to M-5 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday*

DETROIT – The Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) is continuing work on the replacement and renewal of segments of its 42-inch water transmission main along 14 Mile Road in Oakland County. The project is expected to continue through the end of April, with road restoration to be completed by the end of June 2026.

As work progresses on GLWA’s critical infrastructure project, additional temporary traffic controls have been implemented this week along 14 Mile Road:

- Traffic leaving the Haverhill Community will be directed eastbound on 14 Mile Road to M-5 during work hours from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday;
- Outside of working hours, traffic will return to one-way westbound traffic on 14 Mile Road;
- Temporary flaggers will be stationed between Kingswood Boulevard and M-5 to manage bi-directional traffic;
- Traffic entering the Haverhill Community will maintain access through westbound 14 Mile Road from M-5.

These new traffic impacts are expected to be in place for approximately two weeks to allow contractors to perform underground pipe replacement work and then restore the roadway.

Crews are continuing to make good progress, and the overall 14 Mile Road project is on track to be completed by the end of April, with road restoration to be completed by the end of June.

As of Monday, Monday, March 3, 2026, crews have:

- Installed 3,550 linear feet of steel pipe, which is approximately 85 percent of all pipe to be replaced;

- Finished wrapping four pre-identified areas of the 42-inch water main with carbon fiber reinforcing polymer, which will extend the useful life of the main by at least 50 years;
- Installed approximately 14,500 feet of acoustic fiber optic (AFO) cable in a section of the reinforced 42-inch main, as well as installed the data acquisition unit, which will make it possible for GLWA to monitor the pipe for the sound of wire breaks. This monitoring can help predict potential future failures and allow GLWA to take measures to intervene proactively to minimize the possibility of future disruptions;
- Completed construction within the 14 Mile/Novi Road intersection, with road restoration beginning this week. Barring any weather challenges, it is anticipated that the intersection will re-open once the concrete cures, likely by the end of the week of March 9.

The [renewal and replacement work](#) allows GLWA to continue building resiliency in the regional water transmission system after its 42-inch water main unexpectedly failed on 14 Mile Road, west of M5, at the end of September. The work plan for the project was developed in collaboration with GLWA's member partner communities of Commerce Township, Walled Lake, Wixom, and Novi.

GLWA estimates that it will be investing \$12.8 million in this critical infrastructure resiliency work. Within the last year, GLWA also completed a more than \$110 million redundancy loop project in the water transmission system, which allowed restoration of water service to the communities served by the failed main much more quickly than in previous breaks.

Further details of the project can be found online at glwater.org/14milemainproject.

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About the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA)

The Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) is the provider-of-choice for drinking water services to nearly 40 percent and efficient and effective wastewater services to nearly 30 percent of Michigan's population. With the Great Lakes as source water, GLWA is uniquely positioned to provide those it serves with water of unquestionable quality. GLWA also has the capacity to extend its service beyond its 88 member partner communities. As part of its commitment to water affordability, the Authority offers a Water Residential Assistance Program to assist low-income households in participating member communities throughout the system. GLWA's board includes one representative each from Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties, two representatives from the city of Detroit and one appointed by the Michigan governor to represent customer communities outside of the tri-county area.