

## Department of Public Works

March 26, 1968

Honorable Common Council:

Re: Reconstruction of Ford Road (M-153), Hawthorne to Southfield Road, State Project U 82081-014, Agreement No. 68-0221.

Gentlemen—We submit, for your consideration, a proposed agreement between the State Highway Commission and the City of Detroit which provides for the reconstruction of Ford Road (M-153) between the limits of Hawthorne and Southfield. A very small part of the work covered in this contract is in the City of Detroit, the balance lying within the Cities of Dearborn and Dearborn Heights.

The cost of performing this work in Detroit is estimated by the Department of State Highways to be \$556,000. Federal Aid will be applied to this project. The City's share of the cost of this work, in accordance with State law, is 12½ percent of the total cost after the Federal Aid has been applied. This is estimated to be \$38,225. This sum is subject to adjustment after completion of the work and final auditing of the bills. Sufficient funds are available for the City's share of this cost in Account No. 976-9982-902.

This agreement has been examined and approved by the Corporation Counsel's Office, as to form, as evidenced by attached copy of letter.

Because of the importance of maintaining streets in good condition for the safety of the public and for the efficient movement of traffic, approval of this agreement and authority for the Commissioner of Public Works to execute it in behalf of the City of Detroit is recommended.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT E. TOOHEY  
Commissioner

Approved:

DAN A. DeMARE  
Deputy Controller

By Councilman Rogell:

Resolved, That in accordance with the above communication, the Agreement between the City of Detroit and the Michigan State Highway Commission which provides for the reconstruction of Ford Road (M-153) between Hawthorne and Southfield, be and the same is hereby approved; and

Be It Further Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement in behalf of the City of Detroit; and

Be It Further Resolved, That the Controller be and he is directed to honor vouchers when presented in accordance with the foregoing communication, subject to confirmation by Common Council.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Councilmen Beck, Miriani, Ravitz, Rogell, Van Antwerp and President Carey—6.

Nays—None.

## Department of Public Works

March 29, 1968

Honorable Common Council:

Re: Petition No. 5766—Metropolitan Detroit Citizens Development Authority; Conversion to Easement of Vermont Avenue, south of Pine Street.

Gentlemen—The above petition requests the conversion of Vermont Avenue, 50 feet wide, into an easement for public utilities. The requested conversion into easement for public utilities was approved by the City Plan Commission. The petition was then referred to us for investigation and report. Our report, accompanied by the original petitions, is as follows:

The petitioner has requested that the paved returns at the entrance to Vermont Avenue remain in their present status as the petitioner plans to utilize same and had agreed by letter filed with the original petition to pay all costs incidental to the removal of same whenever the discontinuance of use makes such removal necessary.

By letter of March 25, 1968, addressed to your Honorable Body, the petitioner has also requested that the reimbursement costs to the City of Detroit in the amount of \$589.00 for the original paving of Pine Street at the intersection of Vermont Avenue be waived in order to keep the costs as low as possible of the housing project which will be constructed on this site.

All City departments and privately-owned utility companies reported that they will be unaffected by the conversion to an easement of said street or that they have reached satisfactory agreements with the petitioner regarding their installation therein.

An appropriate resolution is attached for your Honorable Body's consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT E. TOOHEY,  
Commissioner.

By Councilman Rogell:

Resolved, that all that part of Vermont Avenue, 50 feet wide, between the Fisher Freeway and Pine Street, as platted in Larned's Subdivision on the Lafferty Farm, Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 60, Pages 2 and 3, Deeds, Wayne County records, lying easterly of and abutting the easterly line of lots 57, 60 and 65 and vacated Ottawa Avenue, 50 feet wide, and lying westerly of and abutting the westerly line of lots 58, 59 and 66 and vacated Ottawa Avenue, 50 feet wide, inclusive of the above-mentioned subdivision.

Be and the same is hereby vacated as a public street and is hereby converted into a public easement of the full width of the street, which



easement shall be subject to the following covenants and agreements, uses, reservations and regulations, which shall be observed by the owners of the lots abutting on said street and by their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever to wit:

FIRST, said owners hereby grant to and for the use of the public an easement or right-of-way over said vacated public street hereinabove described for the purpose of maintaining, installing, repairing, removing, or replacing public utilities such as water mains, sewers, gas lines or mains, telephone, electric light conduits or poles or things usually placed or installed in a public street in the City of Detroit, with the right to ingress and egress at any time to and over said easement for the purpose above set forth.

SECOND, said owners for their heirs and assigns further agree that no buildings or structures of any nature whatsoever including but not limited to concrete slabs or driveways, retaining or partition walls (except necessary line fence) shall be built or placed upon said easement, nor any change of surface grade made, without prior approval by the Department of Public Works.

THIRD, that if at any time in the future the owners of any lots abutting on said vacated street shall request the removal and/or relocation of any existing poles or other utilities in said easement, such owners, upon whose property the poles or other utilities are located shall pay all costs incidental to such removal and/or relocation, unless such charges are waived by the utility owners.

PROVIDED FURTHER, that if any utility located or to be located in said property shall break or be damaged as a result of any action on the part of the petitioner or assigns (by way of illustration but not limitation), such as storage of excessive weights of materials or construction not in accordance with Section 2, mentioned above, then in such event the petitioner or assigns shall be liable for all costs incidental to the repair of such broken or damaged utility; and be it further

Resolved, that the reimbursement cost to the City of Detroit in the amount of Five-Hundred and Eighty-nine Dollars (\$589.00) for the original paving of Pine Street at the intersection of Vermont Avenue is hereby waived.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Councilmen Beck, Miriani, Ravitz, Rogell, Van Antwerp and President Carey—6.

Nays—None.

**Department of Public Works**

March 19, 1968

Honorable Common Council:

Re: Petition No. 5990—Frank Miller,

et al; Protesting the Paving of the East-West Alley in the Block Bounded by Hubbell, Strathmoor, Tireman, and Belton.

Gentlemen—We are returning herewith minority Petition No. 5990 of Frank Miller, et al, protesting the paving of the east-west alley in the block bounded by Hubbell, Strathmoor, Tireman, and Belton.

Paving of this alley was initiated by Petition No. 4170, which is still a majority petition even though one of the original signers changed his mind and also signed the Protest Petition.

Inasmuch as the Protest Petition does not represent the majority of owners of the total frontage based on assessed footage, we recommend that the minority Protest Petition be denied.

Respectfully submitted,  
ROBERT E. TOOHEY,

Commissioner

By Councilman Van Antwerp:

Resolved, That minority Protest Petition No. 5990 be and the same is hereby denied.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Councilmen Beck, Miriani, Ravitz, Rogell, Van Antwerp and President Carey—6.

Nays—None.

**Purchases and Supplies**

April 2, 1968

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen — The Department of Purchases and Supplies has advertised for bids in accord with specifications and recommends that contracts be entered into with firms or persons as is detailed in the following communications:

**FILE NO. 0089**

Three bids were received as a result of thirteen solicitations, as per tabulation, for furnishing the City of Detroit (except D.S.R. and Board of Education) with normal requirements of Tires, Steel, Wire Cord for a period starting April 11, 1968 and ending December 31, 1968.

To: Al Daly Tire Company of Warren, Michigan (Lowest Acceptable Bid)—

20 Only Tires, 14.00 x 24, 1 to 4 ply with a minimum 12 ply rating, with all steel wire cord, radial ply bead to bead. Complete with inner tubes of Butyl rubber with overlapping splice, and flaps. Michelin XR, \$277.59 Ea. Quantity is an estimate only for the period.

This is estimated at \$5,300.00.  
Price is firm and F.O.B. Delivered.  
Terms: 2 per cent—30 Days.

**FILE NO. 0372**

Twenty-Three bids were received as a result of fifty one solicitations, as per tabulation, for furnishing the Public Lighting Commission with Coal, Bituminous, via Lake Vessel. To, Jno. McCall Coal Co. of Columbus, Ohio (Lowest Bid)