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June 22, 2007

Mr. Michael Palchesko
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**Re: Avon Road Pathway Damage - Livernois Road to Rochester Road
DTE / ITC Utility Pole Replacement
City File E07-013 / Section #22**

Dear Mr. Palchesko:

On May 11, 2007, city staff met on-site with representatives from DTE Energy to review the damage caused to the City's pathway as a result of operations by International Transmission Company (ITC). Several long stretches of pathway were damaged beyond the point where simple "patch-work" would suffice, and therefore require complete reconstruction. Due to accessibility requirements under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), when rehabilitated, the existing pathway must be improved to current ADA standards.

Constructing pathways to meet ADA guidelines requires detailed plan drawings indicating longitudinal grades and cross-slopes. DTE indicated that they would not be able to secure a design engineer in a timely manner that would allow for the corrective pathway work to be completed during the 2007 construction season. Therefore, in an effort to expedite the design and repair of the above-referenced pathway, the City has received a proposal from Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc. (HRC), in a not-to-exceed amount of \$45,000, to perform engineering services for the survey, design, project plans, contract documents, and a detailed cost estimate. The City is proposing that DTE agree to share these costs with the City 50/50, or \$22,500 each.

Once HRC has developed preliminary plans and an initial cost estimate, the City and DTE will need to schedule a meeting to discuss cost sharing for the proposed construction improvements. Since time is of the essence in order to design, bid, and rehabilitate this segment of damaged pathway, we ask that you kindly respond within five working days upon receipt of this letter so that we may proceed with the preliminary engineering and bring this issue to resolution.

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Thank you for your assistance on this critical matter. Please contact me at (248) 841-2489 with any questions you may have regarding this request. We are looking forward to your expedited resolution of this matter.

Sincerely,



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Transportation Engineer

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Enclosure: Proposal to Provide Engineering Design Services, HRC

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