

I-94 MODERNIZATION PROJECT Current Draft Summary of Proposed Drainage Alternatives*

March 2022





*Subject to change pending on-going discussions and approvals

PROJECT OVERVIEW







I-94 PROJECT CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE





Dates indicated represent construction duration.
 Dates and package limits are subject to change.

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Project Overview – Wastewater Collection System





Drainage Collaboration

- Collaboration between MDOT, DWSD, GLWA started in February 2019 as part of the project progress meetings
- Drainage Committee was formed in December 2020 and included:
 - MDOT/ORC (technical / legal)
 - GLWA (technical / legal)
 - DWSD (technical / legal)
 - EGLE
 - FHWA
- Drainage committee mission: Reach a final agreement on aGLWA/DWSD cost-effective and resilient drainage solution for the complete I-94 corridor while advancing environmental benefits working in partnership with MDOT, FHWA, DWSD, GLWA, and EGLE.





Collaborative Drainage Alternatives Development



February 2019 - March 2021

MDOT, GLWA, & DWSD, negotiates a collaborative drainage alternative for the I-94 Modernization Project.

March 2021

I-94 Drainage Committee agrees on proposed conceptual drainage alternative which would reconnect I-94 to the combined system with alternative compliance.

March – June 2021

I-94 Drainage Committee drafted an interim agreement for the proposed collaborative drainage solution.

June 25-26, 2021

Historic rain event occurred causing widespread flooding in the area and highlighted the need for reducing flows to the combined system.

October 2021

In light of the June 25-26th rain event, the I-94 Drainage Committee coalesced around new revised collaborative alternative.

Alternative Compliance to City Stormwater Ordinance



I-96 to Burns Avenue	Burns to Barrett Avenue
 I-94 Drainage Tunnel connecting to MDOT's I-96 storm sewer via a dewatering pump station. Service Drives disconnected from the GLWA/DWSD combined system and connected to the new drainage tunnel. MDOT will evaluate potentially upsizing the tunnel to provide additional capacity that GLWA/DWSD could utilize for future stormwater separation projections. Reduce I-94 and Service Drive flows and volumes by 100% (complete disconnection from the combined sewer system) 	 I-94 Storm Sewer continues to connect to Conner Creek Combined Sewer via a pump station. Reduce existing I-94 peak flows by 10% to the Conner Sewer Alternative Compliance which includes funding for CSO facilities and mitigation for Backflow Prevention/Disconnection.

Package 1 (Burns to Barrett) Drainage Alternative





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I-94 Backflow Preventors/Disconnection from Combined System

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- Four (4) existing connections to the combined system in Package 1:
 - Norcross
 - Conner Pump Station
 - Cadillac Pump Station
 - Seneca Pump Station
- Proposed alternative will disconnect I-94 from the combined system at Norcross, Cadillac, and Seneca
- Under existing conditions, the Norcross connection backflows onto I-94 during heavy wet weather events
- Disconnection will prevent backflow onto I-94 but will result in impacts to adjacent community as water no longer can use I-94 as a relief
- The proposed alternative includes funding for mitigation to address impacts caused by disconnection to the combined system. Funding will be used for installation of larger diameter sewers for flow attenuation and storage.



Mainline and service drive flows will be removed from the combined system and will go to MDOT proposed Tunnel System. Tunnel to potentially be oversized to accommodate future stormwater flows from the City of Detroit to provide additional flooding relief (oversize amount is being evaluated). Tunnel will convey, store and discharge flow to existing MDOT I-96 stormwater drainage system.



Proposed Tunnel System for Corridor



I-94 Profile Grade



GLWA/DWSD Benefits:

- I-94 Package 1 reduces peak flow to 90% to the Conner Sewer
- I-94 Package 1 reduces total peak flow by 82% to the combined system
- MDOT funding will be provided to GLWA to advance the construction of wet weather CSO facilities
- MDOT will provide funding for mitigation of disconnection / installation of backflow preventors
- Drainage tunnel removes over 7 miles of freeway and approximately 14 miles of service drives from the combined system
- Proposed drainage tunnel may be oversized to provide additional capacity to accommodate some of Detroit stormwater to provide additional flooding relief





MDOT Benefits:

- Removes over five (5) miles of I-94 and two (2) miles of M-10 from the GLWA/DWSD Combined Sewer System reducing drainage charges
- Accommodates the Package 1 final design and construction schedule
- Proposed drainage tunnel expands MDOTs storm sewer network that is independent from the combined sewer system



MDOT/GLWA/DWSD/EGLE :

- EGLE has expressed their support for the proposed drainage alternative
- This collaborative drainage alternative demonstrates a strong multiagency collaboration effort that will result in regional benefits to not only Detroit residents but others that are reliant on the GLWA/DWSD system





- Federal funding requires a framework, justification, and steps to maintain eligibility
- Defines a collaborative agreed-on scope of work and cost not-toexceed for Burns to Barrett Alternative Compliance
- Documents commitments and responsibilities of GLWA, DWSD and MDOT from planning through construction and maintenance for Burns to Barrett Alternative Compliance
- Demonstrates a partnership between GLWA, DWSD, MDOT, EGLE and FHWA to improve drainage for the I-94 project corridor



