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To: Public Infrastructure Committee

From: Greg Minikel, Engineering Division Manager

Date: September 3, 2019

Re: Memo from Greg Minikel - Request from Citizen for Flooded Roadway Warning Signage on Dewey St. at the Railroad Underpass

Eileen Strutz from Valders has requested that the City install warning signage on Dewey St. to the east and west of the Railroad Underpass that floods during very heavy rainfalls. Her car was damaged when they drove into the high water at night time. They did not see the water or realize how deep it was. This underpass has historically seen flooding during very heavy rain events.

The City of Manitowoc owns and maintains both the roadway and the storm sewer system along Dewey Street. There is a storm manhole with a gate that restricts flow from the Stormwater Pond to the Dewey St. storm sewer. I have asked the DPI crews to lower that gate by one inch to reduce the water that backs up under the railroad bridge. Lowering the gate will mean that more stormwater will be retained in the stormwater pond, but we believe that the pond has the capacity to retain this additional stormwater.

Attached is a copy of the Ms. Strutz's Report-A-Concern and her request for warning signage.

I recommend the City approve this request for the following reasons:

1. This has been a problem for a very long time and there have been many other vehicles that have been stranded under the railroad bridge over the years.
2. The warning signage may not be a cure all, but at least the City is attempting to warn motorists to watch out for flooded roadway during heavy rains.
3. I would suggest that the sign read: "Roadway may Flood During Heavy Rain".