## **MEMO**



TO:

Finance Committee

**Utilities Committee** 

FROM:

Paula Vandehey, Director of Public Works

DATE:

July 13, 2017

**SUBJECT:** 

The following 2017 Budget adjustment be approved to provide funding for additional permanent patch locations associated with water main breaks

and lead service and curb box replacements:

Water Utility Fund Balance

- \$55,000

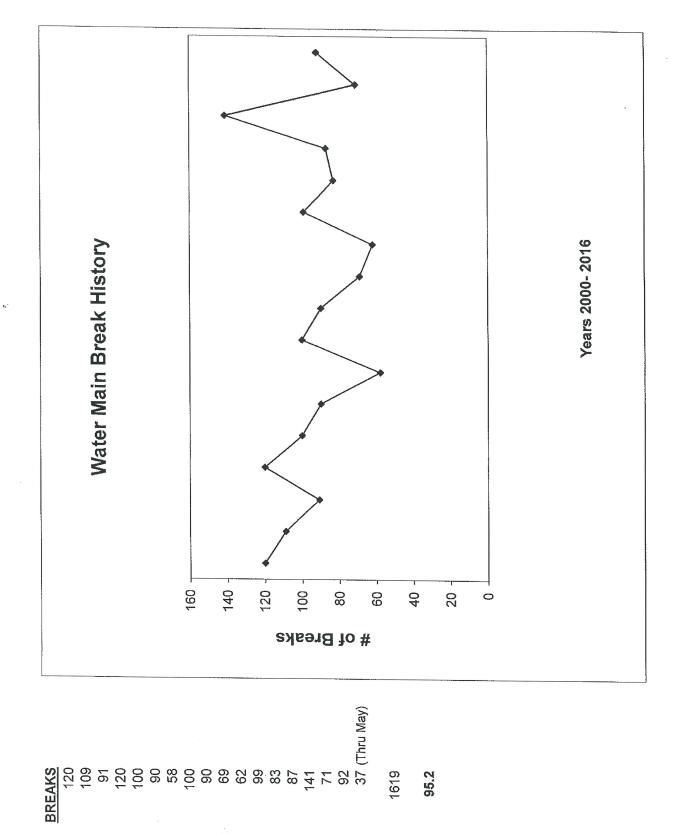
Distribution Operations & Maintenance

+\$55,000

The Department of Public Works is attempting to catch up on all restoration work associated with water main breaks from years prior to 2017, as well as lead service and curb box restoration work. However, the \$40,000 in the 2017 Adopted Budget will not be sufficient to complete all of the outstanding street, curb and sidewalk patches.

In 2016 we had 92 water main breaks, and so far in 2017 we have already had 37 breaks. If we do not complete all of the outstanding patches, we will continue to fall further behind based on the number of breaks we have already had in 2017 (see attached Water Main Break History chart). The Water Division has replaced over 40 lead services and numerous curb boxes in the last two years. These replacements require permanent street patches and sidewalk and curb replacement.

Therefore, we request a budget adjustment to use existing Water Utility Fund Balance to fund permanent street, curb and sidewalk patches at an additional 50 locations in 2017.



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Average: