

# Mid-American Group

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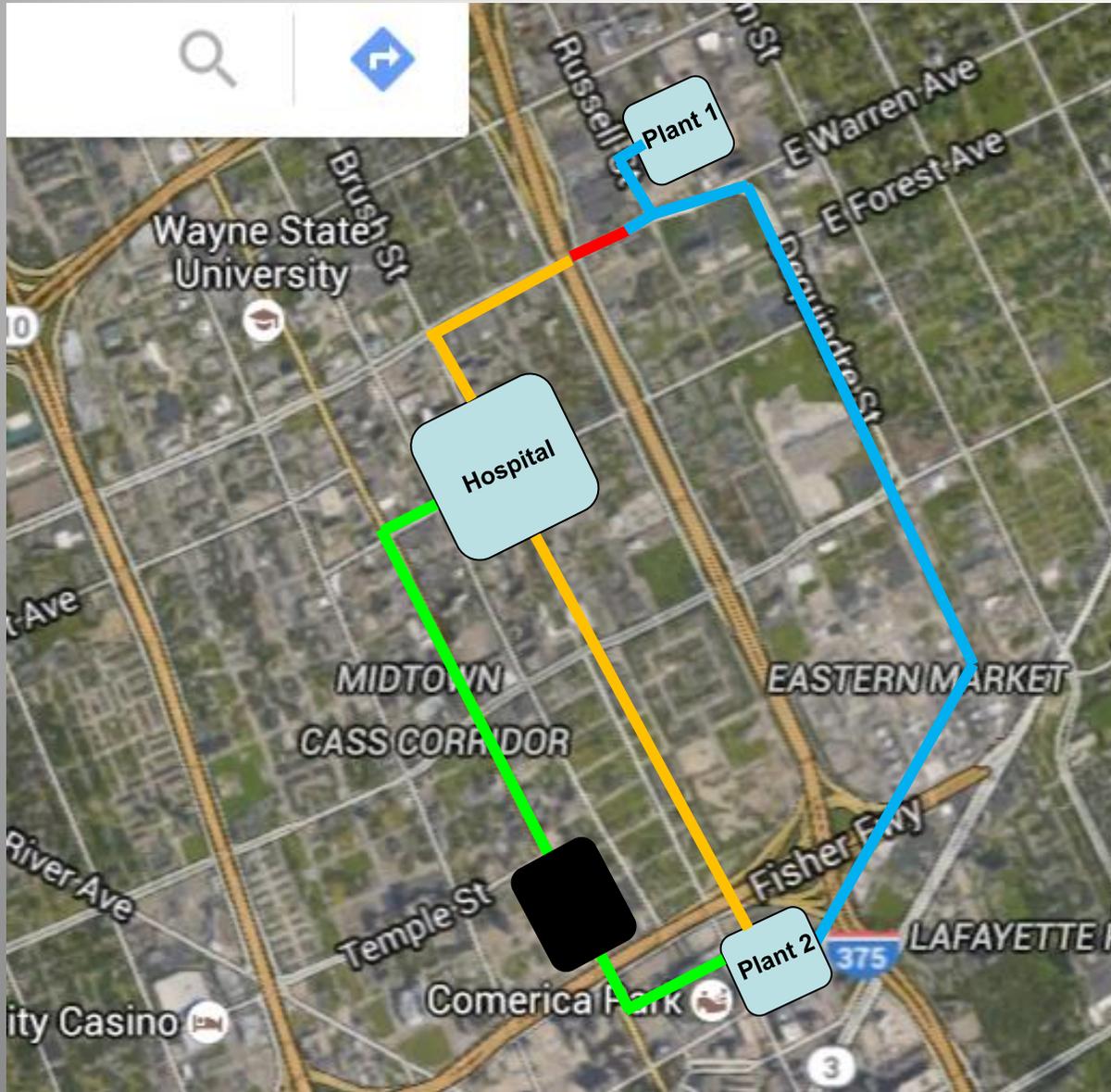
## Steam Pipe Insertion Cost Savings Project



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In 2010 a section of pipe illustrated in **RED** was abandoned due to operation issues and was not required to serve any customers.

In 2015, a new rail system was put in place cutting a back-up feed for a critical Hospital Customer. This is shown in the Black Rectangle

Pressure: 235p.s.i. nominal  
Diameter: 26"  
450F Operating Temp

Pressure: 120 p.s.i. nominal  
Diameter: 10" up Warren tying into 16"  
on Brush  
350F Operating Temp

Pressure: 120 p.s.i. nominal  
Diameter: 16"

Pressure: 235 p.s.i. nominal  
Diameter: 20" reducing to 10" at  
manhole #5



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## Excavation and 10” pipe insertion

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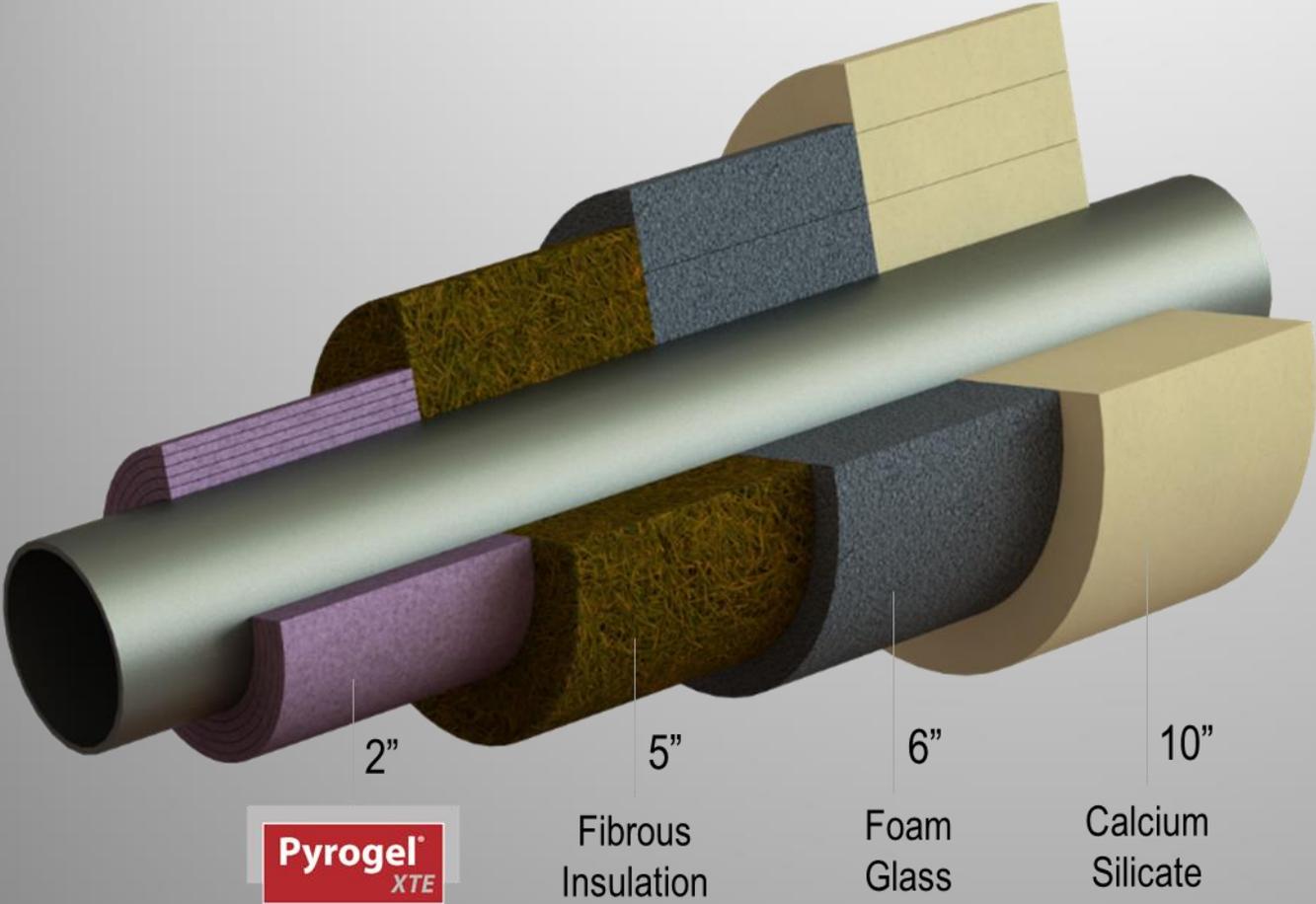
### Task:

- Maintain a back up feed for a critical Hospital customer requiring steam 24-7 for heat, air-conditioning, and medical sterilization.
  - The Back-up was fed by the Green line shown previously, but was scheduled to be cut due to the installation of a new rail system and be down for an extended period of time.
- A previously abandoned section of pipe shown in Red on the previous slide from Plant 1 was chosen to take the place of the back-up due to economical and logistics reasons.
  - Refurbish Ø 16” Steam Pipe that connects the 26”- 235p.s.i. from the Plant 1 steam line to the critical Hospital Customer 120# feeder.
- Option 1: Open cut entire length of 450’, excavate down to pipe, install shoring, remove concrete, cut pipe out in sections and remove, install new pipe Ø 20” , pour concrete around pipe, backfill, pour concrete.
- Option 2: Open cut 2 sections 20’x10’, excavate down to pipe, install shoring, remove 1 section of pipe in each location, lower Ø10” pre-insulated pipe into excavation, weld pipe and pull into adjacent manhole.
  - Existing Ø 20” pipe was actually oversized for the requirements to customers on that loop. A Ø10” Steam pipe would suffice without any negative impacts.
- Option 2 was chosen as a cost and time reduction option
  - A solution was then required for space concerns in the 20” pipe ID envelop



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## Insulation Comparison with a 7.2 R Value



Pyrogel Insulation was chosen due to its reduced thickness for equivalent R value



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## Pyrogel Insulation Selection Table

Fluid Operating Temperature Range (°F) and Usage	Insulation Conductivity	
	Conductivity Btu.in/(h.ft <sup>2</sup> .°F)	Mean Rating Temperature, °F
>350°F	0.32 – 0.34	250
251°F to 350°F	0.29 – 0.32	200
201°F to 250°F	0.27 – 0.30	150
141°F to 200°F	0.25 – 0.29	125
105°F to 140°F	0.22 – 0.28	100

Pyrogel XTE				
<1	1 to <1½	1½ to <4	4 to <8	≥8
1.2	1.2	1.6	2.0	2.0
1.0	1.2	1.6	2.0	2.0
0.8	0.8	1.2	1.6	1.6
0.6	0.6	1.0	1.2	1.2
0.4	0.4	0.8	0.8	0.8

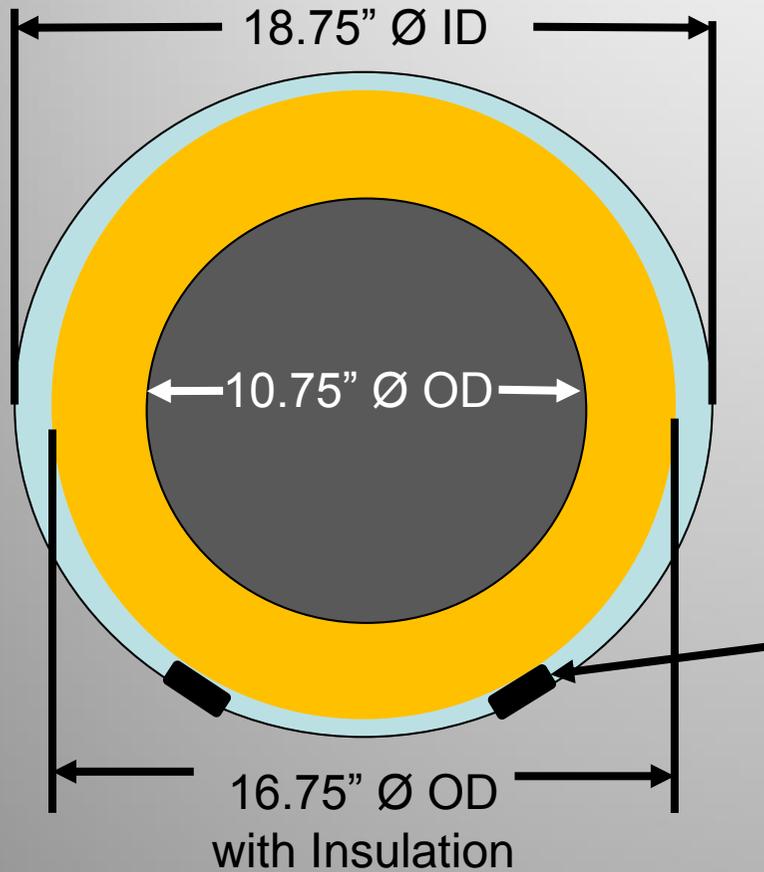
For an Operating temperature of 450 °F,  
2" of Pyrogel is required for a 10" pipe



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## Foamglas Insulation

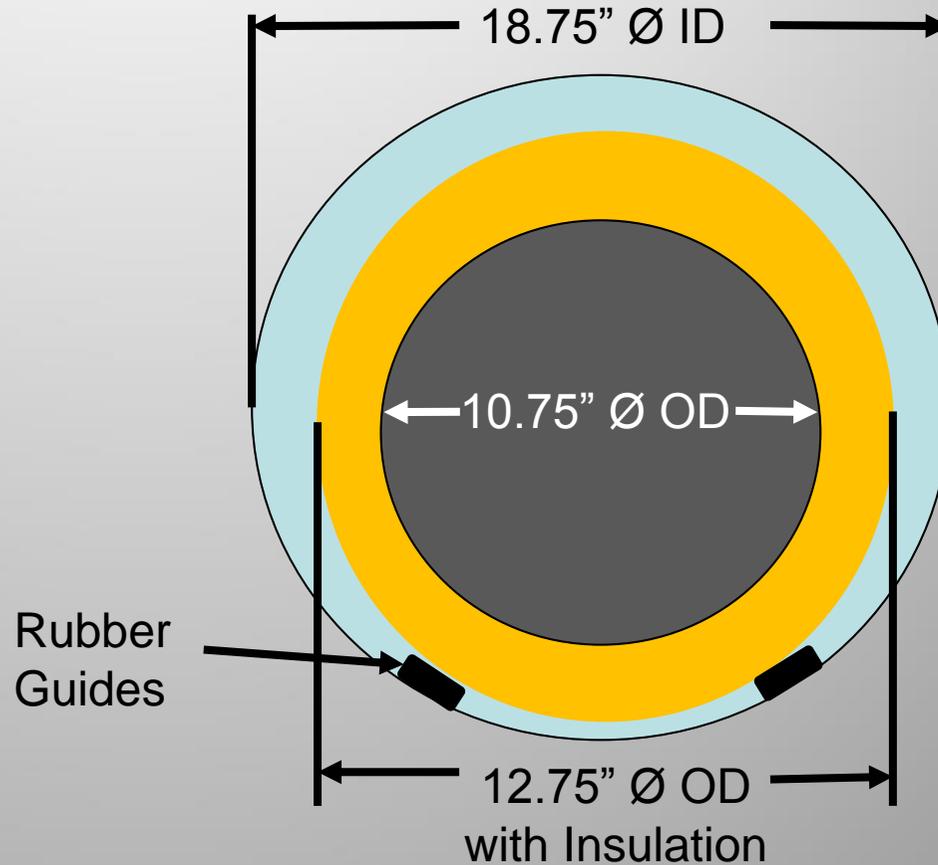
7.2 R Value



Leaving a 1.00" clearance  
to pull in new pipe

## Pyrogel Insulation

7.2 R Value



Leaving a 6.50" clearance  
to pull in new pipe



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MH 24

MH 25

MH 5

450'



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Excavation East of Manhole 25



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Cutting existing 20" pipe

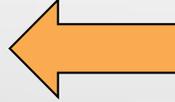
Hand jackhammer required to expose existing 20" pipe



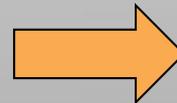
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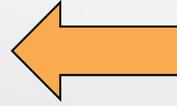
Removing  
existing 20" pipe



A concrete  
anchor or thrust  
support was  
removed in the  
excavation,  
approximately  
20' long, 8'  
deep, 6' wide.



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Bottom of excavation East of manhole 25



First Pipe being lowered into Excavation East of MH 25



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First Pipe being  
lowered into  
Excavation East  
of MH 25



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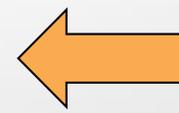


Pipe being welded in excavation  
east of MH 25

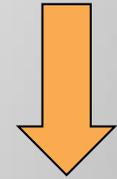


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Anchor being  
Installed East of  
MH 25



Concrete  
being  
poured



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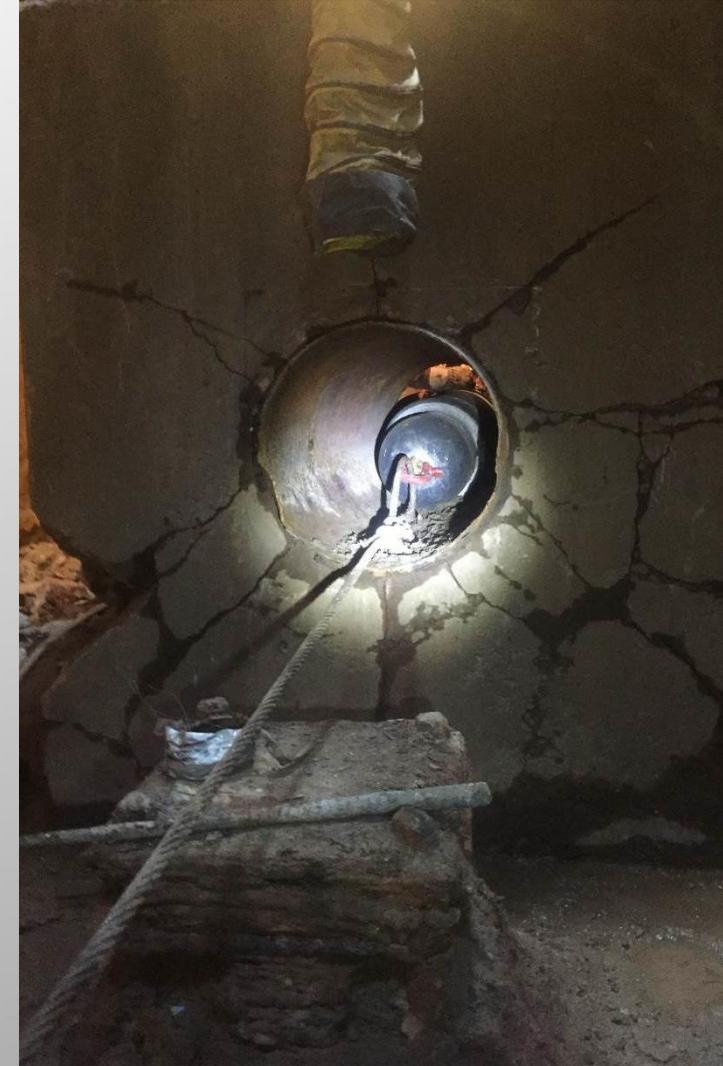
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New 10" pipe is inserted from  
Excavation East of MH 25 into  
MH 25



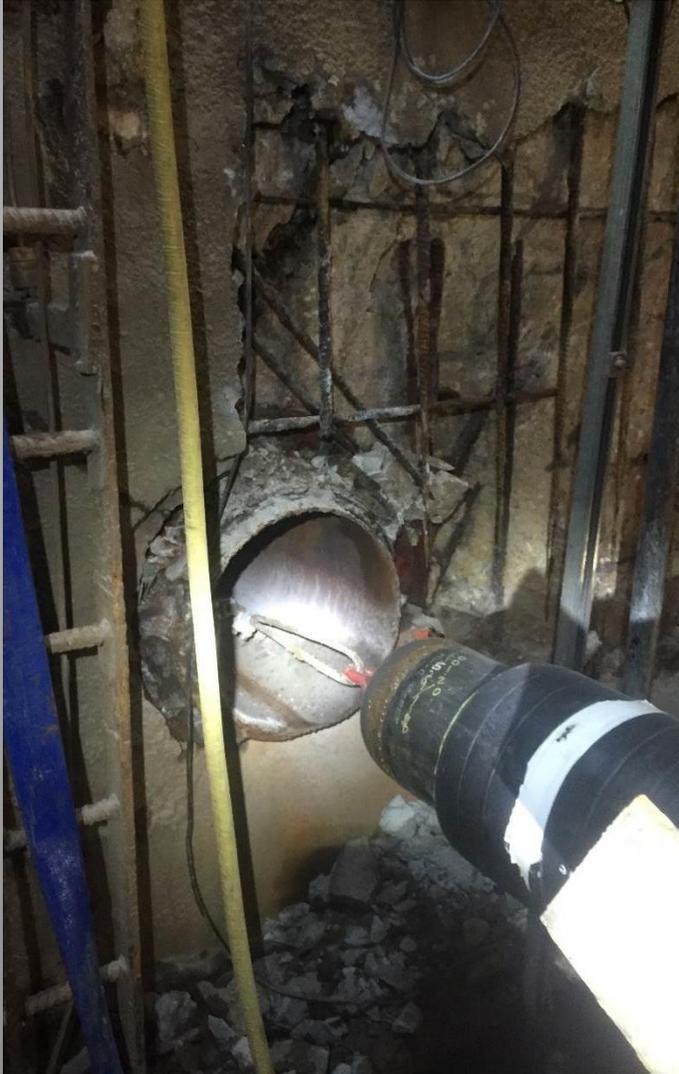
Cable is installed through pipe  
between MH 24 to MH 25



Cable is installed to first section  
of new 10" pipe



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Cable pulling 10" pipe into existing 20" pipe



10" pipe pulled into 20" pipe between MH 25 and MH 24. Guide can be seen. 2 are installed per pipe section



Guides being installed on new 10" pipe inside of MH 25



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Installing Insulation kit on newly welded pipe in Manhole 25



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Excavation being dug west of MH 5



Installing Pipe in Excavation West of  
Manhole 5



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Manhole 24 wall repairs



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Manhole 25 wall repair started by removing compromised concrete



Manhole 25 wall repair Completed



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Manhole 25 wall repairs



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Pressure reducing valves, pressure isolation valves, and expansion joints installed in MH 25



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Manhole 5 before repair started



Manhole 5 wall repairs, material removed and new rebar installed



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Shotcrete being sprayed in  
Manhole 5



Shotcrete repair complete in  
Manhole 5



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Anchor being prepared in  
Manhole 5



Anchor poured and completed in  
Manhole 5



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Blowdown of entire 450' of  
new pipe



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### Conclusion:

- Project allows an old connection to be re-established so that one of the critical hospital customers is provided with a back-up feed of critical Steam. The new lite rail system being built in Detroit has a section of about 600 feet of tracks running directly over the steam line. It was a concern that if major work had to be done on the steam line under this section of tracks, a disruption to the rail would be imminent. By re-establishing this section there would be no disruption to the rail while still providing redundancy to the hospitals and north end of the steam system.
- Project was completed with about a 40% Cost Savings compared to Excavating all 450' of open excavation / installing shoring / removing old pipe / new pipe installation / backfilling / concrete and asphalt installation.
  - The Cost savings would have been even more if Asbestos abatement had been required.
- All Anchors / valves / expansion joints / drip legs required could be installed in the 3 existing manholes.
- Project was completed with a 50% reduction in overall project time
  - City was satisfied with a shorter road closure duration and disruption of traffic flow
- Safety was improved with less confined space time for the crew

