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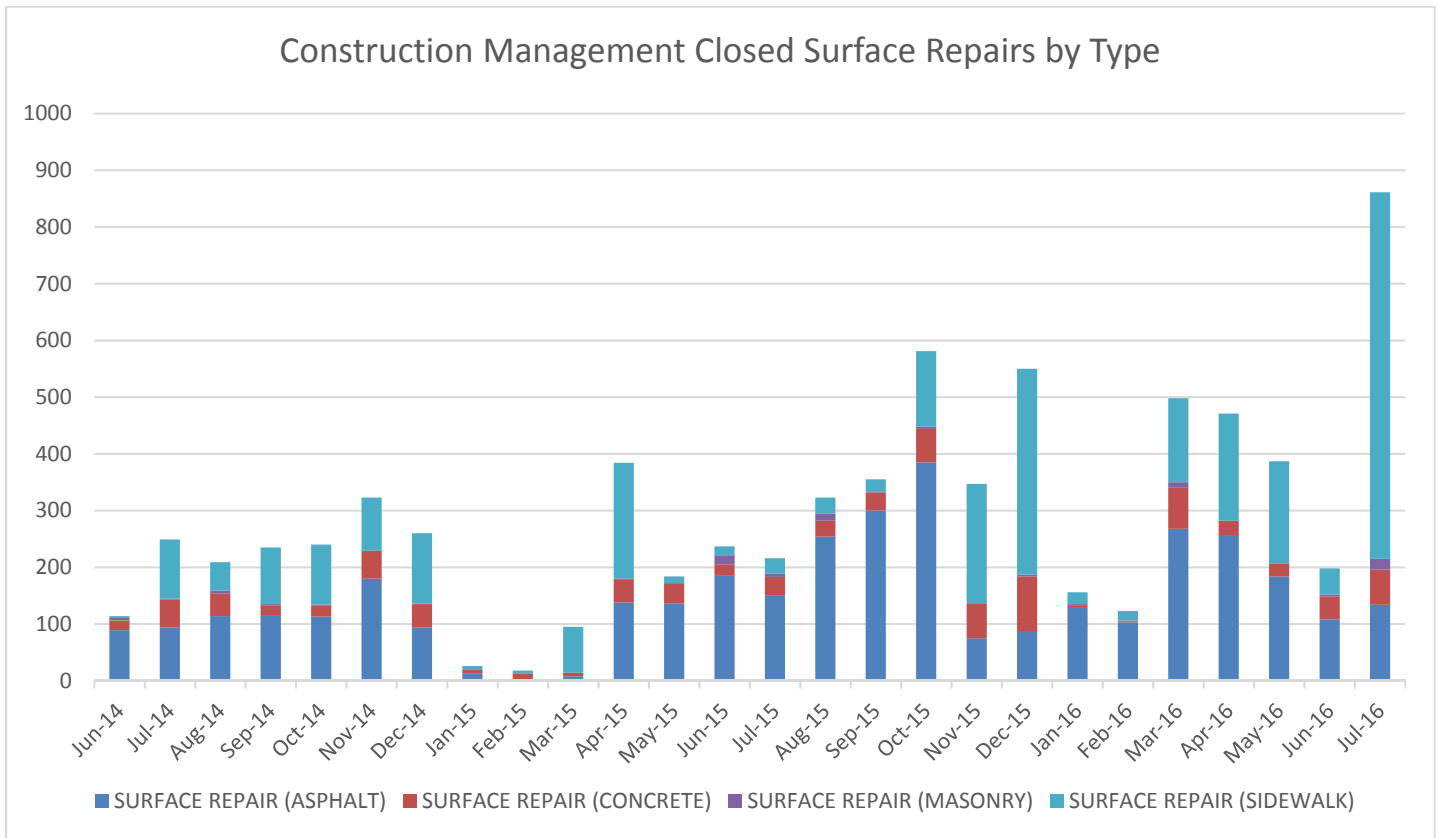
FROM: CitiStat Team

SUBJECT: DPW- Bureau of Water & Wastewater, Executive Briefing



- **Making Progress**

- **Sanitary Discharge of Unknown Origin (SDUO).** The Bureau of Water and Wastewater investigates Sanitary Discharges in order to identify the cause and make the appropriate repairs. When the cause or origin of the leak cannot be found, it is marked as a Sanitary Discharge of Unknown Origin (SDUO). The Bureau tracks the SDUOs and further investigates the active ones until they are abated. The number of active SDUOs has dropped from 8 reported at the previous CitiStat meeting to 4, with one being labeled as “confirmation pending.”
- **Permanent Restoration.** When work is done in the right of way (sidewalk, alley or street) and any excavation is done then the right of way must be restored. Usually the cut will be permanently restored immediately or temporary restored until permanent restoration can occur at a later date. A surface repair is opened within the Cityworks database when a temporarily restored cut is awaiting permanent restoration. As of August 8th, 2016 there are currently 550 open surface repairs which is less than the backlog of 1,115 reported at the previous CitiStat meeting. The Bureau of Water and Wastewater consider a surface repair overdue when it has exceeded 90 days. The graph below represents the total number of surface repairs closed by type from June 2014 through July 2016.



• **Needs Improvement**

- **Consent Decree.** Baltimore City entered into a Consent Decree with the United States and the State of Maryland in 2002 which obligated the City to fund a comprehensive wastewater collection system evaluation and rehabilitation program. The City is currently in the process of negotiating a modified Consent Decree. The ultimate goal of the Consent Decree is to reduce the number of Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) from the system. The charts below show the number of both dry and wet weather SSOs over the past year, with wet weather SSOs being the result of rainfall. Wet weather SSOs have risen from 24 to 29 for the month of June 2016.

