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***Mayor Fulop Announces Aggressive Inter-Agency Pothole Plan that will Target Potholes Across City; New Approach Triples Number of Crews and Uses Technology to Map Locations of Pothole Repairs***

***DPW, JCIA and JCMUA Team up to Deploy Seven Crews to Eliminate Potholes Across All Wards Simultaneously; Coordinating with County and State Agencies for Repairs on County and State Roadways***

JERSEY CITY – **Mayor Steven M. Fulop** announced today that the Department of Public Works is launching **an aggressive pothole repair plan** that coordinates three agencies with crews working in all wards simultaneously, **tripling the amount of pothole repair teams** while also utilizing technology to more quickly and efficiently eliminate potholes.

“Our approach to potholes is both aggressive and smart,” said **Mayor Fulop**. “We are tripling the personnel assigned to repairs and leveraging technology so we can eliminate potholes quickly and efficiently across all wards.”

Six crews combined of personnel from DPW, the Jersey City Incinerator Authority (JCIA) and the Jersey City Municipal Utilities Authority (JCMUA) will be working across the city simultaneously, repairing potholes in every ward. A seventh crew will be assigned to respond to pothole complaints received through the Resident Response Center (RRC).

Repairing potholes is a two-phased process with crews first filling with cold patch materials until the asphalt plants open in early April. Once the asphalt is available, pothole crews then return to the fill the pothole with hot tar, sealing the pothole.

This year, while placing the cold patch, all pothole repairs will be mapped and digitized so that DPW personnel will know exactly where crews need to be dispatched with hot asphalt to seal the potholes. All potholes will be revisited within 60 days to complete the process. Additionally, DPW will utilize the digitized map to cross reference with streets that will be repaved as part of the City’s comprehensive resurfacing program, creating greater efficiency.

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The aggressive pothole plan comes at no additional cost to taxpayers, as the city is expanding its capabilities without adding cost by utilizing two additional agencies to increase equipment and personnel.

“Potholes are a serious concern for motorists and something that every year causes accidents and damage to vehicles,” said **Jim Dugan, Vice President of AAA of North Jersey**. “This proactive approach by Mayor Fulop to address potholes will make streets safer and improve driving conditions for Jersey City residents and visitors. We hope other municipalities in the state follow this model.”

The City is also coordinating with Hudson County and their Roads Division on pothole repairs on county roads such as Kennedy Boulevard and Paterson Plank Road, as well as with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (DOT) and the New Jersey Turnpike Authority for roads such as Tonnele Avenue, Route 1&9, the State Highway 139, as well as all Turnpike roadways and approaches in Jersey City.

To report a pothole, residents should call the RRC at 201-547-4900 or visit the city website at [www.jerseycitynj.gov](http://www.jerseycitynj.gov) and fill out the online request form.

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