



Transportation Project Updates December 2020

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2020 Construction Projects

Allen Creek Berm Opening

The construction is now substantially complete and the tunnel is open to the public. More information is available on the [project website](#). Click [here](#) to view the virtual grand opening video for the project.

Annual Sidewalk Repair Program

This program is an annual project to repair sidewalks throughout the City. Further information on the program and a list of 2020 target areas can be found at a2gov.org/Sidewalks. Work on the 2020 program is now complete.

Annual Street Resurfacing Project

This suite of projects encompasses the majority of the City's street resurfacing activities, including several major and multiple local streets. A full list of streets is posted on the website at: a2gov.org/RoadConstruction. The majority of the construction work for the 2020 project is now complete.

William Street Improvements

The temporary hardened centerline treatments were removed at Division and at Thompson in November to prepare for winter maintenance and snow plowing.

Projects Currently in Design/Planning

People Friendly Streets Initiative

First Street construction will wrap up for the season this month, with final construction and restoration to two-way traffic in summer 2021. The First Street Bikeway is substantially complete from Huron Street to William Street. The bikeway north of Huron Street will be complete next construction season, including a dedicated bikeway signal at Huron Street. Final pavement markings will also be installed summer 2021. Ashley Street is scheduled to begin spring 2021.

People-Friendly Streets Part 2

The State Street focus group meetings are underway with broader public engagement planned for this winter and spring.. On Monday, July 6, City Council approved [Healthy Streets Pilot Projects Downtown](#), a summary and detailed technical report can be found on the [project website](#).

Scio Church Road (Maple to Seventh)



The project includes watermain and stormwater work, resurfacing, installation of bike lanes, new sidewalk, and crosswalks. More information is available on the project [website](#). City Council approved removal of on-street parking in favor of buffered bike lane installation at their November 16 meeting. Construction is scheduled for the spring of 2021.

Sidewalk Gaps

On the November 3rd ballot, voters approved the New Sidewalk Millage, which will be the primary funding source for sidewalk gap filling projects going forward. While funding from the new millage will not be available until after July 1, 2021, there are several sidewalk gaps project that are proposed to advance to construction at some point in 2021. These tentatively include:

- Barton Dr. (Breade to Pontiac)
- Boardwalk (east side from end of sidewalk to Oakbrook)
- Jackson Ave. (Wagner to Park Lake)
- Manchester Dr. (near Washtenaw)
- Scio Church (Landmark to Seventh; as part of the project listed above)
- Stimson (State to end of gaps)
- Yost/Eli (2609 frontage)

Geddes Road Watermain

This project consists of a watermain replacement between Windycrest and Earhart. No changes to the road configuration are anticipated. The project will likely require the closing of the roadway for an extended period due to the watermain construction and the limited work space. Construction is scheduled for summer of 2021.

Bridge Maintenance Project

This project consists of capital maintenance work on several of the City's bridges, including the Broadway bridges, the Fuller Road bridge (east of Maiden Lane), and the Island Drive bridge over Traver Creek. While no major changes to the roadways are anticipated, there will be detours set up for this work. More information will be available once a detailed schedule is developed. Construction is scheduled to start in the spring of 2021.

Other Updates and Information

Advisory Bike Lanes

Advisory bike lanes are pavement marking treatments that help inform motorists and cyclists how to share the road. The City has had these installed for a few years at several locations where bike lanes encounter turning lanes (e.g. Seventh Street @ Pauline). New segment treatments were added on Summit (between Fifth and Beakes) and Granger (between Packard and State) in October and November. Information about these deployments was shared on social media and can be found online [here](#).

**“Healthy Streets” - Transportation opportunities for social distancing**

Staff is currently working on a report of the Healthy Streets deployments which will be shared with City Council and the Transportation Commission in December.

EV Readiness Ordinance

The Transportation Electrification subcommittee of the Energy Commission have worked for over a year to develop an EV Readiness Ordinance for Ann Arbor. The ordinance requires new buildings and major building retrofits to provide varying levels of EV charging infrastructure in parking spaces. The ordinance requires certain spots to be either EV-Capable, EV-Ready, or EV-installed. The ordinance will likely go before City Council for a first reading on 12/21.

Office of Sustainability and Innovations (OSI) Update

OSI staff have been planning for a DC Fast Charger installation in the Ann St lot of City Hall. ChargePoint has been selected to provide 4 CPE250c DCFCs modules for the installation, which can charge EVs with up to 125 kW of power. These would be the highest power chargers within the Ann Arbor highway loop, and the only fast chargers located in the downtown area. Two incentive grants/rebates have been received, for \$170,000 in funding support for the project. The remaining funding will be requested from City Council on 12/7.

Streetlight Implementation

33 new streetlights were installed so far in 2020. 1198 streetlight outages have been addressed by DTE in 2020.

Traffic Calming Program Submittals

Updates on recent Traffic Calming Program petitions are provided below:

Polling for the final draft traffic calming concept on Glenwood Road (Override to Washtenaw) received sufficient support from the project area and will be brought before the Transportation Commission to consider a recommendation on December 16, 2020 and City Council to consider a resolution for construction approval on January 19, 2021.

Transportation Plan Update

The Project Team reviewed the draft final plan with the Transportation Commission on November 18, 2020. The plan was reviewed by the City Planning Commission at its meeting on December 1, 2020. The draft document is scheduled to go to City Council in January for their consideration to initiate county and adjacent community review.

Following completion of interjurisdictional review, the plan will advance through a final public hearing, commission and Council review leading to adoption. More information about the Plan (including the latest draft) and upcoming public engagement opportunities, can be found on the project [website](#). Please subscribe to receive updates on this project.

Winter Maintenance

City Council recently reviewed a memo detailing winter maintenance practices on city streets for the 2020-2021 season. This document can be viewed on [Legistar](#).