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# City of Ann Arbor Transportation Commission

## Update – October 17, 2018

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# Summer Safety Improvements

## Huron High School – Drop off and Pick Up Traffic Plan

- Issue:** ● Dangerous situation at the Huron Parkway entrance for students, cars and buses
- Assessment:**
- Goal to create a safer campus for students
  - OHM conducted assessment that included on campus and off campus roadways
- New Plan:**
- Best safety practice is separation of car and bus traffic.
  - All bus traffic off Huron Parkway entrance - All car traffic off Fuller Rd.
- Successes:**
- Separation of cars and buses has created a safer campus for students.
  - Fewer student tardy numbers the first three weeks of school compared to last year
  - Traffic lights Huron Parkway/Geddes/Fuller & West signal have been adjusted by city to allow for longer turning times in morning and afternoon.
  - AAATA ridership on two buses serving Huron has increased.
- Issues still addressing:** ● Cars need to pull all the way forward to utilize drop off and pick up loop.
- Solutions:**
- Hired experienced person to be in position at Fuller loop to guide cars to pull forward am/pm- started today along with “Pull Forward” signage
  - Created 3-way stop at athletic/student parking lot corner for coordinated cueing

# Summer Safety Improvements

## **Clague Middle School– Separation of bus and car traffic**

- Buses now use west circle and cars use front circle
- Eliminated one crosswalk that was located in unsafe area near front circle

## **Eberwhite Elementary School – Separation of bus and car traffic**

- Cars use front and east circle
- Buses use west circle
- New signage
- New crosswalk from east circle

# Summer Safety Improvements

## New traffic signs and crosswalks installed according to SRTS assessment

- **Angell** – One way signs into Angell from Washtenaw
- **Dicken** – New crosswalk from parking lot and No Parking/No Standing signs
- **King** – New Staff Parking Only sign in staff lot
- **Thurston** – New No Parking signs and directional pick up and drop off signs
- **Thurston Nature Center** – Installation of Property signs, Hours of Operation, Danger No Swimming, Danger Skate at your own risk  
*The Thurston Nature Center committee requested these signs and an email was sent to the homeowner associations of Orchard Hills and Maplewood explaining the reason and placements of the signs.*
- **A2 STEAM** – Authorized Parking Only sign in front lot off Barton and refresh of crosswalks. No Right Turn out of Barton entrance and new system that doesn't allow drop off and pick up at Barton entrance.
- **Mitchell/Scarlett** – Refresh of crosswalk from Colonial Square to both campuses and new stop signs.

# Summer Safety Improvements

## **Safety Protocols**

- Administration and Community Assistant Staff now wear safety vests when directing drop off and pick ups.
- New Safety Patrol protocols to match city pedestrian law.

# Walk/Bike to School Day –Oct. 3 & 10



## October 3

- **A2 STEAM** - 399 participants including 50 student bikers, and countless parent and supporters walking and biking to school with the kids. Carrot Way Bike Train had over 20 participants. Northwood Bike Train with 10 participants.
- **Bach Elementary**

## Scheduled October. 10 Schools

- **Clague Middle**
- **Wines Elementary –"Walktober Month"**
- **Dicken Elementary**

**October 19 - Thurston Elementary**

**Burns Park** practices this everyday!

# AAPS - City Initiatives - Update

## **New Flag Crossing Program**

Burns Park @ Lincoln & Granger  
Dicken @ Runnymede & Wimpole / Waltham & Warrick  
A2 STEAM @ John A. Woods & Peach

## **Clague Middle School**

Antietam Bump-Out – crosswalk proposed at this location – On Hold

## **Huron High School**

Fuller Rd. crosswalk relocation – November 1, 6pm @ Huron's Media Center

## **Dicken Elementary School**

Future upgrades to crosswalks off Dicken Dr. and Waltham Dr.

## **Thurston Elementary School**

No parking signs added on Renfrew at Prairie  
Bump Outs installed @ Prairie & Renfrew / Prairie & Aurora

## **A2 STEAM**

Installation of ramps/crosswalks on Pear and Taylor

# AAPS - City Initiatives - Update

## A2 STEAM – SRTS Sidewalk Gap Michigan Transportation Alternatives Program Grant

- Competitive Federal transportation funds via the Michigan Fitness program.
- Awarded to City of Ann Arbor for sidewalk gap program
- Met in June w/ neighborhood and last week to present revised plan
- Neighbors are opposed to plan mainly due to assessment fees

### **Implications:**

If this grant is delayed or returned the city could face penalties and could restrict the city (thus AAPS) from future SRTS TAP grants.



# Next Steps- 2018-2019 School Year

- **Safe Routes To School Teams**
- **Pioneer Traffic Plan Assessment**
- **Carpenter Traffic Plan Assessment**
- **Work with the City on a Pedestrian Safety Campaign aimed at students, parents & staff**
- **A variety of student and school safety initiatives**
  - **ALICE training**
  - **SEC/Firestorm School Safety Assessments**
  - **Mobile Safety App**
  - **Visitor Management System**