



## Transportation Project Updates

**December 2022**

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### **2022 Construction Projects**

#### **Sidewalk Gaps**

Gaps in the sidewalk system that are expected to be filled in 2022 include (some tentative timelines shown in parentheses):

- Barton Drive (north side from Brede to Pontiac) – Complete.
- Boardwalk Drive (east side from Eisenhower to Oakbrook) – Complete.
- Broadway (north/west side from Broadview Ln to Plymouth) – Postponed to 2023
- Ellsworth Road (north side, State to Stone School) – Project is substantially complete; however, one gap remains due to a utility conflict. This remaining gap will be completed in spring 2023.
- Hiscock Street (east side, near Summit) – Complete
- Hutchins & Prescott (near Stadium) – Complete
- South Main Street (address 2878) – Postponed due to easement needs
- Newport (east side from Sunset to Down up Circle) – postponed to June 2023
- Nixon/Traver (Westbury to Logan Elementary) – Complete
- Platt Road (address 2231) – Complete
- Russell Street (with first time paving project) – Complete
- Saunders Crescent (address 1121) – Complete
- Scio Church Road (north side from Landmark Court to Winsted and Greenview to Seventh) – Spring 2023
- Tuebingen Parkway (Lancashire to Traver) – Complete
- Winchell, Brockman, Frieze loop – Complete
- Yost and Eli (at frontage of 2609 Yost Avenue) – Complete

#### **Platt Road (Huron Parkway to Packard)**

This is a Federal aid project the consists of resurfacing, watermain replacement work and pedestrian improvements. Due to supply chain issues (scarcity of watermain pipe), construction of this project has been postponed to spring of 2023. City Council approved the cost sharing contract with MDOT at their meeting on June 21, 2022. As part of this approval, City Council stipulated the incorporation of bicycle facilities consistent with an "all ages and abilities bicycle route" along this segment of Platt Road. A virtual public meeting is scheduled for December 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. The link to the meeting will be available on the project website at [www.a2gov.org/Platt](https://www.a2gov.org/Platt).



## **Projects Currently in Design/Planning**

### **Earhart Road (US-23 to Geddes Road)**

This project consists of the resurfacing of Earhart Road between Geddes and US-23. This was originally two projects, with the southern portion from Greenhill's to Geddes scheduled for 2022. However, due to contractor capacity issues, this project was not able to be completed in 2022 and is being combined with the northern portion for construction in 2023. The project scope includes resurfacing and the addition of bike lanes. Another virtual public meeting will be held on December 14, 2022 at 6pm. Information on this public meeting will be available on the project webpage at [www.a2gov.org/earhart2023](http://www.a2gov.org/earhart2023).

### **Seventh Street & Greenview**

This project consists of watermain replacement and resurfacing on South Seventh Street between Scio Church and Greenview, and on Greenview between Seventh and Scio Church. The Seventh Street portion of the project includes stormwater improvements in the scope, which could consist of such things as road narrowing, raingardens, sand filters, and/or underground stormwater storage. A public engagement meeting was held on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Follow-up information from the meeting is posted to the [project webpage](#). Additionally, traffic volume and speed data has been posted online. Following the Transportation Commission's recommendations from their September 21 and October 19, 2022 meetings, staff presented a Resolution to City Council on November 10, 2022 to remove on-street parking from one side (the west side) of South Seventh Street from Scio Church to Lawton Elementary and to incorporate additional speed management and/or traffic calming elements as part of the project. Council replaced this Resolution with one that directed staff to develop new designs that narrow the road using speed management tools and then integrate an appropriate all ages and abilities bike route; and to present the new designs to the public for feedback. This additional work will be conducted in 2023, and the construction of the project will be delayed to 2024.

### **E. Medical Center Drive Bridge**

On March 7, 2022, City Council approved an amendment to DLZ's contract to design and provide a construction cost estimate for the east-west pathway under the E. Medical Center Drive bridge. Bids for the project have been collected and contracts for the construction and the construction management are schedule to go to City Council at the first meeting in January. Construction is expected to begin in March/April of 2023. Design and cost estimating work has been completed on the pathway under the bridge. A memo to Council is currently being prepared on this topic and will be forwarded to Transportation Commission once completed.



**State & Hill Improvements**

Final design changes will result in a true protected bike lane the length of the project and 10.5' travel lanes to facilitate bus operations. These accommodations could be made as a result of removal of parking. More information can be found on the project website. Preliminary plans have been submitted to MDOT and final plans are scheduled to be submitted in December.

**South Main Street Watermain & Resurfacing**

This project consists of replacement of the watermain and resurfacing of the street from Huron to William. Public engagement has been underway with the adjacent business owners and the DDA. Plans are currently out to bid, and construction is planned for 2023.

**Other Updates and Information**

**MDOT Coordination**

The City has regular coordination with MDOT on State projects within the City. MDOT allows for locally installed improvements on their facilities, subject to their review and approval. The following projects are currently being coordinated with MDOT:

Accessible Pedestrian Signals – The City is currently working to incorporate audible Accessible Pedestrian Signals at trunkline intersections that are scheduled for improvement, namely: at Seventh/Huron; Jackson/Dexter/Revena

**Office of Sustainability and Innovations (OSI) Update**

The voters of Ann Arbor overwhelmingly supported the climate millage on November 8, 2022. This millage is expected to generate over \$6 million annually for the next 20 years. Some of this money is expected to help advance transportation initiatives which implement elements of the A2Zero Carbon Neutrality Plan. At this time, the projects identified for the first 2 years of this millage are expected to go to the following initiatives (subject to change):

<b>Proposed Project</b>	<b>FY24</b>	<b>FY25</b>
Earhart Non-motorized elements	\$300,000	
Install Streetlights at uncontrolled crosswalks	\$250,000	
Upgrade Crosswalks	\$250,000	\$500,000
Create protected bike lanes	\$200,000	\$500,000

. More information is available online at:

<https://www.a2gov.org/departments/sustainability/Pages/2022-Community-Climate-Action-Millage-.aspx>

**Streetlight Implementation**

1090 streetlight outages have been addressed to date by DTE in 2022. New streetlights were installed at E. Madison/South Quad; Newport/Down Up Circle; Additionally, work is finishing up on streetlight maintenance which paints, replaces, or performs other preventive maintenance work on existing City-owned streetlights to ensure operability.



### **Traffic Calming Program Submittals**

Granger (State to Packard) had its initial meeting on 12/7/22. Granger (Forest to Olivia), Fulmer (Miller to Foss), and Baldwin (Packard to Stadium) have also kicked off and initial questionnaires were sent out (due 12/9).

The Traffic Calming Subcommittee held its first meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup> and reviewed the existing program parameters and some of the program's history.

### **Transportation Implementation Plan Update**

City staff continue to work with Sam Schwartz on the final deliverables for the Vision Zero Implementation Plan contract.

The latest VZIC meeting will be held on Monday December 12 at 7pm.

City staff have also been working on development of a Quick Build year 2 program with a focus on providing vertical separation to existing buffered bike lanes and focus on key bike intersections along those corridors. The QB year projects will be finished in the spring as the weather improves.

### **Education and Encouragement**

An events calendar of education and outreach activities that the Transportation team are developing is being reviewed presently. A key goal for these events will be to partner with existing organizations to have a larger impact.

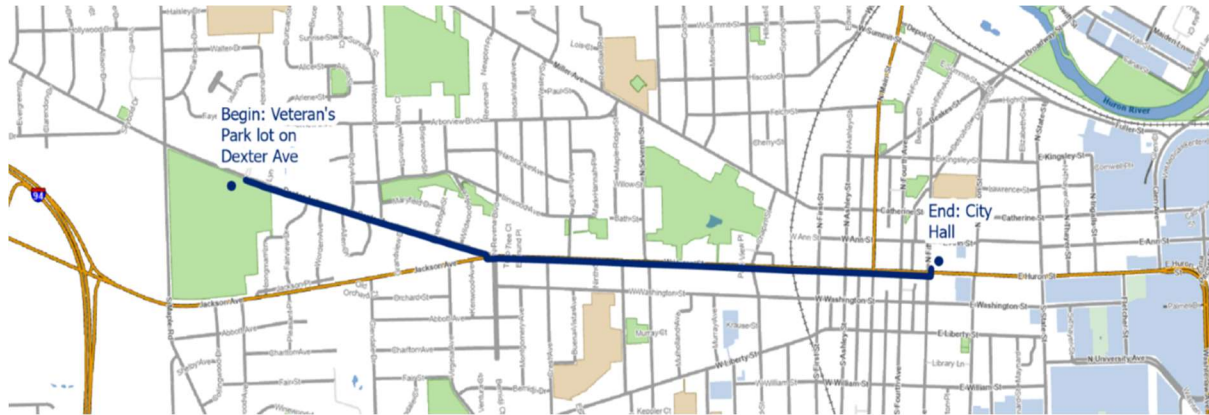
Here is our information on Conquer the Cold to share across our communication channels.

### **Conquer the Cold Challenge Runs Jan 10 to Feb 10, 2023**

Each year the get\_Downtown Program hosts a cold weather commuting challenge known as Conquer the Cold. This year's event will be January 10 to February 10. People can walk, bike, take public transit and more to earn prizes, badges and bragging rights. More information available at [conquerthecold.org](http://conquerthecold.org).

City of Ann Arbor Transportation Planners, Suzann Flowers and Trevor Brydon, will be hosting a series of walk to work events as part of Conquer the Cold. From Monday January 31 to Friday February 3, Suzann and Trevor will meet folks at the parking lot at Veterans Park on Dexter Ave at 7:15am. Participants will walk 1.63 miles to City Hall together.

If you want to really challenge yourself for Walk Week, join Suzann and Trevor and walk back to your vehicle, meet up will be at City Hall and the group will leave at 5:15pm. Walking Route Map will be as follows:



### **TheRide Update**

TheRide is currently working on the detailed plans for the following service improvement proposals:

- A new Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti Express Route
- Longer Hours of Service
- More Frequency Weekend Routes
- Expanded Late Night and Holiday Service

These service improvements are expected to be implemented by August 2024 and public engagement events are being planned for spring and fall of 2023 to collect feedback from the public, riders, and stakeholders.

In addition, TheRide is getting ready for the initial planning work for the Ypsilanti Transit Center upgrade project and continues working with the Ann Arbor Housing Commission, the DDA, and the City of Ann Arbor on the Blake Transit Center expansion project.