



Transportation Project Updates

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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 and open to traffic.
- Boardwalk Drive (east side from Eisenhower to Oakbrook) – Complete.
- Broadway (north/west side from Broadview Ln to Plymouth)
- Ellsworth Road (north side, State to Stone School)
- Hiscock Street (east side, near Summit)
- Hutchins & Prescott (near Stadium)
- South Main Street (address 2878)
- Newport (east side from Sunset to Downup Circle)
- Nixon/Traver (Westbury to Logan Elementary)
- Platt Road (address 2231)
- Russell Street (with first time paving project) – construction in late summer
- Saunders Crescent (address 1121)
- Scio Church Road (north side from Landmark Court to Winsted and Greenview to Seventh)
- Tuebingen Parkway (Lancashire to Traver)
- Winchell, Brockman, Frieze loop
- Yost and Eli (at frontage of 2609 Yost Avenue) – Complete

State Street Improvement Project (William to Huron)

This project is being designed jointly with the Downtown Development Authority. The project scope includes resurfacing, watermain work, non-motorized improvements, and installation of our first curbless street (William to Washington). Construction began on June 1 and will occur in two phases. Phase 1, (William to Liberty) will occur until Labor Day 2022. . Phase 2 (North University to Huron) will begin in spring of 2023 and be concluded before Labor Day of that year.

Projects Currently in Design/Planning

Barton Drive Bike Lanes

When Barton Drive was resurfaced in 2020, staff had proposed the removal of on-street parking between Pontiac and Northside in order to install dedicated bike lanes. This proposal was supported by the Transportation Commission and then presented to City Council for their approval (Chapter 10 of City Code requires approval from City Council



to eliminate on-street parking for more than one block). At that time, Council tabled the Resolution, saying that the results of the Lower Town Study should be finalized before making this determination. The Lower Town Study is now complete and recommends bike lanes on Barton Drive. To that end, staff is bringing this Resolution back to City Council for their consideration on July 18, 2022. Communications about this proposed change will also be going out to adjacent residents and the neighborhood.

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. Design work on the project is underway. Construction on this project is scheduled for 2023. A public engagement meeting is scheduled for July. More information will be provided when available.

Miller/Catherine

This project consists of a two-way protected bike lane on the south side of Miller/Catherine between Division and First Street and infrastructure to support the Ann Arbor Housing Commission's project at Fourth and Catherine. The project was bid, two proposals were received, and a staff recommendation is going to the DDA board on June 23. If approved, construction is anticipated to begin late July 2022.

State & Hill Improvements

This is a Federal aid project (Surface Transportation Program, Highway Safety Improvements Program, and COVID relief funding). The project limits are as follows:

- State Street (South University to Packard)
- State Street (Hoover to Granger)
- Hill Street (Fifth Ave. to Church)

The project scope includes watermain replacement and lead transfers, street resurfacing, non-motorized improvements, crosswalk upgrades, and new streetlights. A public engagement meeting was held on April 26th to gather initial feedback on the project. Additional public engagement opportunities will be forthcoming and will be communicated to the Transportation Commission in advance. A detailed presentation on this project is included on the agenda for the June 15th Transportation Commission meeting.

Other Updates and Information

Curbside Management Study

The team from Walker Consultants are underway with the curbside management study.

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:



- Huron/Seventh signal modernization – City staff hosted an information session on June 9, 2022 about the planned improvements for the Huron/Seventh intersection. As previously reported, MDOT is proceeding with design of signal modifications at Huron and Seventh which includes a left turn restriction for the southbound to eastbound movement. Conversely, a protected green arrow phase will be added for the northbound to westbound movement. Some realignment will occur on the north leg of the intersection to shift the vehicular travel lanes, bring the bike lane up to the signal, and make pedestrian signal improvements.
- M-14/Barton Interchange study – MDOT recently kicked off a ‘planning and environmental linkages’ study for the M-14/Barton interchange. They solicited input on the project area at the Ann Arbor Farmers Market on June 8, 2022

Streetlight Implementation

482 streetlight outages have been addressed to date by DTE in 2022. Additionally, work continues on streetlight maintenance which paints, replaces, or performs other preventive maintenance work on existing City-owned streetlights to ensure operability.

Transportation Plan Update

The second meeting of the Visions Zero Implementation Committee was held on May 26, 2022. Their discussion centered on the deployment of the seven quick build projects which will take place this summer, the development of the speed management program, and a brief discussion about coordination with the Michigan Fitness Foundation on a pedestrian safety education campaign. Meeting materials including the meeting Agenda, summary and video as well as other related materials can be found on the [project website](#). The next meeting will take place on Monday July 11 where data presentation will be made by Toole Design regarding the Michigan Fitness Foundation grant.

2022 Bike Map Update

The City of Ann Arbor & Washtenaw County Bike Map has been updated. The updated map is currently available on the [City’s bike website](#). Bike maps have arrived and are being distributed around the community in partnership with County Parks. The maps are at City Hall and are being passed out to area bike shops.

Packard Road Speed Limits

Staff are finalizing a memo which summarizes the engineering/safety analysis performed on Packard Road between Buhr Park/Easy Street and US-23/City Limits. The memo considers whether there is sufficient basis to lower the current 40 mph speed limit to 35 mph, as exists on points immediately west of this corridor (Packard Road west of Buhr Park; Eisenhower Parkway). This section of Packard Road was restriped as part of the 2021 Healthy Streets project, narrowing the 4 vehicle travel lanes and 1 two-way left-turn lane while adding 1 bicycle lane in each direction. As part of this analysis, staff have evaluated vehicle speed data (collected as part of the 2021 Healthy Streets project), crash data, and other existing conditions data along Packard Road. This analysis considers various methodologies for setting speed limits, as well as



the relevant limitations and allowances set by the state Michigan Vehicle Code, to determine a final recommendation.

Education and Encouragement

City staff participated in Bike to Work Day on May 20, 2022 and had a refreshment station at City Hall. City staff are partnering with the AADL in the development of a walking and biking badge as part of the summer game. A transportation scavenger hunt will be part of the green fair with walking and biking safety materials handed out. And in partnership with the Michigan Chapter of APBP staff will be hosting a Ride and Learn on August 18, 2022 to celebrate Ann Arbor's Gold level biking designation from the League of American Bicyclists.

TheRide Update

TheRide started restoring service on June 12 with additional trips on the 4, 26, and 29. Trips will be added throughout the summer with a goal of full-service restoration by the end of the summer.

TheRide is pleased to be partnering with the Ann Arbor District Library and the Ypsilanti District Library to offer FREE RIDE WEEKENDS every Saturday and Sunday from June 11 – August 28 on TheRide's fixed-route service, riders who show either their valid Ann Arbor or Ypsilanti library card can ride free.