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2022 Construction Projects

Annual Street Resurfacing Project

This suite of projects encompasses the majority of the City's street resurfacing activities and includes some asphalt path resurfacing. Local resurfacing work in 2022 will occur primarily in the area bounded by Miller, Maple, Jackson, and Huron. Resurfacing of various segments of asphalt paths is also included. The complete list of streets included in the 2022 program is posted on the <u>project website</u>. Work began in mid-May and is scheduled to continue through October.

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. Some delays in the plan review process with MDOT have been experienced, which has now caused the start of construction activities to move to summer of 2022.

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) Fall 2022
- Hiscock Street (east side, near Summit)
- Hutchins & Prescott (near Stadium) Complete
- South Main Street (address 2878) Postponed due to easement needs
- Newport (east side from Sunset to Downup Circle) to begin late July/early August
- Nixon/Traver (Westbury to Logan Elementary) to begin late July
- Platt Road (address 2231) Complete
- Russell Street (with first time paving project) construction in late summer
- Saunders Crescent (address 1121) Complete
- Scio Church Road (north side from Landmark Court to Winsted and Greenview to Seventh)
- Tuebingen Parkway (Lancashire to Traver)
- Winchell, Brockman, Frieze loop In progress
- Yost and Eli (at frontage of 2609 Yost Avenue) Complete

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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. Engineering staff will be re-evaluating this location for a 4-to-3 lane conversion, and further information on that aspect of the project will be provided when available.

Earhart Road

This project the consists of the resurfacing of Earhart Road between Geddes and Greenhills Drive. The project scope includes resurfacing and the addition of bike lanes. Construction is currently anticipated to occur in the fall of 2022 as part of the Annual Street Resurfacing Program.

Broadway Street (Plymouth to Plymouth)

This project includes the replacement of an aging watermain as well as resurfacing of the street. The project will also replace the existing speed humps and fill sidewalk gaps on the north side of the road at the east end of the project. Design work on the project is currently being completed, however due to material shortages, construction will be postponed to the spring of 2023. A public engagement meeting is being planned for this project and details will be shared with Transportation Commission when available.

Huron Parkway/Tuebingen Resurfacing (Nixon to Traver)

This project includes road resurfacing, filling of a sidewalk gap, and installation of bike lanes. Construction is expected to begin in August 2022.

Geddes Ave Resurfacing (Observatory to Highland)

This project includes resurfacing, stormwater improvements, and crosswalk upgrades. Construction is expected to begin in September 2022.

Huron Parkway Bridge Capital Preventative Maintenance Repairs Project

The project will consist of routine maintenance work for the Huron Parkway Bridge. Maintenance of traffic will involve closing one side of the bridge at a time for Phases 1 and 3 with one lane in each direction open to traffic and at a minimum one open sidewalk. Phase 2 will close the two interior lanes (one lane in each direction). At a minimum one lane in each direction will be open during the duration of the whole project. Construction is underway and is expected to be completed in late August.

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 Abor Housing Commission's project at Fourth and Catherine. Construction is anticipated to begin late July 2022.

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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 have been sent 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 August. More information will be provided when available.

Brooks Street Improvements

This project consists of watermain replacement, stormwater improvements, street resurfacing, sidewalk gap filling, and possible reconfiguration of the Brooks/Vesper/Sunset intersection. Design work is underway, and construction is planned for 2023.

Other Updates and Information

Curbside Management Study

The team from Walker Consultants are underway with the curbside management study. A presentation on this initiative will be given to the Transportation Commission at their July 20, 2022 meeting.

Streetlight Implementation

587 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. A new streetlight was installed at Kingsley and First.

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Transportation Plan Update

The Vision Zero Implementation Committee (VZIC) held their third meeting on July 11 where Toole Design presented their findings for the Pedestrian Safety Education Campaign for the city. A short survey is also being used to help collect information from residents regarding their top safety issues. The next VZIC meeting will be held on Tuesday August 16 from 5:00-6:30pm.

Education and Encouragement

City staff are happy to report that participation in the Ann Arbor District Library Summer Game has been great! To date the walking badge has received 274 players and the cycling badge has received 489 players.

The Transportation Team are also hosting their first Ride and Learn group ride event on August 18, beginning at 6:00pm at the Argo Park Pavilion. There will be speakers at three stops along the route and outdoor games, snacks and water at the finish which will be at Hanover Square Park. This event is being sponsored by the Michigan Chapter of the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals in celebration of Ann Arbor's Gold Level Bicycling designation by the League of American Bicyclists.

TheRide Update

TheRide continues to restore service with all routes at full service by the end of July except 62 and 68. Those routes will begin in August and September respectively.

TheRide is planning on submitting the Long-Range Strategic Plan to the Board at the July meeting.

TheRide is offering FootballRide again this fall for all home University of Michigan football games.