

TO: Mayor and Council

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SUBJECT: Ann Arbor Public Schools – Transportation Working Group

INT-1 4/15 Council Agenda Background Information

Dr. Patricia Green, Superintendent, Ann Arbor Public Schools (AAPS) will be providing a brief summary of the Ann Arbor Public Schools' Transportation Working Group Report. City staff from Public Services and Safety Services were participants. The report was presented to the Board of Education in December. Below is a link to the report.

http://www.boarddocs.com/mi/aaps/Board.nsf/files/93642R097A22/\$file/12641%20Transportation%20Working%20Group%20Report%20DB%20w%20new%20pages%20(small).pdf

Sidewalk gaps near schools were discussed by the working group. A very rough engineering estimate for <u>all</u> gaps (in the city (851,726 ft) is between \$25 and \$50 million. Prioritization of the gaps will be needed. AAPS participation in the prioritization recommendations to City Council is essential.

Staff is preparing an update report for City Council for May on the analysis that has been completed and the action items required to close sidewalk gaps.

Current sidewalk-gap projects:

Scio Church Road: South side from Delaware to Maple. Project is currently in the planning phase.

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Newport Road: West side from Forsythe/Wines School to Riverwood Drive. Project is currently in the planning phase.

Barton Drive: South side from approximately Lake Shore Drive to Chandler. Project is currently in the pre-planning phase. Public meeting held April 10.

Clague School: Safe Routes to School project along Nixon from Clague Middle School to about Haverhill. Project is currently in design phase for construction late summer.

Other projects:

Thurston Elementary: Safe Routes to School project will construct pedestrian islands at two locations and construct rectangular rapid flashing beacons at two locations along the walking routes to Thurston.

Tappan Middle School: MDOT's intersection improvement at Washtenaw and Platt will help improve pedestrian safety, including for Tappan students.