



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Howard S. Lazarus, City Administrator 
DATE: May 10, 2017
SUBJECT: Progress Report on School Safety Improvements

PURPOSE: This memorandum provides an update on the projects and initiatives that are part of the City's comprehensive approach in addressing school safety in collaboration with our community partners and stakeholders.

UPDATE: The report is organized along the "5-E's" of transportation – Engineering, Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, and Evaluation.

Engineering: Creating Safe and Convenient Places to Walk and Bike

The amended School Safety Work Plan (the "Work Plan") identified signage and markings projects as *Tier 1* efforts. The status of these efforts is as follows:

- The City has installed reduced speed school zones at the Ann Arbor Public School System (AAPSS) priority locations: Huron HS, Pathways to Success, Pioneer HS, and Tappan MS.
- Public Services is in the process of upgrading and/or replacing signage and pavement markings at the locations in are being refreshed and/or installed at the locations specified in the School Safety Work Plan.

Construction is scheduled for the Tier 2 improvements specified in the Work Plan for the AAPSS priority locations (Community HS, Huron HS, Pathways to Success, Pioneer HS, Ann Arbor Open, Clague MS, Forsythe/Wines, Scarlett/Mitchell, Slauson MS, and Tappan MS), with the following exceptions:

- Community High: The main work on Fifth Avenue will be performed as part of the DDA project scheduled for the summer of 2018. The gateway treatment is planned for this year, as is the bumpout/gateway on Division Street.
- The installation of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) at Huron HS is completed. The extension of sidewalk along south side of Fuller and relocation of Gallup Park crossing is schedule for this coming fall.

- The gateway treatment (signs and markings) and the RRFB on Packard Street north of Pathways to Success will be completed by August 2017.
- The RRFB on 7th Street (serving Pioneer HS) is scheduled to be installed in July 2017
- The gateway treatment at Newport & Red Oak (serving Forsythe/Wines) is scheduled to be installed in July 2017
- The gateway treatment and ADA ramps on Lorraine (serving Scarlett/Mitchell) is scheduled to be installed in July/August 2017
- At Slauson MS, the crosswalk improvements on 8th are scheduled for later in 2017. The improvements on Washington Street are included in a 2018 water main replacement project.

Education: Providing the Skills and Confidence to Walk/Bike

AAPS and the City are exploring opportunities to engage in a safe walking/biking program. Additional information will be provided in the next update.

Encouragement: Creating a Culture that Welcomes Active Transportation

The City has launched its community-wide A2 BE SAFE campaign and is actively working with AAPSS staff to adapt the program to meet AAPSS needs.

Enforcement: Ensuring Safe Pathways for All Users

The Ann Arbor Police Department (AAPD) has provided the following data on traffic enforcement actions in and around school zones for the current school year:

- 38 traffic problems were addressed for a total of 7,046 minutes of dedicated enforcement resulting in 185 citations and 90 warnings
- Ongoing enforcement also occurred at the new 25 mph school zone locations with the following actions:
 - Huron HS (1/9/2017 to present) – 208 traffic stops/76 citations issued
 - Pioneer HS (2/1/2017 to present) – 142 traffic stops/74 citations issued
 - Tappan MS (2/1/2017 to present) – 29 traffic stops/22 citations issued
- Additional crosswalk enforcement has occurred as well. There has been an estimated 200 hours of school related crosswalk enforcement and an additional 55 hours specifically at the Fuller Rd/Gallup Park location.

Evaluation: Measuring Successful Outcomes and Planning for the Future

The City and AAPSS have identified the following work items that AAPSS must initiate and/or complete:

- Fill-in the sidewalk gap on Red Oak (Ann Arbor Open)
- Apply for a traffic-calming project to install a raised crosswalk on Bluett (Clague MS).
- Repair the sidewalk on Stadium Boulevard adjacent to Tappan MS (school property).

The City has received a list of priority items from the A2 Safe Transport team. The list has been shared among the school safety partners, and City is evaluating the recommendations for future work.

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