



Transportation Project Updates

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2021 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. The complete list of streets included in the 2021 program is now posted on the [project website](#). Construction is complete on the first phase of the residential street work, which included Baldwin, Brockman, Crestland, Eastover, Ferdon, and St. Francis. Work began last week on the second phase, which includes Canterbury, Chesterfield, Cranbrook, Dorchester, Manchester and Towner. Weather has significantly delayed the first phase of the Packard asphalt path repaving. Presently, this work is anticipated to be complete within the next two weeks.

Geddes Road Watermain

This project consists of a watermain replacement between Windycrest and Earhart. Construction is now underway and is expected to be completed in September.

South Industrial Concrete Pavement Repairs

This project consists of spot repairs of the concrete pavement. The project will include the addition of bike lanes and a road diet in the four-lane segment immediately south of Stimson (conversion from four to three lanes to make room for bike lanes). Construction on the project began May 10 and is expected to be completed by the end of July. More information is available on the [project website](#).

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, and the project is currently expected to be bid in early September. Construction will begin in late September. At this time, it is anticipated that some aspects of the work will be completed this year, such as watermain, stormwater, sidewalks, and the concrete paving at the Maple intersection. The remainder of the work, including the resurfacing of the road will then take place in the spring of 2022.

Fuller Court Sidewalk Gap Project

This project includes the filling gaps in the sidewalk system along Fuller Ct. (south side) from 2250 Fuller Ct. to the east edge of the University of Michigan property at the corner of Fuller Road & Fuller Court. Construction began on April 12 and is now substantially complete. The crosswalk at the east end of the project will be installed this week or next through the City's Sidewalk Program.



Sidewalk Gaps

Gaps in the sidewalk system that are expected to be filled in 2021 include (some tentative timelines shown in parentheses):

- Barton Drive (north side from Brede to Pontiac) (Late summer/fall)
- Boardwalk Drive (east side from Eisenhower to Oakbrook) (Late summer/fall)
- Jackson Avenue (south side from Wagner to Park Lake) (August)
- Scio Church Road (north side from Landmark Court to Winsted and Greenview to Seventh) (Late summer/fall)
- Stimson Street (both sides; near State Street) (Late summer/fall)
- Yost and Eli (at frontage of 2609 Yost Avenue) (Fall)
- Manchester (near Washtenaw) (TBD)

The 2021 Sidewalk Gap Program opened bids in late June. This project consists of the Barton, Boardwalk, and Stimson sidewalk gaps listed above. Bids prices were higher than anticipated, so it is possible that some sidewalk work may need to be deferred to a later year to make sure the planned work remains within the available funding from the New Sidewalk Millage.

Ellsworth/Research Park Drive Intersection

The signals and crosswalks have been installed. This project is now complete.

Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) Installations

The crosswalk, streetlights, and RRFBs at Huron Pkwy and Glazier Way are installed and operational. Solar units for the crossing at Baxter/Huron Pkwy are on order and are expected to be installed by the end of September.

Bridge Maintenance Project

This project consists of capital maintenance work on several of the City's bridges, including the Broadway bridges, the Fuller Road bridge (east of Maiden Lane), and the Island Drive bridge over Traver Creek. Construction has been completed on the Island Drive bridge, and is ongoing at the Fuller Road bridge. The resumption of work on the Broadway bridge has been delayed due to material shortages.

Projects Currently in Design/Planning

First & Ashley Street

This project is in the final construction phase. Two-way restoration is expected to occur the week of July 26, 2021

Division Street

This project consists of a two-way protected bike lane on the east side of Division between Packard and Catherine. Design and engineering are underway. Construction is anticipated to begin early September.



State Street Improvement Project

The DDA's streetscape portion of the work runs between William and Washington. The design is being refined based on staff and stakeholder input and is in the design development phase. This project is scheduled to begin spring 2022.

Miller/Catherine

This project consists of a two-way protected bike lane on the south side of Miller/Catherine between Division and First Street with consideration for extending to Chapin. Study and Conceptual Design are underway. Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2022.

Huron Parkway/Tuebingen Resurfacing (Nixon to Traver)

This project includes road resurfacing, filling of a sidewalk gap, evaluation and repair of the Traver Creek culvert, and evaluation of the existing pedestrian tunnel. Design work will begin shortly and construction is anticipated in 2022.

Geddes Ave Resurfacing (Observatory to Highland)

This project includes resurfacing, stormwater improvements, and crosswalk upgrades. Design work will begin shortly and construction is anticipated in 2022.

Newport/Sunset Sidewalk Gap Project

This project will construct new sidewalk on the east side of Newport Road from Sunset to Downup Circle and on the north side of Sunset from Newport to Brooks. Design is underway and construction is planned for 2022. The first public engagement effort is anticipated for late this summer. This project will utilize Federal aid money (Surface Transportation Block Grant Program) leveraged by the City's New Sidewalk Millage.

Other Updates and Information

"Healthy Streets" - Transportation opportunities for social distancing

The resolution to award the construction contract was approved by City Council on June 21, 2021. Advance notification signage for Neighborhood Slow Streets was installed the week of July 5. Concrete work on the pedestrian refuge islands on E. Packard (in preparation of the lane narrowing) was completed in early July. Staff is evaluating if the speed limit on E Packard can be changed but this may not occur until some time after installation. Construction/implementation of healthy streets on arterials/neighborhood streets is expected to commence the week of July 19. A video describing the intent and function of Healthy Streets is currently in production and will be released shortly after implementation. Lastly, the Transportation Commission's Healthy Streets subcommittee will meet on August 12.

Lower Town Mobility Study:

The third public meeting was held June 10, 2021 via Zoom. Alternatives are being refined to incorporate public feedback. More information about the project and engagement opportunities can be found on the [project website](#).



MDOT Coordination

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

- Jackson/Highlake/I-94 East ramp – The signals are operational. Minor adjustments related to detection are still underway but the project is significantly complete.

Office of Sustainability and Innovations (OSI) Update

OSI staff have been planning for a DC Fast Charger installation in the Ann St lot of City Hall. ChargePoint has been selected to provide 4 CPE250c DCFCs modules for the installation, which can charge EVs with up to 125 kW of power. These would be the highest power chargers within the Ann Arbor highway loop, and the only fast chargers located in the downtown area. Two incentive grants/rebates have been received, for \$170,000 in funding support for the project. The remaining funding was requested and granted from City Council on December 7, 2020. The units have been delivered and permit applications have been submitted to the Building Department.

Streetlight Implementation

13 crosswalks have been upgraded with positive contrast lighting (DTE) to date in 2021. 561 streetlight outages were addressed by DTE to date in 2021.

Traffic Calming Program Submittals

The Traffic Calming Team is beginning work on the engagement phase for the next projects in the queue, with the intent to work on three of them concurrently. The next projects in queue are, in order:

- Rosedale (Packard to Redwood) – Petition received 2019-07-02 and did not meet the minimum 50% signature requirement. The petitioner has been aware of this since 2019 and has not obtained the necessary signatures. A notification will be going out by July 19, 2021 to the petitioner and all residents who signed the petition stating that the Rosedale petition does not meet the minimum requirements to continue moving forward in the process and will be moved back in queue.
- Longman-N. Fairview (Dexter to Jackson) – Petition was received 2019-09-09 and meets the requirements to move forward. The project area is starting their engagement process and residents in the affected project area were mailed their Initial Questionnaire (Step 2) on July 12, 2021.
- Northside Ave (Barton to Pontiac Trail) – Petition was received 2019-09-20 and is moving forward in the process. The project area will be starting their engagement process and residents in the affected project area will be mailed their Initial Questionnaire (Step 2) tentatively by the end of July.
- Granger Ave (Packard to State) - Petition was received 2019-10-31 and meets the requirements to move forward. The project will be starting their engagement process and residents in the affected project area were mailed their Initial Questionnaire (Step 2) tentatively by the end of July.



Transportation Plan Update

Staff is currently working on an implementation strategy scope with the intent of hiring a consultant to assist with taking the goals of the “Moving Together Towards Vision Zero” Transportation Plan and putting them into action. The Moving Together Plan document and other related materials can be found on the project website:

www.a2gov.org/visionzero.

Annual Non-Motorized Transportation Progress Report and Count Report

Staff has completed the annual non-motorized progress report and non-motorized count report for calendar year 2020. These reports will be posted on the City’s [Transportation website](#).

Regional Quarterly Transportation Meeting:

Staff from Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), Washtenaw Area Transportation Study (WATS), and the WAVE met on June 24 and discussed the following:

- RAISE Grant – efforts to pursue a federal transportation grant related to transportation and technology;
- AAATA Service Restoration and Proposed fare changes - update public engagement efforts and planned service restoration in August and fare changes in October;
- City of Ypsilanti W. Cross, Hamilton/Huron/I-94 Project – W Cross will be resurfaced and will be put back as is. Design for Hamilton/Huron/I-94 is being finalized. Both projects are scheduled for 2022;
- Wash. Ave. Non-Motorized Path Maintenance under US-23 – discussed a complaint about the condition of the path;
- City of Ann Arbor Update – provided updates on the Moving Together Transportation Plan and Healthy Streets
- Ypsilanti Township Phase II Washtenaw Ave. Sidewalk Infill Update – segments by Dom's Bakery and Shell gas Station @ Huron parkway will be done in 2022/2023. Efforts to count pedestrians for a new midblock crossing between Huron Pkwy and Yost may occur this fall
- WBWC Packard Road Task Force – discussed efforts by WBWC to advocate for bike facilities on Packard between Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor and how Healthy Streets will implement from Eisenhower to City line.
- Uniform Crosswalk Design Guidelines – efforts are still underway to develop uniform crosswalk design guidelines for all jurisdictions in the County (building off Ann Arbor’s work). Will probably meet one last time to finalize;
- WATS - has some additional federal funding; some will go to sidewalk connections to bus stops on Washtenaw.