



## Transportation Project Updates November 2021

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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 posted on the [project website](#). Work is continuing on the third phase of the local street portion of the 2021 Street Resurfacing Project which includes Marshal Street, St. Aubin Avenue and Verle Avenue. Work is expected to be completed the week of November 15<sup>th</sup>. The Packard asphalt path rehabilitation has now been completed.

#### **First & Ashley Street**

Two-way traffic has been restored on First & Ashley and the two-way protected bikeway on the east side of First from Kingsley to Madison is complete. Final outstanding items are being addressed by the contractor over the next several weeks.

#### **Plymouth Road Phase 2 (Murfin to lower Broadway)**

This project is a preventative maintenance project (partial depth milling & repaving), very similar in scope to the work that was just completed further east on Plymouth. The scope of this project includes the addition of buffered bike lanes in both directions. Construction is scheduled to be completed the week of November 8<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting.

#### **Geddes Road Watermain**

This project consists of a watermain replacement between Windycrest and Earhart. The project was completed on November 4<sup>th</sup>, and the road is now open to traffic.

#### **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) – currently under construction
- Boardwalk Drive (east side from Eisenhower to Oakbrook) (postponed to spring 2022)
- Jackson Avenue (south side from Wagner to Park Lake) – Completed
- Scio Church Road (north side from Landmark Court to Winsted and Greenview to Seventh) (Delayed to spring 2022)
- Stimson Street (both sides; near State Street) – Completed



- Crestland Drive (near Pattengill Elementary) – completed as part of the Annual Resurfacing Program
- Yost and Eli (at frontage of 2609 Yost Avenue) ( postponed to spring 2022)
- Manchester (near Washtenaw) - currently under construction, scheduled to be completed the week of November 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Huron Street Crosswalk Improvements (between Ingalls and Thayer)**

This project is complete and the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) is operational.

**Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) Installations**

The crosswalk, streetlights, and RRFBs on Huron Parkway and Glazier Way and at Baxter are installed and operational. The crosswalks are now fully open to traffic.

**Crest & Liberty Watermain Project**

This project will replace watermain and resurface the streets on Crest between Liberty and Buena Vista, and on Liberty from Crest to South Seventh Street. During construction, Liberty will be closed to through traffic (with on eastbound lane open to local traffic only). Traffic on Liberty will be detoured using Stadium, Pauline, and Seventh Street. Construction is expected to be completed by November 12<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting.

**Projects Currently in Design/Planning****Division Street**

This Downtown Development Authority (DDA)-led project consists of a two-way protected bike lane on the east side of Division between Packard and Catherine. Construction began mid-October and is anticipated to be complete late December.

**William Street Bikeway Enhancements.**

This project consists of replacing delineators from Thompson to First Street with a curbed island. Delineators east of Thompson will be replaced by a removable curb to allow for flexibility during the Ann Arbor Art Fair. Intersection improvements at Fifth and Division and a raised bus stop are also included in this project. Construction began the week of November 4, 2021.

**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 work in support of the Ann Arbor Housing Commission's project at Fourth and Catherine. Study and Conceptual Design are underway. Construction is anticipated to begin summer 2022.

**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, and construction is scheduled for 2022. A public engagement is being planned for early December. More information will be provided to the Transportation Commission when available.

**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 underway and a public engagement meeting is being planned for late fall or early winter. Construction is scheduled for 2022.

**Newport Sidewalk Gap Project**

This project includes the construction of new sidewalk on the east side of Newport Road from Sunset to Downup Circle. The project will include new crosswalks and associated lighting improvements near either end of the proposed sidewalk segment. Design is underway and construction is planned for 2022. This project will utilize Federal aid money (Surface Transportation Block Grant Program) leveraged by the City's New Sidewalk Millage. More information is available on the [project website](#).

**Other Updates and Information****Curbside Management Study**

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) was released in October with proposals due Nov. 15.

**"Healthy Streets" - Transportation opportunities for social distancing**

The Neighborhood Slow Street deployments are scheduled to be removed starting on November 15, 2021. Data collection (volume, speed) revealed positive changes to observed vehicular speeds, especially along S. Main. As such, staff is considering extending the pilot on S. Main into the Spring.

**Office of Sustainability and Innovations (OSI) Update**

4 DC Fast Chargers have been installed for public use in the Ann St lot at the Ann Arbor Municipal Center. These chargers have the ability to provide up to 125 kW of power to electric vehicles, making them the highest-powered chargers within the Ann Arbor highway loop, and the first located in the downtown area. Two external funding sources, DTE and the Michigan EGLE Office, are providing \$170,000 in grants and rebates to support this installation.

**Streetlight Implementation**

19 crosswalks have been upgraded with positive contrast lighting (DTE) to date in 2021. 1082 streetlight outages were addressed by DTE to date in 2021. Additionally, work continues on streetlight maintenance which paints, replaces, or performs other preventive maintenance work on existing City-owned streetlights to ensure operability.

**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:

- Longman-N. Fairview (Dexter to Jackson) – The second meeting which presented refined ideas based on input received occurred October 14, 2021 at 6pm. Final polling was sent to residents and are due back to the City by November 30, 2021.
- Northside Ave (Barton to Pontiac Trail) – The second meeting which presented refined ideas based on input received occurred on November 10, 2021 at 6pm. Final polling will go out shortly.

**Transportation Plan Update**

City Council awarded the contract to Sam Schwartz, LLC to develop a Vision Zero Transportation Plan Implementation Strategy, Major Streets Traffic Calming program, and pedestrian safety communications at its October 18, 2021, meeting. The contract is being routed for approval and the project is expected to kick-off shortly. The Moving Together Towards Vision Zero Plan document and other related materials can be found on the [project website](#).