



City of Ann Arbor City Administrator's Report November 15, 2021

Prepared for City Council. Kindly forward questions, comments, or suggestions for input to mdohoney@a2gov.org, jfournier@a2gov.org, or shiggins@a2gov.org.

Safety Notes

A2 Be Safe! Coronavirus (COVID-19) update. It remains vitally important for everyone to follow the latest public health guidelines, both inside and outside of the workplace, and to get vaccinated when eligible.

City facilities are open to the public. Effective August 9th, face masks are required in indoor city facilities in shared spaces and common areas. The city will continue to share updated information via all channels — including Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/TheCityOfAnnArbor>), Twitter (<https://twitter.com/a2gov>), NextDoor and via email (subscribe at http://service.govdelivery.com/service/subscribe.html?code=MIANNA_5).

City staff continue to serve the community and residents can always contact the city's customer service center for assistance Monday–Friday, 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. (except holidays) at 734.794.6320 or via email at customerservice@a2gov.org with questions or concerns.

For the latest COVID-19 health information, please visit www.washtenaw.org/COVID19 or the Centers for Disease Control <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/>. For city related business, individual safety reminders include:

- Please check the [city's meeting calendar for](#) the most up-to-date information on public meetings.
- To pay parking tickets, water bills, property taxes, apply for permits as well as other customer service options, residents and visitors are encouraged to take advantage of online services by visiting www.a2gov.org/services.

A2 Be Safe!

Success Stories

Success. Thank you to staff throughout the organization who have worked and continue to work tirelessly, and those who have gone above and beyond during the COVID-19 pandemic. You are appreciated! The City extends appreciation to the Ann Arbor community for their patience; cooperation with mask wearing and distancing; increased handwashing; support of local businesses; and for getting/planning to get vaccinated all in a united effort to bring the pandemic to an end.

Sustainability & Innovations Corner

- **Sustainable energy utility (SEU) report** — The City of Ann Arbor has released a report describing the feasibility of a sustainable energy utility (SEU), a new construct that would give city residents and businesses the opportunity to supplement their service from DTE with locally sourced, reliable, renewable and cost-effective energy. Staff in the Ann Arbor Office of Sustainability and Innovations along with five technical advisors prepared the report, which envisions a 100% renewably powered, reliable, local, shared and publicly owned municipal energy utility, built by the community for the community. Want to learn more? View the full report at www.a2gov.org/a2seu.
- **Solar Group Buy Program.** Join your neighbors and community members to learn all about solar and whether it could work for you. Have the chance to come together for group-buy discounts with area installers. Groups are ongoing, contact Julie Roth at jroth@a2gov.org or see website link for more information. a2gov.org/solar
- **Solar at Houses of Worship.** Have you been searching for a way to bring your faith based community into the climate conversation? Check out the sources put together by **HoW** (Houses of Worship) by going to this website: <https://www.2030districts.org/annarbor/ann-arbor-houses-worship>
- **Solar Stories.** Come hear Ann Arborites talk about their experience with solar. First Thursday of every month. RSVP here: <https://www.2glrea.org/events-1/thursday-night-energy-events>
- **Climate, Coffee and Conversation, second Thursday of each month, 8 a.m., Zoom.** This monthly recurring virtual event is an opportunity for any and all Ann Arbor residents to enjoy a morning beverage of choice and chat in an informal setting with OSI staff about A²ZERO initiatives and/or sustainability in general. Attendance is free, but registration is required, at <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/sustainability/Newsletter-Events/Pages/default.aspx>.
- **Reminder** — The city administers a grant program for residents to advance community-wide sustainability, known as Sustaining Ann Arbor Together (SA2T). SA2T is currently accepting applications for this year's grant program. Successful applicants can receive up to \$10,000 to advance social or environmental sustainability in the community. Learn more at www.a2gov.org/sa2t.

Council Priorities/Initiatives

Police Monthly Report. The October 2021 AAPD Monthly Comparison Report – Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report (PDF) is attached.

Transportation Commission Monthly Report. The November 2021 Transportation Commission Project Report (PDF) is attached.

Previews

The **November 15 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

Consent Agenda (9). There are 9 items on the consent agenda.

Public Hearings (3). There are 3 public hearings listed below and under second readings.

- **Resolution to Approve Grace Bible Church Site Plan, 1300 South Maple Road (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 9 Yeas and 0 Nays).** Approval of this resolution will allow for the construction of a building addition of approximately 34,045 square feet and a parking lot expansion of 107 space.

Ordinances – Second Readings (2).

- **A public hearing and An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Zoning), Rezoning of 1.24 Acres from TWP (Township District) to R2A (Two-Family District), Issa Property, 201 Scio Church (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 9 Yeas and 0 Nays) (ORD-21-31).** This ordinance will zone this property (R2A District), now that the property has been officially annexed into the City.
- **A public hearing and An Ordinance to Add Chapter 74 to Title VI of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor Which Shall Be Entitled “General Health” and to Add Sections 6:650 - 6:653 (Sanitation Supplies in Public Restrooms) (ORD-21-32).**

Ordinances – First Readings (2).

- **An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code), Zoning of 32.6 Acres from R3 (Townhouse Dwelling) to R4B (Multiple-Family Dwelling), Mill Creek Townhomes Rezoning, 3002 Chelsea Circle, (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 0 Nays).** Approval of this resolution will zone a 32.6-acre site from R3 (Townhouse Dwelling) to R4B (Multiple-Family Dwelling) to allow new apartment buildings to be constructed as infill development at an existing townhouse community.
- **An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code), Rezoning of 0.61 Acres from PUD (Planned Unit Development District) to PUD (Planned Unit Development District), Casa Dominicks Development PUD Zoning and Supplemental Regulations, 800, 812, 814 Monroe, 705 Oakland, 700, and 706 Tappan (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 0 Yeas and 8 Nays).** Approval of this ordinance will modify the zoning of this property PUD (Planned Unit Development) to allow the petitioner to delay closure of a curb cut as specified in the approved Supplemental Regulations.

Other

Quality Water Matters. The November issue of Quality Water Matters highlights our efforts to evaluate the city’s drinking water public engagement strategy with assistance from Master’s students from the University Michigan School of Information. Give us your quick feedback at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6KJFSV7> or read the issue at https://www.a2gov.org/departments/water-treatment/Documents/quality_water_matters_newsletter_november.pdf

December Events with NAP. City of Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation (NAP) works to protect and restore Ann Arbor’s natural areas and to foster an environmental ethic among its citizens. This involves conducting plant and animal inventories, ecological monitoring and stewardship projects in Ann Arbor parks. These tasks are performed by both staff and volunteers. For more information about NAP, visit www.a2gov.org/NAP. Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation has events and opportunities planned year round, including in December! Please see the schedule, below and online at <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=838>, for details.

Streetlight Outage Reporting. Did you know you can help the community be and feel safer by reporting streetlight outages? Simply visit www.a2gov.org/a2fixit (<https://www.a2gov.org/services/pages/report-a-problem.aspx>), or download the A2 Fix It app on your smartphone, to report streetlights that are no longer working. And remember, A2 Fix It isn’t just for streetlights. You can use the tool to report potholes and missed cart pickups as well.



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SUBJECT: Monthly Comparison Report – Monthly Offense and Pedestrian Crash Report
DATE: November 10, 2021

AAPD Offense Monthly Comparison Report (preliminary and advisory) – October 2021

NIBRS Category	2019	2020	2021	Monthly % change	Previous Year (to-date)	This Year (to-date)	Yearly % change
Aggravated Assault	12	23	29	26.1%	155	187	20.6%
Animal Cruelty	0	1	0	-100.0%	5	3	-40.0%
Arson	1	0	1	-	3	5	66.7%
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	13	12	20	66.7%	136	157	15.4%
Counterfeiting/Forgery	10	5	0	-100.0%	47	27	-42.6%
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	26	53	33	-37.7%	299	317	6.0%
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	13	3	9	200.0%	50	57	14.0%
Embezzlement	4	2	0	-100.0%	7	9	28.6%
Extortion/Blackmail	2	2	0	-100.0%	9	9	0.0%
Fraud Offenses	51	40	20	-50.0%	485	364	-24.9%
Homicide Offenses	0	0	0	no crimes	1	2	100.0%
Intimidation	12	6	8	33.3%	79	88	11.4%
Kidnapping/Abduction	1	0	0	no crimes	3	0	-100.0%
Larceny/Theft Offenses	145	144	100	-30.6%	1169	1171	0.2%
Motor Vehicle Theft	11	6	9	50.0%	62	80	29.0%
Robbery	3	6	1	-83.3%	32	25	-21.9%
Sex Offenses	8	8	9	12.5%	56	65	16.1%
Simple Assault	42	42	49	16.7%	445	455	2.2%
Stolen Property Offenses	1	2	1	-50.0%	24	6	-75.0%
Weapon Law Violations	1	2	2	0.0%	28	35	25.0%



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Notes for AAPD Offense Monthly Comparison Report:

- COVID-19 restrictions went into effect on 3/13/2020
- We are using national crime categories, known as NIBRS, for comparison with other cities
- There may be a slight variation in crime stats due to incomplete or unapproved reports at the time report was run.
- Please note that reports are for calendar month and that the months being compared may have different number of days.

AAPD Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report – October 2021

Report #	Location	Date	Time	Vehicle Movement	Ped In Crosswalk	Injury Category
210036073	E. Huron and S. State	10/5/2021	7:09 AM	Turning left	yes	B
210036317	S. State and E. Washington	10/6/2021	8:40 PM	Turning left	no	B
210036555	Geddes and Washtenaw	10/8/2021	1:55 PM	Turning left	yes	C
210036913	Packard and Hikone	10/10/2021	4:40 PM	Going straight	yes	B
210037263	Brockman and Stadium	10/13/2021	10:02 AM	Going straight	no	O
210037356	3615 Washtenaw	10/13/2021	8:23 PM	Going straight	no	B
210037547	Hill St. and S. Fifth	10/15/2021	9:52 AM	Turning left	no	C
210039060	Wells and Olivia	10/24/2021	10:52 AM	Starting on roadway	yes	O
210039147	N. Fifth and E. Huron	10/25/2021	9:32 AM	Turning left	yes	C
210039271	3600 Plymouth Rd.	10/26/2021	7:22 AM	Going straight	no	B

Injury Legend:

K - Fatal Injury (any injury which results in death)

A - Suspected Serious Injury (Any injury other than fatal which prevents normal activities and generally requires hospitalization)

B - Suspected Minor Injury (Any minor injury that is evident to others at the scene)

C - Possible Injury (Any possible injury that is reported or claimed)

O - No Injury (No indication of injury)



Transportation Project Updates November 2021

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Visit a2gov.org/TransportationCommission for additional background.

Contact the Transportation Commission at TransportationCommission@a2gov.org

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 15th. 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 8th, weather permitting.

Geddes Road Watermain

This project consists of a watermain replacement between Windycrest and Earhart. The project was completed on November 4th, 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 8th.

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 12th, 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](#).