



## City of Ann Arbor City Administrator's Report February 22, 2022

Prepared for City Council. Kindly forward questions, comments, or suggestions for input to [mdohoney@a2gov.org](mailto:mdohoney@a2gov.org), [jfournier@a2gov.org](mailto:jfournier@a2gov.org), or [shiggins@a2gov.org](mailto: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 9 2021, 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](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](mailto:customerservice@a2gov.org) with questions or concerns.

For the latest COVID-19 health information, please visit [www.washtenaw.org/COVID19](http://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](http://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.

A special thanks to our **Public Works** staff for keeping our roads salted and cleared during the recent winter storm and throughout the Presidents Day holiday weekend.

### *Sustainability & Innovations Corner*

- **UPCOMING OSI EVENTS.** Join us at the following upcoming sustainability event:
  - **February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm - A2ZERO Sustainability Series – Sustainable Food and Food Access: What we Eat and how we get it.** Join us to learn about how we can make our food consumption more sustainable, healthy, and environmentally friendly. We'll also discuss food access and how we can make our food systems more equitable. Speakers will include Jae Gerhart and Keesa Johnson from the Washtenaw County Food Policy Council, Scott Nelson from the USGS, and Dr. Olivier Jolliet from the Department of Environmental Health Sciences at the University of Michigan. Register here: [https://a2gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_LdAzheN1QmSrcJoSA0AQR](https://a2gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LdAzheN1QmSrcJoSA0AQR)
- **RESIDENT RACE TO ZERO ENERGY CHALLENGE (formerly the Biggest Loser):** The Resident Race to Zero Energy Challenge is a home energy competition run in partnership with the [GreenHome Institute](#). From multiple months, participants will reduce their water and electric bills through a variety of efficiency improvements – and the household with the largest reduction in energy usage will win \$500. Other prizes will also be available, based on improvements in Home Energy Score, decreases in water usage, and more. For more information, see: [The Resident Race to Zero Energy Challenge](#).
- **Winter Is Here.** As the temperature cools, the Office of Sustainability and Innovations wants to extend warm wishes to our fellow staff around the city and elevate a few easy techniques and resources you can utilize this winter to keep warm and reduce energy costs. We hope you find the enclosed useful but always feel free to reach out to [sustainability@a2gov.org](mailto:sustainability@a2gov.org), or stop by the 5th floor of City Hall to ask questions and pick up an Energy kit, complete with weather stripping foam, LED lightbulbs, and a low-flow shower head to kick start your savings!
- **Sustaining Ann Arbor Together.** The City administers a grant program for residents to advance community-wide sustainability, known as the Sustaining Ann Arbor Together (SA<sup>2</sup>T) grant program. SA<sup>2</sup>T 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](http://www.a2gov.org/sa2t).
- **Solarize.** If you have been thinking about installing solar at your home, winter is a great season to research and make informed decisions. OSI's Solarize program is a great resource to help you navigate the terrain. For details, please refer to the web page: <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/sustainability/Sustainability-Me/Families-Individuals/Pages/Ann-Arbor-Solarize.aspx>

## Council Priorities/Initiatives

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

**Transportation Commission Monthly Report.** The February 2022 Transportation Commission Project Report (PDF) is attached.

## Previews

The **February 22 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

**Consent Agenda (20).** There are twenty items on the consent agenda.

### Public Hearings

- **A public hearing and Resolution to Approve the Rothfuss Annexation, 1.49 Acres, 3090 Geddes Road (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 0 Nays)**

**Ordinances – Second Readings – none.**

### Ordinances – First Readings

- **An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 18 (Employees Retirement System), Section 1:605, Title I of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor To Allow Forfeitures to Cover Reasonable Administrative Expenses.** The Board of Trustees for the City's Retirement System (System) and Retiree Health Care Trust (VEBA) is responsible for the general administration, management and proper operation of the Retirement System and VEBA. Effective January 1, 2017, the Retirement System was amended and restated to add a defined contribution money purchase pension plan (the "Dual Retirement Plan). The City makes contributions to the Dual Retirement Plan equal to a percentage of each Dual Retirement Plan Member's Compensation. For these City contributions to become fully "vested", members must participate in the Dual Retirement Plan for five years. When a participant in the Dual Retirement Plan separates from service prior to being vested, any City contributions are forfeited by the participant and transferred to the plan-level forfeiture account. Currently, the Ordinance language restricts usage of these amounts to only offset future employer contributions.

The Internal Revenue Service (Revenue Ruling 84-156) recognizes that the forfeited amounts may also be used to pay reasonable plan administrative expenses and/or reduce future employer contributions. In order to offset expenses for staff time and other direct costs attributable to the Dual Retirement Plan, such as recordkeeping, compliance, audits, etc., the Board requests that the Ordinance language be amended to provide the flexibility to also use these funds for reasonable administrative expenses.

**City Seeks Volunteers for Forestry Plan Update Steering Committee.** The City of Ann Arbor has begun the process of updating the Ann Arbor Urban and Community Forest Management Plan. The existing plan, completed in 2014, provided a framework for managing the city's tree canopy, an important asset that provides essential economic, social and environmental benefits to the community. The update will review existing goals and objectives, and recommend new implementation activities to sustainably protect, preserve, maintain and grow Ann Arbor's urban forest.

As part of this effort, the City of Ann Arbor is creating an Urban and Community Forest Management Steering Committee that will help guide the update process. The city will select three residents to serve as representatives on the committee. To apply for the committee, please visit <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/forestry/Pages/default.aspx> or call 734.794.6356 to request a paper copy. Applications are due by 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28 .

**Golden Paintbrush Award Winners Announced & Voting Opens for Community Voice Selection.**

The Ann Arbor Public Art Commission is announcing the four winners of the 2021 Golden Paintbrush Awards. The commission is also sharing a way the public can vote for their favorite to be honored with a Golden Paintbrush Community Voice Selection (voting closes Friday, March 11). Please see the news release, below and online at <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=852>, for details.

**March 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's parks. These tasks are performed by both staff and volunteers. Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation is sharing its March calendar of events, which includes a salamander, frog, and toad survey kickoff, volunteer workdays, a winter nature walk and more. Please visit [www.a2gov.org/NAPevents](http://www.a2gov.org/NAPevents) for the most up-to-date information.

**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](http://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:** February 10, 2022

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**AAPD Offense Monthly Comparison Report** (preliminary and advisory) – January 2022

Crime Category	Part	Jan-2022	Dec-2021	% Change	Jan-2021	% Change	YTD 2022	YTD 2021	% Change
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	A	1	2	-50.0%	0	N/C	1	0	N/C
ARSON	A	1	0	N/C	0	N/C	1	0	N/C
ASSAULT - AGGRAVATED	A	11	8	37.5%	17	-35.3%	11	17	-35.3%
ASSAULT - SIMPLE	A	49	51	-3.9%	31	58.1%	49	31	58.1%
BRIBERY	A	0	0	No Crimes	0	No Crimes	0	0	No Crimes
BURGLARY - ALL OTHER	A	4	9	-55.6%	5	-20.0%	4	5	-20.0%
BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL	A	11	13	-15.4%	5	120.0%	11	5	120.0%
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	A	22	29	-24.1%	19	15.8%	22	19	15.8%
DRUG OFFENSES	A	4	11	-63.6%	2	100.0%	4	2	100.0%
EMBEZZLEMENT	A	0	2	100.0%	1	100.0%	0	1	-100.0%
EXTORTION - BLACKMAIL	A	2	1	100.0%	0	N/C	2	0	N/C
FORGERY / COUNTERFEITING	A	4	9	-55.6%	4	0.0%	4	4	0.0%
FRAUD	A	32	21	52.4%	31	3.2%	32	31	3.2%
GAMBLING	A	0	0	No Crimes	0	No Crimes	0	0	No Crimes
HEALTH AND SAFETY	A	0	0	No Crimes	0	No Crimes	0	0	No Crimes
HOMICIDE - JUSTIFIABLE	A	0	0	No Crimes	0	No Crimes	0	0	No Crimes
HOMICIDE - NEGLIGENT	A	0	0	No Crimes	0	No Crimes	0	0	No Crimes
HOMICIDE - NON-NEGLIGENT	A	0	0	No Crimes	0	No Crimes	0	0	No Crimes
INTIMIDATION / STALKING	A	10	7	42.9%	12	-16.7%	10	12	-16.7%
KIDNAPPING / ABDUCTION	A	0	0	No Crimes	0	No Crimes	0	0	No Crimes



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LARCENY - ALL OTHER	A	48	29	65.5%	46	4.3%	48	46	4.3%
LARCENY - FROM AUTO (LFA)	A	51	56	-8.9%	13	292.3%	51	13	292.3%
LARCENY - RETAIL FRAUD	A	19	28	-32.1%	19	0.0%	19	19	0.0%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT / FRAUD	A	10	5	100.0%	2	400.0%	10	2	400.0%
OBSCENITY	A	0	2	100.0%	0	No Crimes	0	0	No Crimes
ROBBERY	A	3	2	50.0%	1	200.0%	3	1	200.0%
SEX CRIME (VIOLENT)	A	3	9	-66.7%	4	-25.0%	3	4	-25.0%
SEX OFFENSES - COMMERCIALIZED	A	0	0	No Crimes	0	No Crimes	0	0	No Crimes
SEX OFFENSES - CSC	A	0	0	No Crimes	0	No Crimes	0	0	No Crimes
STOLEN PROPERTY	A	2	0	N/C	0	N/C	2	0	N/C
WEAPONS OFFENSE	A	7	3	133.3%	5	40.0%	7	5	40.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>-1.0%</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>35.5%</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>35.5%</b>
ACCIDENT - HIT & RUN	B	0	1	100.0%	0	No Crimes	0	0	No Crimes
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	B	1	5	-80.0%	6	-83.3%	1	6	-83.3%
BURGLARY - ALL OTHER	B	0	0	No Crimes	1	100.0%	0	1	-100.0%
DISORDERLY	B	0	0	No Crimes	0	No Crimes	0	0	No Crimes
ESCAPE / FLIGHT	B	0	0	No Crimes	1	100.0%	0	1	-100.0%
FAMILY OFFENSE	B	1	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	1	0.0%
FRAUD	B	1	1	0.0%	3	-66.7%	1	3	-66.7%
HEALTH AND SAFETY	B	0	1	100.0%	0	No Crimes	0	0	No Crimes
HOMICIDE - NEGLIGENT	B	0	0	No Crimes	0	No Crimes	0	0	No Crimes
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION	B	0	1	100.0%	2	100.0%	0	2	-100.0%
MISSING PERSON / RUNAWAY	B	3	3	0.0%	1	200.0%	3	1	200.0%
OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE	B	20	12	66.7%	7	185.7%	20	7	185.7%
OBSTRUCTING POLICE	B	11	5	120.0%	2	450.0%	11	2	450.0%
OUI OF LIQUOR / DRUGS	B	23	15	53.3%	3	666.7%	23	3	666.7%
PUBLIC PEACE	B	16	15	6.7%	6	166.7%	16	6	166.7%
SEX OFFENSES - OTHER	B	2	1	100.0%	2	0.0%	2	2	0.0%
TRESPASSING / INVASION OF PRIVACY	B	10	12	-16.7%	5	100.0%	10	5	100.0%
VAGRANCY	B	0	0	No Crimes	0	No Crimes	0	0	No Crimes
<b>Total</b>		<b>88</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>20.5%</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>120.0%</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>120.0%</b>



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\*N/C represents an increase of "0" which is mathematically "Not-Calculable"

ARM Monthly Comparison Report ran by PSS Giordano at 1033 hrs, on 2/7/2022, using CrimeView Advanced Reporting Module.  
AAPD started using new non-criminal codes for non-criminal Community Standards code violations on 8/22/2018.

\*There may be a slight variation in crime stats due to incomplete or unapproved reports at the time report was run. This report does not include "Locked" cases.

\*\*Please note that reports are run for calendar month and that the months being compared may have different number of days.

**AAPD Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report – January 2022**

Report #	Location	Date	Time	Vehicle Movement	Ped In Crosswalk	Injury Category
220001496	Washtenaw and Scheridan	1/12/2022	6:36 PM	Turning Left	Yes	B
220001774	Parkwood and Pittsfield	1/14/2022	10:44 AM	Going straight	Yes	C
220001829	E Huron and Fletcher	1/14/2022	6:28 PM	Turning Left	Yes	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 February 2022

[Subscribe](#) to receive monthly Transportation Project Updates.

Visit [a2gov.org/TransportationCommission](https://a2gov.org/TransportationCommission) for additional background.

Contact the Transportation Commission at [TransportationCommission@a2gov.org](mailto:TransportationCommission@a2gov.org)

### **2022 Construction Projects**

#### **Division Street**

The DDA's construction on the two-way protected bike between Packard and Catherine is substantially complete. Some construction elements impacted by supply chain issues or weather will be completed in the spring, including a bike signal at Division and Huron and final pavement markings on this sections.

As previously reported, the City is contemplating to extend this facility further to the South (possibly Hoover). If pursued, this would likely require removal of on-street parking for more than one block which warrants Council review and approval. An online survey is expected to post in February and will be shared with the Transportation Commission when available.

#### **State Street Improvement Project (William to Huron)**

This project is being designed jointly with the Downtown Development Authority. The project scope includes resurfacing, watermain work, non-motorized improvements, and installation of our first curbsless street (William to Washington). The design is currently being finalized and plans to go to bid in February. At this time, construction is anticipated to occur in two phases. Phase 1 will occur in 2022 between Memorial Day and Labor Day on the segment from William to North University. Phase 2 (North University to Huron) will occur in 2023 and be concluded before Labor Day of that year.

#### **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 construction is scheduled for 2022. A public engagement meeting is being planned for this project and details will be shared with Transportation Commission when available.

#### **South Main Street Reconfiguration Pilot (Packard to Stadium)**

South Main Street from Packard to Stadium was reconfigured from a four-lane cross section (2 vehicle lanes in each direction) to a three-lane cross section (1 vehicle lane in each direction, a center turn lane, and protected bike lanes) as part of the 2021 Healthy Streets Program. [A memo was shared](#) with City Council and the Transportation Commission to extend the pilot into 2022 for further evaluation. Staff will launch a survey in February 2022 to solicit feedback on the reconfiguration which will help inform if the reconfiguration will be made permanent or if the road will be restored to the





previous configuration. The survey will be shared with the Transportation Commission once available.

In addition to the evaluation and determination on the road reconfiguration, the City plans to improve crosswalks on the stretch of South Main Street in 2022 to bring them up to target design as identified in our crosswalk design guidelines. Staff is currently working on design concepts for the crosswalks at Mosley, Davis, Hoover, and Keech (note: this may result in the consolidation or removal of some crosswalks). The ultimate configuration of the roadway will impact the design of the crosswalk which is why these items are being addressed in tandem.

### **Projects Currently in Design/Planning**

#### **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. Construction on this project has been postponed until 2023.

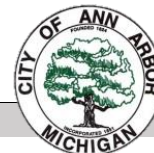
#### **E. Medical Center Drive Bridge**

At the February 7, 2022, a [resolution](#) was brought forward by Council to amend Resolution [R-21-395](#) to remove the Resolved clause from that resolution that required any widening of the bridge to be used for multi-modal travel. The resolution passed on a 6-5 vote, meaning that the City and University of Michigan will plan to proceed with the proposed bridge widening in addition to the rehabilitation of the existing structure. The concept that will be pursued is Exhibit 1B, as presented to the Transportation Commission at their December 15, 2021 [meeting](#). Staff is also proceeding with an amendment to DLZ's contract to design and provide a construction cost estimate for the east-west pathway under the E. Medical Center Drive bridge. A resolution to approve funding for that effort will likely go to Council in March.

### **Other Updates and Information**

#### **Streetlight Implementation**

No crosswalks have been upgraded with positive contrast lighting (DTE) to date in 2022 but there are 24 requests in queue with DTE. 57 streetlight outages have been addressed to date by DTE in 2022. Additionally, work continues on streetlight maintenance which paints, replaces, or performs other preventive maintenance work on existing City-owned streetlights to ensure operability. Lastly, City Council passed resolution R-22-016 on January 18, 2022 which will require staff to produce estimates to upgrade all streetlights to LED, to scale up connected "smart city" streetlights, and to report quarterly on known extended outages. A second resolution related to reliability of DTE streetlights was postponed for consideration until March.



### **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 neighborhood and the Transportation Commission have recommended approval of this project. The project is scheduled to be presented to City Council in March for a final decision.

Northside Ave (Barton to Pontiac Trail) – final polling has closed and the neighborhood has shown support for the final plan. The Transportation Commission will review and make a recommendation in February and the proposal will be presented to City Council in March for a final decision.

### **Winter Sidewalk Maintenance**

City Council passed Resolution R-22-097 on January 18, 2022

(<http://a2gov.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5378264&GUID=1C103EE6-3D5D-4129-9D73-B1AF8AD38DDF&Options=&Search=>). The resolution directs staff to: provide estimates on staffing needs and costs to ensure City-owned sidewalks and paths are cleared timely; prepare City code amendments related to sidewalks; develop a robust education and enforcement campaign; implement solutions in the DDA district alongside partners; and conduct outreach to AAPS on clearance of sidewalks adjacent to school owned properties.

### **American Rescue Plan Funding Recommendation**

The City is the recipient of \$24.2 million in federal COVID relief funds through the program known as “American Rescue Plan” (ARP). Among the proposals are two transportation projects: Miller-Catherine Bike Facility (\$4M); and Vision Zero Plan Implementation (\$9.5M). The public engagement on projects proposed to use ARP funds began on January 12, 2022 and closes on February 14, 2022. A recommendation for City Council’s consideration is expected in March. More information is available on the ARP project website: <https://www.a2gov.org/rescuefunds>.