



Transportation Project Updates February 2020

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2020 Construction Projects

Allen Creek Berm Opening:

A groundbreaking ceremony is being planned for late February, with construction beginning shortly after. The project is scheduled to be completed by the fall of 2020.

Barton Drive (M-14 to Pontiac):

This project is currently in the design phase. The scope includes street resurfacing, watermain improvements, new sidewalk construction, and intersection reconfiguration at the Chandler intersection. Also included in the project is the reconfiguration of the Barton/Starwick intersection, and the possible filling of sidewalk gaps at this location.

Staff has proposed removing on-street parking on the eastern portion of the project in order to install bike lanes. The Transportation Commission approved the parking removal, and recommended Council approval at their October meeting. A resolution to approve the removal of on-street parking appeared before Council on November 18. The item was postponed by Council until the second meeting in January, and staff was directed to do further polling of the neighborhood on this issue. At the January 21st City Council meeting, Council voted to table the item until the Lowertown Mobility Study could be completed. Therefore, at this time the project will proceed without the installation of bike lanes between Longshore Drive and Pontiac.

Staff is moving ahead with the proposal to install sidewalk on the north side of Barton Drive from Brede to Pontiac, and at the Barton/Starwick intersection. Resolution #2 for these sidewalk installations is scheduled to go to City Council on February 18th.

Fuller Court/Nixon/Traver Sidewalk Gap Project:

This project includes the filling of sidewalk gaps on Fuller Ct. (south side) from Fuller Road to 2250 Fuller Ct. and on Nixon/Traver (west/north side) from end of existing sidewalk to Logan Elementary.

An initial public meeting for this project was held on December 11th. A summary of this public meeting is posted on the [project website](#). An administrative hearing for the proposed special assessment was held the evening of February 5th. Resolution #2 for the Special Assessment District is currently scheduled to go to City Council in March.

Construction is planned for late summer 2020.

Hollywood Drive (Maple to Allison):



This project consists of the first time paving of a gravel street, which was petitioned by residents in 2017 and subsequently included in the Capital Improvements Plan. The current scope of the project includes paving the street, installation of sidewalks, construction of curb and gutter where necessary, and stormwater improvements consistent with the City's Green Streets policy. An initial public meeting was held on October 2. More information can be found on the project website at: a2gov.org/Hollywood. Construction for this project has been postponed until the spring of 2021.

Jackson Avenue and Washtenaw Avenue Sidewalk Gap Project:

This project includes the filling of a sidewalk gap on Jackson Avenue (south side) from Westover Avenue to Park Lake Avenue. Also included is the construction of a Non-motorized Path along the south side of Washtenaw Ave (north of the service drive) from S. Huron Parkway to Pittsfield Boulevard. A public meeting was held with the business owners affected by the project. The meeting was attended by one business owner. The owner in attendance was supportive of the project. A summary of this meeting has been posted on the [project website](#). The project is currently being designed.

The Jackson Avenue Sidewalk Gap Project is also currently in design. The cost of the project will be special assessed to the adjacent property owners as it is first-time construction. When the project design has progressed to the point of being able to develop a proper cost estimate, an Administrative Meeting will be scheduled and held with the benefitting property owners. This meeting is expected to be held in early March 2020.

Construction of both projects is planned for Summer 2020.

Other Sidewalk Gap Work

In addition to the sidewalk gap projects referenced above, the following additional locations are planned for 2020, to be done as part of other projects:

- Stimson (both sides) from State Street east – part of Sidewalk Repair Program
- Barton Drive (Pontiac to Brede), north side – part of Barton Dr. project
- Barton Drive at Starwick, northwest corner – part of Barton Dr. project
- Boardwalk Drive (2875 & 2775), east side – part of Resurfacing project
- Hollywood Dr. (Maple to Alison), both sides – part of Resurfacing project (this work postpone to 2021)

Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) Installations:

The following RRFB installations are planned for 2020:

- S. Industrial at Rosewood St. – completed January 2020
- S. Industrial at Jewett Ave – completed January 2020
- S. Industrial at Central Academy – completed January 2020
- S. Industrial at Astor Ave – completed December 2019
- Huron Parkway at Glazier Way
- Huron Parkway at Baxter Rd



- Note: additional locations may be identified

South Industrial Concrete Pavement Repairs

This project consists of spot repairs of the concrete pavement. No major changes to the lane configurations are anticipated. The work has been postponed until the spring of 2021.

William Street Improvements:

The bikeway is substantially complete. DDA and City staff are planning for on-street education, enforcement, and engagement this spring in addition to a more detailed project analysis in late fall 2020. The contractor will be back in the spring to install final pavement markings and make minor adjustments.

Education is on-going. Resources can be found at <http://www.peoplefriendlystreets.org/educational-resources/>

Projects Currently in Design/Planning

Scio Church Road (Maple to Seventh):

An initial [public meeting](#) for this project was held on January 29, 2020. Staff presented information on the project, which includes some watermain and stormwater work, resurfacing, installation of bike lanes, new sidewalk, and crosswalks. Feedback from the public was obtained to help guide the project as staff begins the design process. A summary of this public meeting will be posted on the project [website](#) when available.

Nixon Road Corridor Improvements Design:

As directed by City Council, staff is beginning the design of the corridor improvements recommended by the Corridor Improvement Study conducted by OHM Advisors (a2gov.org/Nixon). The design of this project was undertaken by Wade Trim Associates and is now being completed.

Construction of the first phase of the project is currently shown in the CIP for 2025. Council passed a budget amendment indicating a desire to explore moving the first phase of construction up to 2021. A report is due to Council in February of 2020 that will outline updated costs, funding sources, and impacts of moving the project forward. This report is available with the February 19, 2020 Transportation Commission agenda materials.

People Friendly Streets Initiative:

The DDA Board approved a [final design](#) for First and Ashley Streets, and the project has been awarded to a contractor. Learn more at peoplefriendlystreets.org

In December 2019, the DDA Board approved funding for another round of People-Friendly Streets Projects. This next round of projects will continue the community



conversation about safe, equitable streets in coordination with other on-going efforts, including the City's Transportation Master Plan and CIP. The initial goals are to expand the protected bikeway network, address utility and maintenance needs, advance Carbon Neutrality and Vision Zero, and focus infrastructure investments to support affordable housing development.

The DDA, in collaboration with City Engineering, issued an RFQ to begin the public engagement and design process. The DDA Board is expected to vote on a design and engagement contract in March, 2020.

Other Updates and Information

Curbside Management Study:

The study will evaluate current curbside use and shape strategies to manage the curbside in a more equitable and informed way. The project emphasis is on using goals to guide management and programming decisions, particularly as it relates to commercial goods delivery and loading, TNC pick-up/drop-off, and parking (i.e. accessible parking, bike parking, motorcycle parking).

Lower Town Mobility Study:

Road safety audits for the project area were conducted in February 2020.

Office of Sustainability and Innovations Update:

City Council passed a [resolution in support of creating a plan to achieve Ann Arbor community-wide climate neutrality by 2030](#) at their November 4, 2019 meeting. The Mobility Technical Advisory Committee scored and selected their highest priority strategies at a meeting on January 31st. A website for the initiative, now known as A2Zero, launched in December as well: <https://www.a2zero.org/>. A series of forums are being held for each of the focus areas of this sustainability effort. The Mobility Forum will be held on February 13, 2020 at the downtown library.

Streetlight Implementation:

1 new streetlight was installed in the first half of January 2020 (Miller @ Gott). 117 streetlight outages have been addressed in 2020.

Traffic Calming Program Submittals:

Updates on recent Traffic Calming Program petitions are provided below:

- Fernwood (Lorraine to Packard): The public engagement process is underway.
- Glenwood (Override to Washtenaw): The public engagement process has been initiated.
- Rosedale (Redwood to Packard): A petition for Traffic Calming was received and is currently being reviewed.
- Longman (Dexter to Jackson): A petition for Traffic Calming was received and is currently being reviewed.



- Northside (Barton to Pontiac): A petition for Traffic Calming was received and is currently being reviewed.
- Granger (State to Packard): A petition for Traffic Calming was received and is currently being reviewed.
- Granger (S. Forest to Olivia): A petition for Traffic Calming was received and is currently being reviewed.
- Fulmer (Miller to Foss): A petition for Traffic Calming was received and is currently being reviewed.