



Transportation Project Updates

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2023 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. Local resurfacing work in 2023 is scheduled to occur in the area bounded by Washtenaw, Geddes Ave and Huron Parkway, although there will be additional work scheduled with the Road Bond funding outside of that area. Asphalt path resurfacing is being planned along segments of Huron Parkway. Once a complete list of locations has been determined, it will be posted on the [project website](#) and on the [project tracking dashboard](#)

Platt Road (Huron Parkway to Packard)

This is a federal aid project the consists of resurfacing, watermain replacement work, an all ages and abilities bike facility, and pedestrian improvements. A virtual public meeting was held on December 13th. A recording of this meeting is available on the project website at www.a2gov.org/Platt. Construction is scheduled to begin in April.

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, add crosswalks, and fill sidewalk gaps on the north side of the road at the east end of the project. Construction is anticipated to begin in April. More information is available on the project webpage at www.a2gov.org/Broadway.

Earhart Road (US-23 to Geddes Road)

This project consists of the resurfacing of Earhart Road between Geddes and US-23. The project scope includes the addition of bike lanes, reconfiguration of the lanes north of Glazier Way, and the inclusion of roundabouts. A final public meeting was held on December 14, 2022. Information from this meeting is available on the project webpage at www.a2gov.org/earhart2023. Construction is anticipated to start this summer.

E. Medical Center Drive Bridge

This project is to perform preventive maintenance of the bridge leading to the hospital campus. At the University's request and cost, the bridge is proposed to also add a vehicular travel lane. Award of the construction contract went to City Council on January 23rd. A substitute Resolution was submitted and approved by Council at the February 21, 2023, meeting that directs staff to continue working with UM to widen the bridge further to add additional pedestrian/non-motorized infrastructure to the bridge. At this



time, it is anticipated that the redesign work will occur in 2023 and construction will tentatively take place in 2024.

Brooks Street Improvements

This project consists of watermain replacement, stormwater improvements, street resurfacing, sidewalk gap filling (which will fully complete the sidewalks on both sides of Brooks for the entire length of the project), and reconfiguration of the Brooks/Vesper/Sunset intersection. More information is available on the project website at: www.a2gov.org/Brooks. Construction is anticipated to begin in June.

State & Hill Improvements

Final design changes will result in a protected bike lane the length of the project and 10.5' travel lanes to facilitate bus operations. These accommodations were able to be made as a result of removal of on-street parking. More information can be found on the project website. Final plans have been submitted to MDOT for bidding. Specifics of the construction schedule are yet to be determined.

South Main Street Watermain & Resurfacing

This project consists of replacement of the watermain and resurfacing of the street from Huron to William. Public engagement has been underway with the adjacent business owners and the DDA. The construction contract was awarded by Council on January 23rd. More details can be found on the project website at www.a2gov.org/smwatermain. Construction has now begun on Phase 1 of the project, and Main Street is closed to vehicular traffic between William and Liberty. The current phase is expected to last through early May.

Projects Currently in Design/Planning

Greenview (Stadium to Scio Church) Watermain Project

This project includes resurfacing as well as watermain replacement. Given that the street is somewhat wider than necessary and is a cut-through between Stadium and Scio Church, staff will be exploring ways to calm traffic and include an All Ages and Abilities bike facilities. More information on this project will be provided when available. Construction is scheduled for 2024.

Miller Avenue Improvements Project

Limits of this project are from approximately Chapin to Newport. The intended project scope includes watermain replacement, stormwater improvements, road resurfacing, crosswalk improvements, and an All Ages and Abilities bike facility. Design work is just starting. More information will be shared when available. Construction is scheduled for 2024.

State Street & North University Project

This project includes the next phase of work on State Street (William to South University) and on North University (State to Fletcher). Work includes watermain replacement, stormwater improvements, street resurfacing, sanitary sewer work on



Thayer, bike lanes on North University, intersection improvements at the State/South University intersection, and evaluation of crosswalk improvements. Design work is underway, and more information will be shared when available. Construction is scheduled for 2024.

Pittsfield Village Improvements Project

This project encompasses a large area around Pittsfield Boulevard, Whitewood Street, and Pinecrest Avenue. The project scope includes watermain replacement, storm improvements, sanitary sewer improvements, and road resurfacing. Staff is currently developing a Request for Proposal for engineering design services. Construction is expected in 2025.

Other Updates and Information

Micromobility

The City and the University of Michigan have an Agreement with Spin to have up to 400 dock-less e-scooters available for public use. The proposal to add up to 100 dock-less e-bikes to the pool of vehicles is expected to be considered by City Council at their meeting on March 20, 2023. If approved, this new e-bike service would be rolled out in April 2023.

MDOT Coordination

The city has regular coordination with MDOT on State projects within the city. MDOT allows for locally installed improvements on their facilities, subject to their review and approval. The following projects are currently being coordinated with MDOT:

- Jackson Ave Crosswalks – City and MDOT staff continue to work on new crosswalks along Jackson Ave between Maple and the Huron/Dexter/Jackson split. Following a field visit with MDOT staff in the fall, the city is advancing design of enhanced crosswalks which will need to be reviewed and approved by MDOT.
- Intersection of Jackson Ave & Dexter Ave/Revena Blvd – MDOT has a traffic signal modernization project at this intersection. The project currently is at the design stage. Improvement items include adding a new crosswalk for crossing the east leg (Huron Street) of the intersection, signaling northbound Revena Blvd approach, and accessible pedestrian signals. Construction is expected in 2024.

Intersection of Huron St and Seventh St – MDOT has a traffic signal modernization project at this intersection. Improvement items include accessible pedestrian signals and northbound Seventh Street left turn signals. Construction

Streetlight Implementation

DTE has reported fixing 109 streetlights so far in 2023. New streetlights were installed at Geddes/Walnut and Geddes/Linden and Traver/Tuebingen.

Traffic Calming Program Submittals



Granger (State to Packard) had its second meeting on 2/8/23. Granger (Forest to Olivia) had its first meeting on 2/16/23; and Fulmer (Miller to Foss) had its first meeting on 2/23/23. Baldwin (Packard to Stadium) will have its first meeting on 3/20/23. . Manchester (Buckingham to Needham) and Grandview (Jackson to Dexter) will kick off shortly.

The Traffic Calming Subcommittee will have its next meeting on 2/21/23.

Transportation Implementation Plan Update

The Vision Zero Implementation Subcommittee held their meeting on February 27 with a focus on reviewing technical memos and the annual snapshot. The next meeting will be held on April 24 with a focus on next steps for the subcommittee.

Speed Management Program Development – The initial survey for the speed management program was closed on Feb 28 and received 55 comments regarding different components and questions regarding potential program elements. A “Frequently Asked Questions” component has been developed and will be placed on the website that takes major themes from these comments.

Bike Corrals Pilot Program

Transportation Planning team is working on developing a pilot program for temporary bike corrals for businesses outside of the DDA area.

Education and Encouragement

Staff are working with partners for upcoming activities such as Bike Month and the Commuter Challenge. One exciting development has been the creation of a Vision Zero Lunch and Learn series that will be held throughout 2023; the first session was held on 3/1/23. This city staff focused series will help units across the city learn about the goals and objectives of the plan and how important their unit is in achieving success.

League of American Bicyclists (LAB) Cycling 101 Course

The Transportation team will host a two-part LAB Cycling 101 course on May 9 and May 16 from Noon to 5pm. This training is a pre-requisite for anyone wishing to become a LAB League Cycling Instructor.

Strongest Towns

The Transportation team submitted a Strong Town application. Strong Towns is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit advocacy organization, focused on creating livable, safe, and inviting communities. The competition allowed communities to nominate their town or city for embodying the [Strong Towns approach](#) to building stronger and more financially resilient communities. The competition is a March Madness style bracket approach and the City has advanced to the Sweet 16 round at time of the writing of this report.

Michigan Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP)



Cynthia Redinger and Suzann Flowers co-chair the Michigan Chapter of APBP which is a membership organization focused on pedestrian and bicycle planning and development. They will be holding their first ever member peer exchange with the MO/KS APBP Chapter.

Crashes

There was an incapacitating crash on 1/24 at the intersection of Main and Kingsley in which a pedestrian was struck by a vehicle. The signal was working properly. Additionally, there was a fatal crash on 3/6 at Huron and Parkview in which a pedestrian was struck by a vehicle backing up. All infrastructure was working properly including streetlights. Both of these crashes were shared with MDOT as they both occurred on state trunklines. There was also a non-life-threatening crash on 3/6 at Catherine and Ingalls whereby a vehicle failed to stop for the pedestrian. Lastly, there was a non-incapacitating crash involving a pedestrian and a motorist at the crosswalk at Seventh and Snyder on 3/8/22.