



Transportation Project Updates April 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 now posted on the [project website](#).

Geddes Road Watermain

This project consists of a watermain replacement between Windycrest and Earhart. No changes to the road configuration are anticipated. Due to the limited work space, the road will be open to local traffic only during construction. Through traffic will be detoured using Huron Parkway, Glazier Way, and Earhart. Construction is scheduled to begin in late May/early June.

South Industrial Concrete Pavement Repairs

This project consists of spot repairs of the concrete pavement. The project will include the addition of bike lanes and a road diet in the four-lane segment immediately south of Stimson (conversion from four to three lanes to make room for bike lanes). A public meeting on the design concept occurred on March 11, 2021. The construction contract was approved by City Council on April 5, and construction is anticipated to begin in April or May. More information is available on the [project website](#).

Scio Church Road (Maple to Seventh)

The project includes watermain and stormwater work, resurfacing, installation of bike lanes, new sidewalk, and crosswalks. More information is available on the [project website](#). City Council approved removal of on-street parking in favor of buffered bike lane installation at their November 16 meeting. Some delays in the plan review process with MDOT have been experienced, however construction is still expected to begin in the summer of 2021.

Fuller Court Sidewalk Gap Project

This project includes the filling gaps in the sidewalk system along Fuller Ct. (south side) from 2250 Fuller Ct. to the east edge of the University of Michigan property at the corner of Fuller Road & Fuller Court. Construction began on April 12, and is scheduled to be substantially completed by early June.

Sidewalk Gaps

Gaps in the sidewalk system that are expected to be filled in 2021 include:



- Barton Drive (north side from Brede to Pontiac)
- Boardwalk Drive (east side from Eisenhower to Oakbrook)
- Jackson Avenue (south side from Wagner to Park Lake)
- Scio Church Road (north side from Landmark Court to Winsted and Greenview to Seventh)
- Stimson Street (both sides; near State Street)
- Yost and Eli (at frontage of 2609 Yost Avenue)
- Manchester (near Washtenaw)

Ellsworth/Research Park Drive Intersection

Directional boring for underground utilities and signal connections occurred the week of November 9, 2020. The signals have been installed. The concrete work to install the crosswalks is expected to occur in early June.

Bridge Maintenance Project

This project consists of capital maintenance work on several of the City's bridges, including the Broadway bridges, the Fuller Road bridge (east of Maiden Lane), and the Island Drive bridge over Traver Creek. While no major changes to the roadways are anticipated, there will be detours set up for this work. Construction is currently underway on the Island Drive and Broadway bridges and will begin on the Fuller Road bridge over the Huron River the week of April 19.

Projects Currently in Design/Planning

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 at the east end of the project. Design work will occur in 2021, with construction anticipated for 2022.

People-Friendly Streets Part 2

Public engagement occurred over a series of workshops and online information sessions on March 9, 10, and 11, 2021. Concepts for Division, Catherine/Miller, State, Fourth, and other areas downtown were shared and discussed. A [workshop summary](#) can be found on the [project website](#).

State Street (Huron to William)

This project is being designed jointly with the Downtown Development Authority. The project scope includes resurfacing, watermain work, non-motorized improvements, and streetscaping. Design and public engagement work are underway, and construction is scheduled for 2022. A [workshop summary](#) can be found on the [project website](#).



Other Updates and Information

Curbside Management Study

Staff are aiming to release a Request for Qualification (RFQ) in spring 2021 with the understanding that the study may have to be undertaken with a phased approach.

“Healthy Streets” - Transportation opportunities for social distancing

[A public engagement survey tool](#) was used to solicit community input from March 5 to April 2, 2021. We received 963 comments: 457 in support; 393 in opposition; and 111 other. The design was completed by the engineering firm and an invitation to bid was released on April 9. The proposed program includes 34 Neighborhood Slow Streets, and deployments on Main St (William to Stadium), N Packard (Hill to State), and S Packard (Eisenhower to city limits). The projects will be presented to the Transportation Commission and Planning Commission at their joint meeting on April 20, 2021 and a recommendation will be sought from the Transportation Commission before bringing the resolution to City Council (scheduled for May 3, 2021). More information is available on the City’s Healthy Streets [project website](#).

MDOT Coordination

The City has regular coordination with MDOT on State projects within the City. MDOT allows for local installed improvements on their facilities, subject to their review. The following project is currently being coordinated with MDOT:

- Jackson/Highlake/I-94 East ramp – MDOT will signalize the intersection to improve the safety of this intersection, especially for those accessing the on-ramps for I-94E. In tandem with this project, the City made improvements to the sidewalk on the south side of Jackson at Highlake. Concerns have been voiced from the neighborhood about the turning radius of a curb extension and meetings are scheduled to discuss these improvements with the neighborhood, MDOT, City staff and elected officials.

Streetlight Implementation

16 new streetlights are being processed with DTE for installation in the coming months. 321 streetlight outages were addressed by DTE in 2021.

Transportation Plan Update

The document has been updated in response to comments received during the community review of the draft plan. The Planning Commission and Transportation Commission will have a joint session on April 20, 2021 to review the final draft and make a recommendation to City Council. Staff anticipates bringing the document before City Council for adoption consideration in May or June (pending the recommendation from the Transportation and Planning Commissions). The latest version of the document and other related materials can be found on the project website:

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