



Transportation Project Updates October 2020

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2020 Construction Projects

Allen Creek Berm Opening:

This tunnel will provide safe, convenient and legal access to the Argo Cascades for the first time in over one hundred years. The project is currently expected to be substantially complete by early November. However, due to supply chain issues (related to COVID), the contractor has not been able to obtain the safety fencing that is to be installed at the site. Therefore, it is likely that the project will not be opened to traffic until early December. More information is available on the [project website](#).

Annual Street Resurfacing Project:

This suite of projects encompasses the majority of the City's street resurfacing activities, including several major and multiple local streets. A full list of streets is posted on the website at: a2gov.org/RoadConstruction. Construction is currently active in the Dicken & Lawton neighborhoods and on Granger Ave. Work on Geddes Ave, Boardwalk, the Oakbrook, and South Main asphalt paths have been completed. Work on Granger is expected to be completed in late October. Work on the overall project is expected to continue into November.

Barton Drive (M-14 to Pontiac):

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 filling of sidewalk gaps at this location. Construction is expected to be completed approximately October 23.

Fuller Court Sidewalk Gap Project:

This project includes the filling of sidewalk gaps on Fuller Ct. (south side) from Fuller Road to 2250 Fuller Ct. The University of Michigan has chosen not to participate in the construction of the sidewalk adjacent to their property (at the corner of Fuller Road and Fuller Court) due to COVID-related budgetary issues. Therefore, this portion of the project has been removed. Construction is scheduled to begin mid-October of 2020 and last for about 4 weeks.

William Street Improvements:

Temporary hardened centerline treatments have been installed at Division and will be installed at Thompson with the goal of reducing left-hand turn speeds. Staff will monitor effectiveness of treatment.



Projects Currently in Design/Planning

People Friendly Streets Initiative:

First Street construction is underway, Ashley Street is scheduled to begin spring 2021. Both streets are scheduled to be completed in the 2021 construction season. The State Street improvement project originally scheduled to begin in 2021 has been moved to 2022. Public engagement with the immediate stakeholders is scheduled to take place this fall followed by broader public engagement this spring. In December 2019, the DDA Board approved funding for another round of People-Friendly Streets Projects – a collaborative effort with City Engineering. 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 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). On Monday, July 6, City Council approved [Healthy Streets Pilot Projects Downtown](#). Pilot installation began on August 27 and will remain in place for up to 90 days (Nov. 29) Staff have been monitoring pilot locations and making adjustments as needed. User feedback is encouraged via an online survey, which can be found on the project [website](#).

Scio Church Road (Maple to Seventh):

The project includes some watermain and stormwater work, resurfacing, installation of bike lanes, new sidewalk, and crosswalks. More information is available on the project [website](#). This project is scheduled for construction in 2021. Staff is proposing on-street parking removal on the north side of Scio Church and buffered bike lane installation. This recommendation will come before the Transportation Commission on October 21 and then City Council on November 16. Construction is scheduled for the spring of 2021.

Other Updates and Information

Street Millage and New Sidewalk Millage:

On July 20, City Council approved the ballot language and Use Resolutions for both the Street, Bridge, and Sidewalk Millage and the New Sidewalk Millage for the November 2020 ballot. Reference a2gov.org/transportationmillage, and follow the city on Facebook, Twitter and NextDoor. Social media posts about the millages began the week of September 21. Share these posts with your network to help get the word out.

“Healthy Streets” - Transportation opportunities for social distancing

City Council reviewed the Healthy Streets program for arterials outside of the downtown area at its meeting on October 5. Council directed staff to end “the Healthy Streets program outside of the downtown as contemplated in resolution R-20-262 on Packard between Platt and Eisenhower, on Broadway between Detroit Street and Maiden Lane, and on South Main Street between Pauline and East Stadium and directs the City



Administrator to end the lane reconfigurations only on these street segments by October 15, 2020. These deployments were removed on October 13 and 14.

Staff continues to advance the Healthy Streets initiative consistent with City Council Resolution R-20-158, “Resolution to Promote Safe Social Distancing Outdoors in Ann [Arbor](#).” Data collection activities on the arterial segments are being collected and will be compiled into a report presented to City Council later this year.,

Staff installed 26 neighborhood slow street treatments in July and August. No further neighborhood slow street treatments are being considered at this time due to timing and budget. These deployments will be taken down in November in anticipation of winter maintenance and the need for snow plowing.

Lower Town Mobility Study:

The project team is hosting a series of “office hours” every other Friday (9/25, 10/9, 10/23, and 11/6) to allow members of the public to drop in virtually and ask questions. More information about the project and engagement opportunities can be found on the project website: <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/engineering/traffic/Pages/Lower-Town-Traffic-Study.aspx>.

Streetlight Implementation:

32 new streetlights were installed so far in 2020. 1087 streetlight outages have been addressed by DTE in 2020.

Traffic Calming Program Submittals:

Updates on recent Traffic Calming Program petitions are provided below:

- City Council approved the Fernwood Traffic calming project as well as funding to implement the devices. Construction is expected to occur in late October or November 2020.
- Polling for the final draft traffic calming concept on Glenwood is currently underway and responses are due back to the City October 26. Subsequent action will follow based on the responses received.
- Because the City decided to advance the Fernwood traffic calming construction this year, there will be no remaining budget for traffic calming activities for the remainder of the fiscal year. Staff will withhold advancing other traffic calming activities (process or construction) until after July 1, 2021.

Transportation Plan Update:

The Project Team is preparing to release an initial draft plan for review by several advisory groups. Meetings are scheduled with the Planning Commission, the Transportation Commission, the project’s Technical and Community Advisory committees and a public virtual open house during October. Once this round of plan review meetings is complete, the plan will be prepared for county and adjacent community review as it advances to adoption this winter. More information about the Plan, and upcoming public engagement opportunities, can be found on the project [website](#). Please subscribe to receive updates on this project.