



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. A complete list of locations has been determined, it will be posted on the [project website](#) and on the [project tracking dashboard](#). Work is scheduled to begin in June, last through the Fall, and possibly into 2024.

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](#). Construction is currently underway, and the majority of the work is expected to be completed and the road reopened to traffic by June 16th. The sidewalk between Greenview and Seventh has been delayed to easement needs and the contractor will have to return to the project to complete that portion of the work this Fall.

Sidewalk Gaps

Gaps in the sidewalk system that are expected to be filled in 2023 include:

- Broadway (north/west side from Broadview Ln to Plymouth) - Spring/Summer
- Brooks (Mix wood to Sunset) – Summer
- Earhart Road (east side from Glazier to new development) - Fall
- Ellsworth Road (north side, State to Stone School) – Project is substantially complete; however, one gap remains due to a utility conflict. This remaining gap will be completed this summer.
- Newport (east side from Sunset to Down up Circle) – work occurring between June and August
- Scio Church Road (north side from Landmark Court to Winsted and Greenview to Seventh) – Spring/Fall.

Staff is also beginning work on the South Main Street (Stadium to Ann Arbor-Saline) Sidewalk Gap project, which is scheduled for construction in 2024, and will absorb a significant portion of the gap filling budget. See below for more details on that project.



State Street Improvement Project (William to Huron)

The project scope includes resurfacing, watermain work, non-motorized improvements, and installation of our first curb less street (William to Washington). Phase 1, (William to Liberty) was substantially completed in 2022. Phase 2 (Liberty to Huron) is currently underway and is scheduled to be substantially complete and reopened prior to Art Fair, with full completion by Labor Day.

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. More information is available on the project webpage at www.a2gov.org/earhart2023. Construction is anticipated to start in July and last through the Fall.

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 underway and is expected to be completed in the Fall.

State & Hill Improvements

Overall, this project consists of resurfacing on Hill Street (Fifth to Church) and State Street (South University to Packard and Hoover to Granger). Also included is some watermain consolidation, and safety improvements along both corridors. The final design will result in a protected bike facility 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 parking along the corridor. More information can be found on the project website. Construction has started on the State Street portion of the project, with watermain and resurfacing work occurring between South University and Hill and between Dewey and Granger. This initial phase is scheduled to be completed by July 12, at which time State Street will be reopened for Art Fair. Following Art Fair, construction will resume on the remainder of State Street. Construction on the Hill Street portion of the project has been postponed until Spring of 2024.

Huron Parkway/Glazier Way Capital Preventative Maintenance Project

The scope of this project includes the application of a cape seal treatment over the existing pavement on Huron Parkway (Geddes to Hubbard) and Glazier Way (Green to Earhart). When the pavement is restriped following the treatment, edge lines will be added on Huron Parkway (narrowing the travel lanes slightly), and buffered bike lanes will be installed on Glazier Way. Construction is underway and is anticipated to be completed in July.



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 and may include road narrowing, raingardens, sand filters, and/or underground stormwater storage. The first public meeting for the redesign work was held on April 25th. The second public meeting is scheduled for June 27th. See the [project webpage](#) for further information. Construction is scheduled for 2024.

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 facility. An initial public meeting was held for this project on March 16th. A second public meeting was held on June 7th. See the [project website for more information](#). Construction is scheduled for 2024.

Other Updates and Information

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:

- US-23 Study - The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) invites the public to attend an open house on June 21st to learn more about the US-23 improvement project between M-14 and I-94 in Washtenaw County. In addition to the in-person open house, there is a video which provides an overview of the study.
- More information is available at: <https://www.michigan.gov/mdot/news-outreach/pressreleases/2023/06/09/mdot-public-open-house-june-21-on-us-23-study-in-washtenaw-county>.

Proposed Project

OSI has been working with DTE and the Michigan EGLE Office to install the City's first utility pole mounted EV chargers. This pilot project is grant funded and aims to install 3 EV chargers on 2 utility poles in the old fourth ward. Installation and activation are planned to occur in July 2023.

More information is available online at:

<https://www.a2gov.org/departments/sustainability/Pages/2022-Community-Climate-Action-Millage-.aspx>

**Streetlight Implementation**

DTE has reported fixing 254 streetlights so far in 2023.

Traffic Calming Program Submittals

Granger (State to Packard) was voted on by City Council on June 20th. Granger (Forest to Olivia) was reviewed by the Transportation Commission on June 21st and is planned to go to Council on July 17th. If Fulmer (Miller to Foss) gains approval by the neighborhood, then it will be brought to the Transportation Commission in July. Baldwin (Packard to Stadium) had its second meeting on 5/25/23. Manchester (Buckingham to Needham) will have its second meeting on 6/22/23. Grandview (Jackson to Dexter) will have its second meeting on 7/6/23.

The Traffic Calming Subcommittee had its latest meeting on 6/6/23.

Transportation Implementation Plan Update

The Vision Zero Implementation Subcommittee will hold their next meeting on June 26 with discussion centering around final products developed by the Sam Schwartz team and if the Subcommittee should continue to meet.

Speed Management Program Development –Focus group interviews will be held as part of the program development process during the month of July.

Quick Build Program – Progress continues to be made in deploying these efforts. Once all the pavement marking work has been completed, the vertical elements will be installed. Staff will be putting signs out for the public near project locations to better brand these efforts as Quick Build and part of Vision Zero. Surveys are in development to evaluate the public's response to these projects.

Education and Encouragement

Bike to Workday was a success! We estimated over 300 people who bike participating in the one-day event.

Commuter Challenge – The City participated in the Commuter Challenge and has 41 participants. Our team logged over 6,800 miles and saved 6,035 pounds of greenhouse gas emissions.

Lunch and Learn Series Cynthia Redinger and Suzann Flowers are holding their training on June 21, this session will be focused on reviewing Sessions 1-2. Upcoming trainings will be held on August 23, October 25, and December 13.

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. The Chapter are now hosting the monthly APBP webinars at city hall for interested staff, these occur on the third Wednesday of each month. Additionally, they are holding a July 19 APBP event focused on Bike Parking.