



Transportation Project Updates

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2024 Construction Projects

2024 Street Resurfacing Project

This suite of projects encompasses the majority of the City's Street resurfacing activities and includes some asphalt path resurfacing. Work began in May and will last into November of 2024. Local resurfacing work is complete in the Lakewood neighborhood (south of Jackson and west of I-94), as well as on Northbrook, Yost, and Burwood, and on the asphalt sidewalk work on Glazier Way and Earhart. The remaining locations is on Page Avenue. A complete list of locations will be provided on the [project website](#) and on the [project tracking dashboard once available](#).

Sidewalk Gaps

Gaps in the sidewalk system that are expected to be filled in 2024 include:

- 580 Burwood Ave. – Complete
- Ellsworth Road (north side, State to Stone School) – Project is substantially complete; however, one gap remains due to a utility conflict. This remaining gap is expected to be completed in the Fall of 2024.
- Glendale Circle & Fair Street – Complete
- Page Avenue (Harpst to Esch)
- Stone School Road (east side from Packard to Eisenhower) – Complete
- Sunnywood & Gralake intersection – Complete

Seventh Street & Greenview

This project consists of watermain replacement and resurfacing on South Seventh Street between Scio Church and Delaware, and on Greenview between Seventh and Stadium Boulevard. 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. Greenview between Seventh and Scio Church includes watermain replacement and resurfacing. Greenview between Scio Church and Stadium includes watermain replacement, resurfacing, road narrowing, bumpouts, and additional crosswalks. This project is now substantially complete.

Projects Currently in Design/Planning

Other Sidewalk Gap Projects in Design

The following sidewalk gap filling projects are currently beginning the design and public engagement process:

- Independence (south side from Victoria to Essex): Public engagement phase anticipated for Fall 2024. Construction scheduled for 2025.
- Barton Drive (north side from M-14 to Brede): Public Meeting/Walkthrough was held on October 1st to introduce area residents to the project. A question & answers document



resulting from that meeting will be posted on the web page once available. Construction scheduled in 2026.

- Brockman & Crestland (both sides; Packard to Ferdon): Public Meeting/Walkthrough was held on October 3rd to introduce area residents to the project. A question & answers document resulting from that meeting will be posted on the web page once available. Construction scheduled in 2026.
- Dexter Ave (Maple to Ironwood): Sidewalk will be installed on one side or the other (due to budget constraints through this project). A public meeting/walkthrough was held on October 5th to introduce area residents to the project. A question & answers document resulting from that meeting will be posted on the web page once available. Construction is scheduled for 2026.

State Street & North University

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 presently anticipated to occur on State Street in 2025 and North University/Thayer in 2026.

Nixon Road Reconstruction

This project, designed several years ago, is scheduled to start the first phase of construction in 2025. The scope of the project includes watermain, sanitary, and storm work, installation of boulevard segments in the roadway, several roundabouts, and bicycle and pedestrian improvements. Project plans are currently being updated and easements are in the process of being acquired. The project team is currently developing an informational video on the project, which will be accompanied by “office hours” that will be open to the public. Virtual office hours were held on August 21 and August 22 . More details will be shared when available. For more information, see the [project webpage](#).

Pauline Watermain & Resurfacing

This project consists of watermain replacement and resurfacing from Seventh Street to Main Street. Design elements include installation of All Ages & Abilities bike facilities and raised crosswalks, raised intersection and speed tables for speed management. On-site public engagement opportunities were held on May 11th and May 18th. A summary of these meetings, and the results of the online survey, have been posted on the project [web page](#). Staff proposed to eliminate on-street parking on the north side of Pauline in order to create space for the bike facilities. The removal of parking was approved by City Council on Sep. 16th. Construction is anticipated for 2025.

**Fifth Avenue (William to Madison) Resurfacing**

This project will complete a small segment of watermain upsizing (from Jefferson to Packard), and then resurface the entire stretch. The project will also complete a link of the proposed all ages and abilities network by connecting cycling facilities south of Madison with the William Street cycle-track through standard and contra-flow bike lanes. Construction is planned for 2025.

Downtown Area Circulation Study

The study will develop a cohesive transportation vision for downtown building off existing plans and policies (DDA's People Friendly Streets Initiative; Moving Together Towards Vision Zero Transportation Plan; TheRide 2045 Long Range Plan). This study will consider how to balance the needs of multi-modal travel, business activity, and infrastructure demands in the same street corridor as well as network-wide transportation impacts. Stakeholder and community engagement occurred the week of March 11, 2024, and several hundred residents participated. A second round of all-day community engagement is scheduled for October 23rd. At the Ann Arbor District Library's downtown branch. Staff will provide a refresher of the DACS thus far to the Transportation Commission in October. The DACS team will return to the Transportation Commission to present post-engagement results in November or December. More information, including public engagement summary, is available on the project website: <https://www.a2dda.org/people-friendly-streets/projects/downtown-area-circulation-study/>

2025 Miscellaneous Utilities Project

Project locations include Glastonbury, Weldon, Harding & Fifth Ave. There is no proposed change to Glastonbury or Weldon. Staff received feedback regarding alternative intersection design at the intersection of Harding & Wallingford and will the work on final design. On Fifth Avenue, the addition of bicycle facilities is covered by the Fifth Avenue Resurfacing Project.

Other Updates and Information**Micro mobility**

The City and the University of Michigan have an Agreement with Spin to have up to 450 dock-less e-scooters and 100 dock-less e-bikes available for public use. Spin's parent company, Bird, filed for bankruptcy in December 2023, restructured and emerged from bankruptcy in March 2024. The devices will continue to carry the Spin brand, carrying out the same program and use the same W2-based staff. Spin's right-of-way use contract is was renewed by City Council for three months on June 3, 2024 and administratively extended another three months on September 9, 2024 to give additional time for Council to discuss additional safety expectations and what to include in a longer agreement.

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 Improvement Project: MDOT is conducting an environmental assessment on possible changes to US-23 between M-14 and I-94. More information about the project can be found on the project [website](#). MDOT has revised the Purpose and Need and scope of this project. All three freeway expansion alternatives are now excluded. The new



scope would replace bridges (Earhart, East Huron River Drive, Packard Ave) with clear space for walking and biking facilities, replace pavement and make smaller changes to the US-23 mainline for safety. Washtenaw Ave interchange will continue to be worked out through the M-17 Planning and Environmental Linkages study. Ann Arbor Township is interested in partnering with City of Ann Arbor and MDOT to design a walking and biking connection for Plymouth Ave. Alternatives for the US-23/M-17 (Washtenaw Ave) interchange are under consideration. MDOT will hold an open house for the interchange alternatives in late October or early November

The MDOT University Region has initiated an Active Transportation Plan update. They have an engagement page and survey available via <https://mdot.altago.site/>. A public survey is available on the project website and closes at the end of October.

UM Smart Intersections Project

On January 1, 2021, the University of Michigan received a \$9.95 Million grant from the US Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment (ATCMTD) program. The University of Michigan will deploy a network of smart intersections in Ann Arbor where vehicles and infrastructure interact in a connected environment using state of the art technology. The U-M has hired Integral Blue as main contractor to perform device installation. The majority of sites are located along Ellsworth, Fuller, Maple and W. Stadium, Field installation is expected to be completed in fall 2024. More information is available on the award announcement [webpage](#).

Office of Sustainability and Innovations (OSI) Update

Recent increases in City-owned public EV charging include the installation of public Level 2 EV chargers in various Parks, in conjunction with solar carports. 7 dual port EV chargers are now active and available at Ann Arbor Senior Center, Huron Hills Golf Course, Leslie Park Golf Course, and Fuller Park. 6 more chargers will be installed in the coming months at Veteran's Memorial Park.

OSI recently launched a Commercial EV Charger Discount program to distribute free and discounted EV Chargers at commercial sites and Multi Unit Dwellings (MUDs). Applications are being collected and more information can be accessed on the [project webpage](#).

The City was recently notified of its Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Program Round 1B award. This is an award of ~\$2,8 Million to help the City design and install dozens more public EV charge ports in Ann Arbor.

Streetlight Implementation

DTE has reported fixing 899 streetlights so far in 2024.



Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program

- Manchester (Buckingham – Needham) construction in 2024
- Bird (Newport – W Huron River Drive) construction expected in 2025
- Henry (Golden – Packard) construction expected in 2025
- Arella (Stadium – Pauline) construction expected in 2025
- Mershon (Scio Church – Delaware) construction expected in 2026
- Traver (Barton – John A Woods) construction currently on hold, to be scheduled with Traver Water Main & Resurfacing project
- Worden (Jackson – Dexter) construction expected in 2026

Neighborhood traffic calming petitions received and to be evaluated

- Carmel St (Easy St to Towner Blvd), evaluation to begin in 2024
- Brandywine Dr (Yost Blvd to Packard), evaluation to begin in 2024
- Doty Ave (Arborview Blvd to Dexter Ave), evaluation to begin in 2024

- Neighborhood approach for Redwood Ave (Springbrook St to Platt) & Rosedale St (St. Aubin Ave to Redwood Ave) & Springbrook St (St. Aubin Ave to Redwood Ave)
- S. Revena Blvd (Abbott to South end of S. Revena Blvd)
- Neighborhood approach for Frederick Dr (Green to Middleton) & Middleton Dr (Frederick to Frederick)
- Shadowwood Dr (Ellsworth to Braeburn)
- Olivia Ave (Wells to Cambridge)
- W. Washington St (3rd to 7th)
- W. Hoover Ave (Fifth to Main)
- Hampshire Rd (Canterbury to Chesterfield)
- Davis Ave (Hutchins to Edgewood)
- Montclair Pl (Gardner to Stadium)
- Ferdon Rd (Stadium Blvd to Washtenaw Rd)
- N. Revena Blvd (Arborview to Linwood)

Bike Corrals Pilot Program

A total of four bike parking pilots were installed outside of the DDA boundary with installation being done by the Signs and Signals crew. The DDA boundary had three locations installed. Following extensive research and canvassing by Sean McCormick, former Transportation Planning intern, This program will be evaluated in the spring for feedback from employers who participated in the pilot program. A final determination on next steps will be done following that evaluation.

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant

The Near Miss Evaluation task is underway, and the Request for Proposals is currently under development. The Quick Build and Speed Management tasks are underway. A meeting with FHWA has been set up to discuss timing elements of this work.



Bike Parking Inventory

As part of the implementation of the Vision Zero plan, staff are working on developing a bike parking inventory. This work will be done in coordination with the DDA and provide an on the ground assessment of all publicly available bike parking across the city. All non-DDA District parking facilities have been inventoried. The DDA has a downtown bike parking strategy under development with an updated inventory of downtown bike parking facilities. These data will also be used to inform a bike parking objective in the Ann Arbor Comprehensive Plan update.

Carbon Reduction Program Grants

The City of Ann Arbor was awarded \$1.18M in Carbon Reduction Program Funding for two projects that support the A2Zero and Vision Zero plan implementation. The first is a FY 2024 project that will convert over 4,000 low-efficiency DTE-owned streetlights to higher-efficiency LED fixtures. Staff brought the grant acceptance and contract approval actions before Council, which approved the resolution on August 8. The project cleared NEPA and MDOT forwarded the obligation request to FHWA in September. More information is available on the [project website](#).

Education and Encouragement

The Slow Speeds Save Lives message was launched at the September 2024 Green fair. Over 100 t-shirts were handed out and over 100 people signed the pledge to be safe travelers. Reflective stickers, magnets will be available. Additionally, we have created branded t-shirts that will be handed out as each person signs a pledge supporting being a safe traveler. The 2nd Annual World Car Free Week challenge and partnering with OSI and getDowntown were held during this event. Final greenhouse gas emission reductions have not yet been provided.

Signalized Intersections with FYA (flash yellow arrow) Indication

Locations where pedestrian service cancels FYA

- Huron & Seventh
- Manchester/Sheridan & Washtenaw
- Eisenhower & Stone School
- Scio Church & Seventh
- Broadway & Maiden/Moore
- Main & Stadium
- Packard & Platt
- I-94 (E/B) & Jackson
- Depot & Main
- Ellsworth & Research
- Ellsworth & Varsity
- Ellsworth & Stone School
- Braeburn & Ellsworth

Locations where pedestrian service is concurrent with FYA

- Fifth & Huron
- Division & Huron
- E. Medical & Observatory
- Pauline & Seventh



- Brockman & Stadium
- Barton & Plymouth
- St. Francis & Stadium
- Maple & Pauline
- Eisenhower & Industrial
- Ann Arbor Saline & Eisenhower
- Fuller & Glen
- E Medical & E Hospital
- Geddes & Huron Pkwy
- Huron Pkwy & Huron River Dr.