



## City of Ann Arbor City Administrator's Report October 17, 2022

Prepared for City Council. Kindly forward questions, comments, or suggestions for input to [mdohoney@a2gov.org](mailto:mdohoney@a2gov.org), [jfournier@a2gov.org](mailto:jfournier@a2gov.org), or [shiggins@a2gov.org](mailto:shiggins@a2gov.org).

### Safety Notes

**A2 Be Safe! Coronavirus (COVID-19) update.** It remains vitally important for everyone to follow the latest public health guidelines, both inside and outside of the workplace, and to get vaccinated when eligible.

City facilities are open to the public. The city will continue to share updated information via all channels — including Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/TheCityOfAnnArbor>), Twitter (<https://twitter.com/a2gov>), NextDoor and via email (subscribe at [http://service.govdelivery.com/service/subscribe.html?code=MIANNA\\_5](http://service.govdelivery.com/service/subscribe.html?code=MIANNA_5)).

City staff continue to serve the community and residents can always contact the city's customer service center for assistance Monday–Friday, 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. (except holidays) at 734.794.6320 or via email at [customerservice@a2gov.org](mailto:customerservice@a2gov.org) with questions or concerns.

For the latest COVID-19 health information, please visit [www.washtenaw.org/COVID19](http://www.washtenaw.org/COVID19) or the Centers for Disease Control <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/>. For city related business, individual safety reminders include:

- Please check the [city's meeting calendar for](#) the most up-to-date information on public meetings.
- To pay parking tickets, water bills, property taxes, apply for permits as well as other customer service options, residents and visitors are encouraged to take advantage of online services by visiting [www.a2gov.org/services](http://www.a2gov.org/services).

### A2 Be Safe!

### Success Stories

**Success.** Thank you to staff throughout the organization who have worked and continue to work tirelessly, and those who have gone above and beyond during the COVID-19 pandemic. You are appreciated! The City extends appreciation to the Ann Arbor community for their patience; cooperation with mask wearing and distancing; increased handwashing; support of local businesses; and for getting/planning to get vaccinated all in a united effort to bring the pandemic to an end.

## Sustainability & Innovations Corner

- Catch up on the latest from the Ann Arbor Office of Sustainability and Innovations (OSI). For more information, including registration links, visit <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/sustainability/Newsletter-Events/Pages/default.aspx>.
- **Subscribe to the OSI Newsletter** – Every two months we send out a detailed newsletter highlighting some of the sustainability-related activities unfolding in the community. If you aren't already, consider subscribing by filling out [this short form](#).
- **Solarize** — If you have been thinking about installing solar at your home, OSI's Solarize program is a great resource to help you navigate the terrain. For details, visit <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/sustainability/Sustainability-Me/Families-Individuals/Pages/Ann-Arbor-Solarize.aspx>. To learn more, to sign up for a Solarize event or to be added to the Solarize mailing list, contact Julie Roth, the Ann Arbor Solarize program coordinator, at [jroth@a2gov.org](mailto:jroth@a2gov.org).
- **Join the Ann Arbor Resident Race to Zero Home Energy Challenge.** Ann Arbor residents are invited to participate in a multi-week challenge to reduce their energy consumption, save money and win prizes. The challenge, known as the [Resident Race to Zero Home Energy Challenge](#) is an opportunity for residents to learn how they can improve their homes' energy efficiency and health while reducing their carbon footprint. Created by the City of Ann Arbor Office of Sustainability and Innovations and the [GreenHome](#) Institute, this challenge will help residents identify easy actions they can take to improve home health, comfort and lower energy bills while also engaging in friendly competition with other residents to see who can lower their energy and water usage the most! More information is available via <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=912>.
- **Sustaining Ann Arbor Together.** The City administers a grant program for residents to advance community-wide sustainability, known as the Sustaining Ann Arbor Together (SA<sup>2</sup>T) grant program. SA<sup>2</sup>T is currently accepting applications for this year's grant program. Successful applicants can receive up to \$10,000 to advance social or environmental sustainability in the community. Learn more at [www.a2gov.org/sa2t](http://www.a2gov.org/sa2t). The most recently awarded grants are available via <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=906>
- **UPCOMING EVENTS**
  - **Bandemer Park Workdays, third Tuesdays, 8:30–10 a.m.** — OSI has adopted Bandemer Park and holds a monthly workday there with GIVE365 (on the third Tuesday of each month, except December–February). If you are interested in volunteering to help maintain Bandemer Park with OSI (by picking up trash, removing invasives, clearing brush from trails, etc.), please email Melissa at [adopt-a-park@a2gov.org](mailto:adopt-a-park@a2gov.org).
  - **Ann Arbor Solar Stories, first Thursday of each month, online, 7-8 p.m.:** Hosted by the GLREA, hear from Ann Arborites who have gone solar, and have a chance to ask them all your questions! Register for "Thursday Night Energy Events" to receive meeting links at <https://www.2glrea.org/events-1/thursday-night-energy-events>

## Council Priorities/Initiatives

**Police Monthly Report.** The September 2022 AAPD Monthly Comparison Report – Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report (PDF) is attached.

**Transportation Commission Monthly Report.** The October 2022 Transportation Commission Project Report (PDF) is attached.

## Previews

The **October 17 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

**Consent Agenda (15).** There are fifteen items on the consent agenda.

**Ordinances – Second Readings – none**

**Ordinances – First Readings - none**

## Other

**October Quality Water Matters.** The October issue of Quality Water Matters (Volume 4, Issue 8) is the last QWM issue as we are moving to the city's new brand for our water services: **Ann Arbor Water**. The mission of Ann Arbor Water's now-unified approach is to ensure the health of the community by providing high-quality drinking water, advanced wastewater recovery and robust stormwater management. The new website, [www.AnnArborWater.org](http://www.AnnArborWater.org), will feature news and events and highlight the city's commitment to excellence in all things water. Next month, the newsletter will be delivered the first of the month but the look, format, and title will change. No action is needed for those who subscribe to water updates via Gov Delivery email.

The October QWM issue is available online at [https://www.a2gov.org/departments/water-treatment/Documents/quality\\_water\\_matters\\_newsletter\\_october\\_2022.pdf](https://www.a2gov.org/departments/water-treatment/Documents/quality_water_matters_newsletter_october_2022.pdf).

**Election Day Info & Opening Dates for Satellite Offices.** The City of Ann Arbor is preparing those wishing to vote in the State General Election Tuesday, Nov. 8, by sharing useful information and providing greater ease, security and access to cast their ballot. In addition to the Ann Arbor City Clerk's office at Larcom City Hall, two satellite city clerk's offices are opening on the University of Michigan campus in advance of election day — U-M Museum of Art (UMMA), 525 State St., and north campus, Duderstadt Center, 2281 Bonisteel Blvd. The satellite office at UMMA opened on Tuesday, Sept. 27. The office at the Duderstadt Center will open on Wednesday, Oct. 12, at noon. Each location can assist residents and students ages 18 and up with voter registration; issue and receive absentee ballots and ballot applications; and answer elections questions. Both satellite offices were designed by professors at the Penny Stamps School of Art and Design and, in addition to serving as fully functioning clerk's offices, include voter education elements in fun and informative presentations.

Find ballot language and candidate information — and complete elections details including in-person voting, absentee voting, voter registration, as well as tips tailored to college students and more — at [www.a2gov.org/elections](http://www.a2gov.org/elections).

**A Plan for Emerging and Unregulated Compounds in the City’s Drinking Water.** The Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Facility Plan is in full swing. For background information on this project, please refer to the city's [news release](#) on Aug. 31, 2022, and the [project website](#). In the scope of this project, the city is conducting an evaluation of alternatives to identify the preferred approach to meet the drinking water needs of the community well into the future, as well as constructing a [pilot plant](#) to test recommended technologies in the real world. More information is available via <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=918>

**Natural Area Preservation Workdays and Events in November.** City of Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation (NAP) works to protect and restore Ann Arbor’s natural areas and to foster an environmental ethic among its community. This involves conducting plant and animal inventories, ecological monitoring, and stewardship projects in Ann Arbor’s parks. These tasks are performed by both staff and volunteers. NAP is gearing up for a busy fall with many events planned in November – including a variety of informative (and productive!) stewardship volunteer opportunities and a guided nature walk. Please see the news release, below and online at <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=922>, for details.



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**SUBJECT:** Monthly Comparison Report – Monthly Offense and Pedestrian Crash Report  
**DATE:** October 13, 2022

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**AAPD Offense Monthly Comparison Report (preliminary and advisory) – September 2022**

Crime Category	Part	Sep-2022	Aug-2022	% Change	Sep-2021	% Change	YTD 2022	YTD 2021	% Change
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	A	0	2	-100.0%	0	No Change	4	8	-50.0%
ARSON	A	0	0	No Change	1	-100.0%	9	4	125.0%
ASSAULT - AGGRAVATED	A	22	24	-8.3%	19	15.8%	162	156	3.8%
ASSAULT - SIMPLE	A	42	50	-16.0%	54	-22.2%	416	409	1.7%
BRIBERY	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	0	No Change
BURGLARY - ALL OTHER	A	5	5	0.0%	1	400.0%	60	40	50.0%
BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL	A	16	18	-11.1%	10	60.0%	125	97	28.9%
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	A	31	39	-20.5%	46	-32.6%	281	282	-0.4%
DRUG OFFENSES	A	8	5	60.0%	12	-33.3%	63	45	40.0%
EMBEZZLEMENT	A	3	0	N/C	2	50.0%	7	8	-12.5%
EXTORTION - BLACKMAIL	A	0	1	-100.0%	1	-100.0%	10	9	11.1%
FORGERY / COUNTERFEITING	A	1	5	-80.0%	3	-66.7%	49	26	88.5%
FRAUD	A	26	47	-44.7%	38	-31.6%	380	326	16.6%
GAMBLING	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	0	No Change
HEALTH AND SAFETY	A	1	0	N/C	0	N/C	2	1	100.0%
HOMICIDE - JUSTIFIABLE	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	1	-100.0%
HOMICIDE - NEGLIGENT	A	1	0	N/C	0	N/C	1	0	N/C
HOMICIDE - NON-NEGLIGENT	A	0	1	-100.0%	0	No Change	1	2	-50.0%
INTIMIDATION / STALKING	A	12	8	50.0%	6	100.0%	99	79	25.3%
KIDNAPPING / ABDUCTION	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	0	No Change
LARCENY - ALL OTHER	A	66	80	-17.5%	82	-19.5%	555	572	-3.0%
LARCENY - FROM AUTO (LFA)	A	50	57	-12.3%	62	-19.4%	446	342	30.4%
LARCENY - RETAIL FRAUD	A	12	14	-14.3%	24	-50.0%	145	164	-11.6%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT / FRAUD	A	21	19	10.5%	13	61.5%	123	73	68.5%



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OBSCENITY	A	0	0	No Change	2	-100.0%	0	4	-100.0%
ROBBERY	A	3	2	50.0%	9	-66.7%	28	24	16.7%
SEX CRIME (VIOLENT)	A	6	3	100.0%	5	20.0%	62	64	-3.1%
SEX OFFENSES - COMMERCIALIZED	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	1	2	-50.0%
SEX OFFENSES - CSC	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	0	No Change
STOLEN PROPERTY	A	2	0	N/C	0	N/C	18	3	500.0%
WEAPONS OFFENSE	A	3	4	-25.0%	9	-66.7%	48	32	50.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>-13.8%</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>-17.0%</b>	<b>3,095</b>	<b>2,773</b>	<b>11.6%</b>
ACCIDENT - HIT & RUN	B	1	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	4	8	-50.0%
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	B	14	16	-12.5%	24	-41.7%	56	66	-15.2%
BURGLARY - ALL OTHER	B	0	1	-100.0%	0	No Change	8	10	-20.0%
DISORDERLY	B	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	0	No Change
ESCAPE / FLIGHT	B	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	2	-100.0%
FAMILY OFFENSE	B	1	2	-50.0%	2	-50.0%	16	23	-30.4%
FRAUD	B	0	0	No Change	1	-100.0%	17	14	21.4%
HEALTH AND SAFETY	B	2	4	-50.0%	0	N/C	13	5	160.0%
HOMICIDE - NEGLIGENT	B	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	0	No Change
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION	B	70	8	775.0%	97	-27.8%	87	111	-21.6%
MISSING PERSON / RUNAWAY	B	1	0	N/C	2	-50.0%	8	17	-52.9%
OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE	B	10	19	-47.4%	16	-37.5%	161	124	29.8%
OBSTRUCTING POLICE	B	7	5	40.0%	7	0.0%	78	57	36.8%
OUI OF LIQUOR / DRUGS	B	16	13	23.1%	15	6.7%	151	136	11.0%
PUBLIC PEACE	B	30	16	87.5%	24	25.0%	146	105	39.0%
SEX OFFENSES - OTHER	B	2	4	-50.0%	0	N/C	18	13	38.5%
TRESPASSING / INVASION OF PRIVACY	B	7	2	250.0%	9	-22.2%	80	41	95.1%
VAGRANCY	B	0	0	No Change	1	-100.0%	3	4	-25.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>76.9%</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>-19.1%</b>	<b>846</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>14.9%</b>

\*N/C represents an increase of "0" which is mathematically "Not-Calculable"

### AAPD Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report – September 2022

Report #	Location	Date	Time	Vehicle Movement	Ped In Crosswalk	Ped Injury
220033689	N Maple and Jackson	9/1/2022	6:59 AM	Going Straight	Yes	B
220034808	Plymouth and Beal	9/8/2022	8:00 AM	Turning Right	Yes	C
220038095	Wall and Maiden	9/28/2022	3:25 PM	Turning Right	Yes	A

Injury Legend:
K - Fatal Injury (any injury which results in death)
A - Suspected Serious Injury (Any injury other than fatal which prevents normal activities and generally requires hospitalization)
B - Suspected Minor Injury (Any minor injury that is evident to others at the scene)
C - Possible Injury (Any possible injury that is reported or claimed)
O - No Injury (No indication of injury)



## Transportation Project Updates

**October 2022**

[Subscribe](#) to receive monthly Transportation Project Updates.

Visit [a2gov.org/Transportation Commission](https://a2gov.org/TransportationCommission) for additional background.

Contact the Transportation Commission at [TransportationCommission@a2gov.org](mailto:TransportationCommission@a2gov.org)

**2022 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 2022 will occur primarily in the area bounded by Miller, Maple, Jackson, and Huron. Resurfacing of various segments of asphalt paths was also included and has been completed. The complete list of streets included in the 2022 program is posted on the [project website](#). Work began in mid-May and is scheduled to continue through October.

**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](#). Bids were opened by MDOT on September 2, and the low bid was much higher than anticipated. The current plan is to rebid the project as a single year project to begin in the spring of 2023. Bids are expected to be opened in December or January. Staff believes this could result in some significant cost savings; however, the project will likely be higher than originally budgeted regardless.

**Sidewalk Gaps**

Gaps in the sidewalk system that are expected to be filled in 2022 include (some tentative timelines shown in parentheses):

- Barton Drive (north side from Brede to Pontiac) – Complete.
- Boardwalk Drive (east side from Eisenhower to Oakbrook) – Complete.
- Broadway (north/west side from Broadview Ln to Plymouth) – Postponed to 2023
- Ellsworth Road (north side, State to Stone School) – Under construction
- Hiscock Street (east side, near Summit) – Under construction
- Hutchins & Prescott (near Stadium) – Complete
- South Main Street (address 2878) – Postponed due to easement needs
- Newport (east side from Sunset to Down up Circle) – postponed to June 2023
- Nixon/Traver (Westbury to Logan Elementary) – Complete
- Platt Road (address 2231) – Complete
- Russell Street (with first time paving project) – Under construction
- Saunders Crescent (address 1121) – Complete
- Scio Church Road (north side from Landmark Court to Winsted and Greenview to Seventh) – Spring 2023
- Tuebingen Parkway (Lancashire to Traver) – Complete
- Winchell, Brockman, Frieze loop – Complete



- Yost and Eli (at frontage of 2609 Yost Avenue) – Complete

### **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). Construction began on June 1 and will occur in two phases. Phase 1, (William to Liberty) was scheduled to be completed by Labor Day 2022 but ran over the schedule. The street is now. Phase 2 (Liberty to Huron) will begin in spring of 2023 and be concluded before Labor Day of that year.

### **Barton Drive Bike Lanes**

When Barton Drive was resurfaced in 2020, staff had proposed the removal of on-street parking between Pontiac and Northside in order to install dedicated bike lanes. City Council approved a Resolution to remove the on-street parking at their July 18, 2022 meeting. The bike lanes will be installed in October.

### **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. Design work on the project is currently being completed, however due to material shortages, construction will be postponed to the spring of 2023. A public engagement was held on September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. A meeting summary will be posted on the project webpage at [www.a2gov.org/Broadway](http://www.a2gov.org/Broadway).

### **Huron Parkway/Tuebingen Resurfacing (Nixon to Traver)**

This project includes road resurfacing, filling of a sidewalk gap, and installation of bike lanes. Construction is now substantially complete, and the road is open to traffic.

### **Geddes Ave Resurfacing (Observatory to Highland)**

This project includes resurfacing, stormwater improvements, and crosswalk upgrades. Due to supply chain issues, construction has been postponed to the spring of 2023.

### **Projects Currently in Design/Planning**

#### **Earhart Road (US-23 to Geddes Road)**

This project consists of the resurfacing of Earhart Road between Geddes and US-23. This was originally two projects, with the southern portion from Greenhill's to Geddes scheduled for 2022. However, due to contractor capacity issues, this project was not able to be completed in 2022 and is being combined with the northern portion for construction in 2023. The project scope includes resurfacing and the addition of bike lanes. A virtual public meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to present information on the proposed lane reconfiguration north of Glazier Way and on the potential reconfiguration of the Glazier Way intersection. Details on the public meeting are available on the project webpage at [www.a2gov.org/earhart2023](http://www.a2gov.org/earhart2023).





### **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, which could consist of such things as road narrowing, raingardens, sand filters, and/or underground stormwater storage. Design work on the project is underway. Construction on this project is scheduled for 2023. A public engagement meeting was held on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Follow-up information from the meeting will be posted to the [project webpage](#). Following the Transportation Commission's recommendations from their September 21, 2022 meeting, staff is presenting a Resolution to City Council to remove on-street parking from one side (the west side) of South Seventh Street from Scio Church to Lawton Elementary. This Resolution is schedule to go to City Council on November 10, 2022.

### **Brooks Street Improvements**

This project consists of watermain replacement, stormwater improvements, street resurfacing, sidewalk gap filling, and possible reconfiguration of the Brooks/Vesper/Sunset intersection. Design work is underway, and construction is planned for 2023. A public meeting to discuss the elements was held on September 22. A video recording of the meeting and other materials is available on the project website at: [www.a2gov.org/Brooks](http://www.a2gov.org/Brooks).

### **State & Hill Improvements**

This is a Federal aid project (Surface Transportation Program, Highway Safety Improvements Program, and COVID relief funding). The project limits are as follows:

- State Street (South University to Packard)
- State Street (Hoover to Granger)
- Hill Street (Fifth Ave. to Church)

The project scope includes watermain replacement and lead transfers, street resurfacing, non-motorized improvements, crosswalk upgrades, and new streetlights. Public engagement meetings were held on April 26<sup>th</sup> and September 27<sup>th</sup>. More information on the public meeting can be found on the [project website](#). A follow-up presentation to the Transportation Commission is scheduled for the October meeting.

### **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. Design work will be completed in 2022, and construction is planned for 2023.

### **Huron Parkway/Earhart 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 scheduled for spring 2023.



## **Other Updates and Information**

### **Streetlight Implementation**

997 streetlight outages have been addressed to date by DTE in 2022. Additionally, work continues streetlight maintenance which paints, replaces, or performs other preventive maintenance work on existing City-owned streetlights to ensure operability's.

### **Traffic Calming Program Submittals**

Granger (State to Packard) has kicked off. The initial questionnaire was sent to residents and is due back October 24th.

### **Transportation Plan Update**

City staff have been working with a consulting team in the development of a speed management program. As part of this effort, the city will conduct three open house events to discuss the purpose of the program, the process development, and provide information on the different types of tools that could be used to reduce speeds on major streets. All users of the transportation system are encouraged to participate.

- October 19 – Ann Arbor Farmers Market, 315 Detroit Street: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- October 22 – Traverwood Branch Library, 3333 Traverwood Dr: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- October 26 – Mallets Creek Branch Library, 3090 E Eisenhower Pkwy: 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

### **TheRide Update**

As of September 6, 2022, all services have been restored to pre-pandemic levels. Ridership is continuing to recover as people return to school and work. August and September had the highest ridership recovery since the onset of the pandemic – 61% and 69% of the same months in 2019 respectively.

TheRide's Board of Directors approved the Authority's FY2023 budget on September 28, and staff will be working on a few initiatives such as hiring and placing customer service agents at the Ypsilanti Transit Center and developing plans for a few major capital projects.

New and lower pass prices have been implemented as of August 28, 2022. Please check them out on [TheRide.org](https://www.theride.org).

Public engagement plans are underway to share the findings of the propulsion study with the general public and stakeholders starting in October/November 2022.