



Transportation Project Updates February 2024

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2024 Construction Projects

2023 Street Resurfacing Project

This project was mostly completed in 2023, however several locations are still to be finished in spring of 2024, including Aberdeen, Burson, Hawthorne, Norfolk, Shannondale, and Suffolk. A complete list of locations can be found on the [project website](#) and on the [project tracking dashboard](#).

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 is scheduled to begin in May and will last into November of 2024. Local resurfacing work in 2024 is scheduled to occur primarily in the Lakewood neighborhood (south of Jackson and west of I-94), with some resurfacing also occurring at several other locations (Burwood, Page, Northbrook, and Yost). Asphalt path resurfacing is scheduled to occur on the north side of Glazier Way near the Earhart intersection, and on the west side of Earhart Road north of Glazier Way. 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.
- 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 spring of 2024.
- Glendale Circle & Fair Street
- Stone School Road (east side from Packard to Eisenhower)
- Sunnywood & Gralake intersection

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. More information can be found on the project website. Construction on the State Street portion of the project is completed and is open to traffic. Construction on the Hill Street portion of the project is scheduled to begin in March of 2024.



Miller Avenue Improvements

This project includes watermain replacement, stormwater improvements, road resurfacing, crosswalk improvements, and an All Ages and Abilities bike facility between Chapin and Newport. Staff is planning to expand the limits of the bike facility out to Maple Road and is working out these details. A concept will be presented to the Transportation Commission at their February 2024 meeting. Engagement on the bike and pedestrian elements of the project is expected to occur in March 2024. More information can be found on the project website at url.a2gov.org/millerave. Construction is scheduled to start in June of 2024, and will likely be done in two phases, spanning into 2025.

Projects Currently in Design/Planning

Downtown Area Circulation Study

The study (started July 2023; anticipated to conclude July 2024) is meant to 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). The plans propose changes to active transportation, transit priority streets, one way to two-way street conversions, and event streets. 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 engagements are being coupled with the City's Comprehensive Plan Update and are scheduled to occur the week of March 11, 2024 – public open house sessions are scheduled to occur at the downtown library on March 12th from 4 to 7pm; March 13th from 10:30am to 2pm; and March 14th from 11am to 12:30pm and from 4pm to 7pm. More information is available on the project website: <https://www.a2dda.org/people-friendly-streets/projects/downtown-area-circulation-study/>

Other Updates and Information

State Trunkline Jurisdiction Transfer Analysis

The final draft of the report is complete and provides a detailed cost/benefit analysis of taking ownership of the state trunklines that run through the community; namely Washtenaw/Huron/Jackson and North Main. This analysis will be presented to Transportation Commission and DDA Board on February 21, 2024.

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 and M-17 Planning and Environmental Linkages Study – MDOT [is](#) holding virtual open houses for US-23 as well as M-17 (E. Washtenaw) from February 8 to March 10, 2024.
 - [US-23 \(I-94 to M-14\) virtual open house](#)
 - [M-17 \(US-23 to Ypsilanti\) virtual open house](#)



- In addition to the open houses, comments and input can also be submitted online through the [M-17 comment form](#) or the [US-23 mapping tool](#). As a reminder, City Council passed resolution R-23-386 "Resolution to Restore Community Connections with Continuous, Comfortable Walking and Biking Facilities [Across US-23](#)" at the recommendation of the Transportation Commission

Streetlight Implementation

DTE has reported fixing 240 streetlights so far in 2024.

Traffic Calming Program Submittals

Bird (Newport to Huron River) Arella (Stadium to Pauline) and Henry (Golden to Packard) are all going to the Transportation Commission in February and City Council in March. Additionally, the Traffic Calming Committee reconvened on February 9th to begin review of staff's strategies to implement Council [Resolution R-23-330 Resolution to Adopt an Improved Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program](#).

Quick Build Program

100 survey responses were received on the existing Quick Build deployments. This survey will remain open until spring 2024 after which time a final report will be developed.

The Quick Build 2023 project – which aims to upgrade existing buffered bike lanes to protected bike lanes with the addition of delineators – is working through the final design process with HRC and should be completed in Spring 2024. This project will be implemented with Safe Streets for All grant awards. Staff is currently working with FHWA representatives to ensure we are following applicable federal rules and procedures as we advance this work.

Bike Corrals Pilot Program

The program has launched and the DDA has received four requests thus far. No requests have been requested outside of the DDA's boundary at this time. Staff will look to push out this information again in the spring.

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. This work is underway with anticipated draft completion in April 2024.

Countywide Bike Map Update

Staff will be working with Washtenaw County Parks for a one-time update of the map to be completed in 2024.

**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 all 4,087 low-efficiency DTE-owned streetlights to LED fixtures. Public engagement is now closed on the pilot which installed different LED fixtures at different wattages and different color temperatures at two different areas in the City. We are currently discussing this input and what options are available with DTE. More information is available on the [project website](#).

Education and Encouragement

The Lunch and Learn Series on educating city staff on elements of the plan are continuing into 2024. The upcoming topics will focus on Maintenance of Traffic during construction for pedestrians and bicyclists. %

The Michigan Association of Planning is hosting their annual Transportation Bonanza on February 15, and the transportation team will present on our Quick Build projects%

Staff will be presenting at the Second Annual Climate Teaching event on March 10, 2024.

Save the Date – May 15, 2024, will be the next Bike to Wherever Day.

Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP)

The National APBP Conference will be held in Detroit from August 12-14. Additionally, Suzann Flowers and Stacey Meekins (Sam Schwartz) will present an APBP webinar on the implementation efforts to achieve Vision Zero in Ann Arbor in June 2024.