



City of Ann Arbor City Administrator's Report January 18, 2022

Prepared for City Council. Kindly forward questions, comments, or suggestions for input to mdohoney@a2gov.org, jfournier@a2gov.org, or 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. Effective August 9 2021, face masks are required in indoor city facilities in shared spaces and common areas. 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).

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 with questions or concerns.

For the latest COVID-19 health information, please visit 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.

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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

- **2030 District and Solar Faithful.** Have you been searching for a way to bring your faith-based community into the climate conversation? Check out the sources put together by **HoW** (Houses of Worship) by going to this website: <https://www.2030districts.org/annarbor/ann-arbor-houses-worship>
- **A²ZERO Ambassadors.** The City of Ann Arbor Office of Sustainability has begun to accept applications for its 3rd Cohort of A²ZERO Ambassadors which will launch in February of 2022. The program which is modeled after the 7 strategies of the ambitious A²ZERO Carbon Neutrality Plan, lasts approximately 12 weeks. If you would like to more information about the A²ZERO Ambassadors go to <https://tinyurl.com/vny6vcwd> or email Galen Hardy at ghardy@a2gov.org
- **RESIDENT RACE TO ZERO ENERGY CHALLENGE (formerly the Biggest Loser):** The Resident Race to Zero Energy Challenge is a home energy competition run in partnership with the [GreenHome Institute](#). From multiple months, participants will reduce their water and electric bills through a variety of efficiency improvements – and the household with the largest reduction in energy usage will win \$500. Other prizes will also be available, based on improvements in Home Energy Score, decreases in water usage, and more. For more information, see: [The Resident Race to Zero Energy Challenge](#).
- **RESIDENT RACE TO ZERO - ZERO WASTE CHALLENGE:** “The Office of Sustainability & Innovations is partnering with Live Zero Waste to host a city-wide Zero Waste Challenge! Join us in going zero waste from February 6th through the 12th, 2022! Challenge participants all over Ann Arbor will try to create no trash or recycling to support our circular economy. Participants will benefit from seminars and daily email lessons on living zero waste, and access to resources to help them reduce their waste footprint while supporting local businesses. As a part of the challenge you’ll be entered into a giveaway for several prizes from local businesses! Including a voucher from Common Cycle for a single bicycle up to \$200! [Join The Resident Race to Zero Waste Challenge](#) to support the circular economy and learn more about reducing your waste in 2022!” If you have any questions, please email Hannah Loftis at hloftis@a2gov.org .
- **Winter Is Here.** As the temperature cools, the Office of Sustainability and Innovations wants to extend warm wishes to our fellow staff around the city and elevate a few easy techniques and resources you can utilize this winter to keep warm and reduce energy costs. We hope you find the enclosed useful but always feel free to reach out to sustainability@a2gov.org, or stop by the 5th floor of City Hall to ask questions and pick up an Energy kit, complete with weather stripping foam, LED lightbulbs, and a low-flow shower head to kick start your savings!
- **Sustaining Ann Arbor Together.** The City administers a grant program for residents to advance community-wide sustainability, known as the Sustaining Ann Arbor Together (SA²T) grant program. SA²T 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.

- **Solarize.** If you have been thinking about installing solar at your home, winter is a great season to research and make informed decisions. OSI’s Solarize program is a great resource to help you navigate the terrain. For details, please refer to the web page: <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/sustainability/Sustainability-Me/Families-Individuals/Pages/Ann-Arbor-Solarize.aspx>
- **Upcoming Events.** Catch up on the latest from the city’s office of sustainability and innovations (OSI). For more information, including registration links, visit <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/sustainability/Newsletter-Events/Pages/default.aspx>.
 - **January 19th – 4pm-5:30pm ARPA funding proposals: Solar on City Facilities and Net Zero Energy Fire Station.** Come here a bit about two proposed projects to advance sustainability, safety, and free up financial resources for investment in other community priorities. To learn more or join see: <https://www.a2gov.org/pages/calendar.aspx?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D157241830>
 - **January 19th – 7pm-8:30pm Meeting on the History of Racial Covenants and Land Use Discrimination.** Come learn about the history of racial covenants in Ann Arbor, how to identify if your deed has one, and resources to help remove them. To learn more and register see: <https://www.a2gov.org/pages/calendar.aspx?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D156907637>
 - **January 26th – 6:00-8:00pm Everyday Electrification: A pathway to kicking fossil fuels in your home.** A conversation for anyone whose home still uses fossil fuels. We'll start with the basics (i.e. "what is electrification?") and go deeper into the specifics of how to achieve full electrification. During this discussion, we'll help you map your own pathway to electrifying your home! https://a2gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LdAzheN1QmSrcJoSA0AQRA
- **February 3rd – 7pm-8:30pm. Ann Arbor Solar Stories.** Join us for this monthly series to hear at your neighbors’ experience going solar. For more details or to register, please see: <https://www.a2gov.org/pages/calendar.aspx?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D153735589>.

Council Priorities/Initiatives

Police Monthly Report. The December 2021 AAPD Monthly Comparison Report – Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report (PDF) is attached.

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

Council Resolution Reporting. Staff reported on the following items pursuant to Council direction:

ITEM	TITLE	DUE DATE	STATUS
R-18-291	Resolution to Support One Community Initiative and Ongoing Equity Work	Quarterly	Memo included as a written communication from City Administrator on January 18 Council Agenda.

Previews

The **January 18 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

Consent Agenda (6). There are six (6) items on the consent agenda.

Public Hearings (3). There are three (3) public hearings listed below and under second readings.

- **A Public Hearing and Resolution to Approve the Annexation of 5 properties Associated with The Village of Ann Arbor Site Plan for City Council Including 1680 Dhu Varren (67.599 acres), 2670 Pontiac Trail (1.859 Acres), 2672 Pontiac Trail (1.256 Acres), 2678 Pontiac Trail (1.245 Acres), and 2682 Pontiac Trail (1.248 Acres) (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 9 Yeas and 0 Nays).** Approval of this resolution will allow annexation of these properties from Ann Arbor Township into the City.

Ordinances – Second Readings (2)

- **A Public Hearing and a An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code) Zoning of .4 Acres from TWP (Township District) to R1B (Single-Family Dwelling District), 559 Riverview Drive (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 9 Yeas and 0 Nays) (ORD-21-40).** Approval of this resolution will zone this .4-acre parcel from TWP to R1B to allow access to City utilities.
- **A Public Hearing and An Ordinance to Repeal and Replace Section 9:62 of Chapter 108 (Disorderly Conduct) of Title IX (Police Regulations) of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor.** This ordinance will be reviewed for changes under the Criminal Ordinance Reform Project 2021-22. Proposed changes include:
 - Adding the already existing penalty to the chapter for better understanding
 - Altering pronouns to use gender neutral language
 - Omitting some ordinance provisions that are more appropriate to be handled under state law and in compliance with the Crime Victim’s Rights Act of 1985.

This ordinance, along with all other amended ordinances in the Reform Project are scheduled to go into effect on April 15th, 2022. This will afford time for the training of sworn and unsworn police department employees, the recalibration of our hand-held ticket devices, and coordination with our local court system in an efficient manner.

Ordinances – First Readings - none

Other

January Water Quality Matters. This issue includes an overview of important projects that were completed in 2021 as well as annual data for 1,4-dioxane concentrations and PFOS and PFOA concentrations in the city's drinking water since 2017. More details are included in the issue, which is available [online](#).

Golden Paintbrush Award Winners Announced & Voting Opens for Community Voice Selection.

The Ann Arbor Public Art Commission is announcing the four winners of the 2021 Golden Paintbrush Awards. The commission is also sharing a way the public can vote for their favorite to be honored with a Golden Paintbrush Community Voice Selection (voting closes Friday, March 11). Please see the news release, below and online at <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=852>, for details.

February Events with NAP. 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 citizens. 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. Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation is sharing its February calendar of events, which includes a winter walk, volunteer workdays, preparations for the controlled burn program and more. Please visit www.a2gov.org/NAPevents for the most up-to-date information.

Streetlight Outage Reporting. Did you know you can help the community be and feel safer by reporting streetlight outages? Simply visit www.a2gov.org/a2fixit (<https://www.a2gov.org/services/pages/report-a-problem.aspx>), or download the A2 Fix It app on your smartphone, to report streetlights that are no longer working. And remember, A2 Fix It isn't just for streetlights. You can use the tool to report potholes and missed cart pickups as well.



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

AAPD Offense Monthly Comparison Report (preliminary and advisory) – December 2021

NIBRS Category	2019	2020	2021	Monthly % change	Previous Year (to-date)	This Year (to-date)	Yearly % change
Aggravated Assault	10	16	8	-50.0%	188	215	14.4%
Animal Cruelty	0	0	0	no crimes	5	3	-40.0%
Arson	0	0	0	no crimes	4	5	25.0%
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	25	14	22	57.1%	162	199	22.8%
Counterfeiting/Forgery	13	5	8	60.0%	60	35	-41.7%
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	38	27	29	7.4%	357	380	6.4%
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	8	1	13	1200.0%	54	79	46.3%
Embezzlement	6	0	2	-	7	11	57.1%
Extortion/Blackmail	0	2	2	0.0%	12	11	-8.3%
Fraud Offenses	48	37	21	-43.2%	554	433	-21.8%
Homicide Offenses	0	0	0	no crimes	1	2	100.0%
Intimidation	8	4	7	75.0%	91	100	9.9%
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	0	0	no crimes	3	0	-100.0%
Larceny/Theft Offenses	133	109	106	-2.8%	1402	1457	3.9%
Motor Vehicle Theft	2	7	5	-28.6%	79	92	16.5%
Robbery	0	2	2	0.0%	37	31	-16.2%
Sex Offenses	6	3	8	166.7%	64	81	26.6%
Simple Assault	47	26	51	96.2%	507	554	9.3%
Stolen Property Offenses	1	1	0	-100.0%	28	8	-71.4%
Weapon Law Violations	2	0	3	-	30	40	33.3%



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Notes for AAPD Offense Monthly Comparison Report:

- COVID-19 restrictions went into effect on 3/13/2020
- We are using national crime categories, known as NIBRS, for comparison with other cities
- There may be a slight variation in crime stats due to incomplete or unapproved reports at the time report was run.
- Please note that reports are for calendar month and that the months being compared may have different number of days.

AAPD Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report – December 2021

Report #	Location	Date	Time	Vehicle Movement	Ped In Crosswalk	Injury Category
210044905	W Huron and N Third	12/3/2021	3:36 PM	Going straight	Yes	A
210045033	N Main and Huron	12/4/2021	12:26 PM	Turning right	Yes	C
210045093	Washtenaw and Brockman	12/4/2021	10:11 PM	Going straight	No	C
210048103	Braeburn and Ellsworth	12/27/2021	6:11 PM	Stopped	Yes	B
210048410	Canterbury and Platt	12/30/2021	6:30 PM	Turning right	Yes	B

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 January 2022

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Visit a2gov.org/TransportationCommission for additional background.

Contact the Transportation Commission at 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. The complete list of streets included in the 2022 program will be posted on the [project website](#) in the near future. 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 is also included. Specific locations will be reported once finalized.

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) – Substantially completed in 2021, however the new crosswalk will remain closed until the streetlights can be installed.
- Boardwalk Drive (east side from Eisenhower to Oakbrook)
- Broadway (north/west side from Broadview Ln to Plymouth)
- Ellsworth Road (north side, State to Stone School)
- Hiscock Street (east side, near Summit)
- Hutchins & Prescott (near Stadium)
- South Main Street (address 2878)
- Newport (east side from Sunset to Downup Circle)
- Nixon/Traver (Westbury to Logan Elementary)
- Platt Road (address 2231)
- Russell Street (with first time paving project)
- Saunders Crescent (address 1121)
- Scio Church Road (north side from Landmark Court to Winsted and Greenview to Seventh) (Delayed to spring 2022)
- Tuebingen Parkway (Lancashire to Traver)
- Winchell, Brockman, Frieze loop

Yost and Eli (at frontage of 2609 Yost Avenue)

Division Street

Construction on the two-way protected bike is substantially complete. Some construction elements impacted by supply chain issues or weather will be completed in the spring, including a bike signal at Division and Huron and final pavement markings on this section.



Additionally, the City is developing costs and an engagement strategy to determine the feasibility of extending the cycle track further to the south (possibly Hoover). If pursued, this would likely require removal of on-street parking for more than one block which warrants Council review and approval.

State Street Improvement Project (William to Huron)

This project is being designed jointly with the Downtown Development Authority. The project scope includes resurfacing, watermain work, non-motorized improvements, and installation of our first curbsless street (William to Washington). The design is currently being finalized and plans to go to bid in January. Construction is scheduled to begin spring 2022. The Transportation Commission will review the project at their January 2022 meeting.

Platt Road & Earhart Road

This is a Federal aid project the consists of the resurfacing of Earhart Road between Geddes and Greenhills Drive; and Platt Road between Huron Parkway and Packard. The project scope includes some watermain work (on Platt), bike lanes and pedestrian improvements. Final plans have been submitted to MDOT for review. Construction is scheduled for spring/summer 2022.

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 and fill sidewalk gaps on the north side of the road at the east end of the project. Design work on the project is underway and a public engagement meeting is being planned for February. Construction is scheduled for 2022.

Huron Parkway/Tuebingen Resurfacing (Nixon to Traver)

This project includes road resurfacing, filling of a sidewalk gap, repair of culvert headwall, and evaluation of the existing pedestrian tunnel. Design work is currently underway, and construction is anticipated in 2022.

South Main Street Reconfiguration Pilot (Packard to Stadium)

South Main Street from Packard to Stadium was reconfigured from a four-lane cross section (2 vehicle lanes in each direction) to a three-lane coss section (1 vehicle lane in each direction, a center turn lane, and protected bike lanes) as part of the 2021 Healthy Streets Program. Based on initial findings from data collected in the summer and fall of 2021, the pilot is being extended into 2022 for further observation. Additionally, an opportunity for public input will be launched at some point in the first half of 2022. This will all be taken into consideration before a determination is made to make the reconfiguration permanent or restore the previous configuration. A memo on this topic was shared with the Transportation Commission in January 2022.



Projects Currently in Design/Planning

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 scheduled to start in the summer of 2022, and construction is planned for 2023.

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, new streetlights, and the evaluation and potential installation of the segment of the Treeline Trail along State Street south of Granger.

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.

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 project is currently being coordinated with MDOT:

- Huron/Jackson Crossings – City staff continues working with MDOT on the locations listed below. We are now reviewing safety issues and design details for the proposed crosswalks along Huron and Jackson:
 - Huron @ Crest
 - Jackson @ Virginia
 - Jackson @ Worden
 - Jackson @ Vets Park

Additionally, MDOT has agreed to look at the intersection configuration of the Huron/Jackson/Dexter split with possible inclusion of a new crosswalk at the eastern leg of the intersection.



Streetlight Implementation

19 crosswalks have been upgraded with positive contrast lighting (DTE) to date in 2021. 1,413 streetlight outages were addressed by DTE in 2021. Additionally, work continues on streetlight maintenance which paints, replaces, or performs other preventive maintenance work on existing City-owned streetlights to ensure operability. Lastly, City Council will consider two different resolutions related to streetlight reliability (one concerning City-owned streetlights; the other concerning DTE-owned streetlights) at their January 18, 2022 meeting.

Traffic Calming Program Submittals

The Traffic Calming Team is beginning work on the engagement phase for the next projects in the queue, with the intent to work on three of them concurrently. The next projects in queue are, in order:

- Longman-N. Fairview (Dexter to Jackson) – the neighborhood has shown support for the proposed traffic calming devices. Therefore, the Transportation Commission will make a recommendation on this project at their January 2022 meeting.
- Northside Ave (Barton to Pontiac Trail) – Final polling is due in January. If supported by the neighborhood, staff anticipates bringing this item to the Transportation Commission in February 2022.
- Glenwood (Override to Washtenaw) - the estimated cost to construct this project has increased by about 10% (now \$110,000). This will use the majority of available funds in the Traffic Calming Program budget. Consequently, staff does not anticipate starting any other projects this fiscal year due to lack of funding.
- There are currently 14 traffic calming petitions in the queue (inclusive of Longman/Fairview and Northside). More information is available on the [traffic calming website page](#).

Bicycle Friendly Community Designation

The League of American Bicyclists has showcased Ann Arbor's "Bicycle [Friendly Community](#)" designation on their website: <https://bikeleague.org/content/story-behind-bfc-ann-arbor-michigan>

Winter Sidewalk Maintenance

City Council will contemplate an additional resolution related to winter sidewalk maintenance at their January 18, 2022 [meeting](#).

American Rescue Plan Funding Recommendation

The City is the recipient of \$24.2 million in federal COVID relief funds through the program known as "American Rescue Plan" (ARP). Among the proposals are two transportation projects: Miller-Catherine Bike Facility (\$4M); and Vision Zero Plan Implementation (\$9.5M). The public engagement on projects proposed to use ARP funds began on January 12, 2022. The information session on the Miller-Catherine Bike Facility and Vision Zero Plan Implementation occurred on January 13, 2022. More information is available on the ARP [project website](#).