



Transportation Project Updates March 2021

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2021 Construction Projects

South Industrial Concrete Pavement Repairs

This project consists of spot repairs of the concrete pavement. The project will include the addition of bike lanes and a road diet in the four-lane segment immediately south of Stimson (conversion from four to three lanes to make room for bike lanes). A public meeting on the design concept occurred on March 11, 2021. The work is anticipated to begin in April or May. More information is available on the [project website](#).

Sidewalk Gaps

Manchester Drive (near Washtenaw) is added back to the list of projects to be completed in 2021 because the Parks and Recreation Dept. was able to find funding for the segment along parks frontage.

Bridge Maintenance Project

This project consists of capital maintenance work on several of the City's bridges, including the Broadway bridges, the Fuller Road bridge (east of Maiden Lane), and the Island Drive bridge over Traver Creek. While no major changes to the roadways are anticipated, there will be detours set up for this work. More information will be available once a detailed schedule is developed. Construction has begun on the Island Drive and Broadway bridges.

Projects Currently in Design/Planning

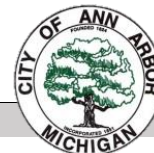
People Friendly Streets Initiative

Construction resumed on First and Ashley Streets this month. Construction completion and restoration to two-way traffic is anticipated in summer 2021. People for Bikes ranked the First Street Bikeway as one of [America's Best New Bikeways of 2020](#).

People-Friendly Streets Part 2

Public engagement occurred over a series of workshops and online information sessions on March 9, 10, and 11, 2021. Concepts for Division, Catherine/Miller, State, Fourth, and other areas downtown were shared and discussed. The project team is currently synthesizing the input received. Project updates can be found on the [project website](#).

Other Updates and Information



“Healthy Streets” - Transportation opportunities for social distancing

[A public engagement survey tool](#) was launched on March 5, 2021 to solicit input (support and opposition) to proposed projects as well as accept additional recommendations. This is also accessible from the City’s Healthy Streets [project website](#). Comments will be accepted through this site until April 2, 2021. Staff are working with a design consultant, the Healthy Streets Committee of the Transportation Commission, and other stakeholders on refining the concepts and designs.

MDOT Coordination

The City has regular coordination with MDOT on State projects within the City. MDOT allows for local installed improvements on their facilities, subject to their review. In addition to the updates provided above under Huron Street updates, some projects currently being coordinated with MDOT include:

- Huron and Seventh – at the request of CM Ramlawi, MDOT analyzed the Huron and Seventh Street intersection. Staff received a memo from MDOT in late February in which they propose prohibiting the southbound left turn movement at this intersection. Staff is evaluating this proposal to help determine next steps.
- Jackson ped crossings – in December 2020, MDOT acknowledged that the road reconfiguration along Jackson is permanent. This started discussions between MDOT and City staff about pedestrian crossings. There was also a meeting with residents, MDOT staff, and City staff that occurred in February 2021. City staff is working with MDOT on vetting suggestions for crossings and identifying next steps.

Streetlight Implementation

13 new streetlights are being processed with DTE for installation in the coming months.. 279 streetlight outages were addressed by DTE in 2021.

Traffic Calming Program Submittals

Updates on recent Traffic Calming Program petitions are provided below:

- Glenwood - was approved by City Council on February 16, 2021 and will be scheduled for construction in the fall.

Transportation Plan Update

The county and adjacent community review of the draft plan concludes in March. The comments received will be evaluated and incorporated into the plan where appropriate. The Planning Commission and Transportation Commission will have a joint session on April 20, 2021 to review the final draft and make a recommendation to City Council. Staff anticipates bringing the document before City Council for adoption consideration in May.