



Transportation Project Updates

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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 is also included. 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](#). Some delays in the plan review process with MDOT have been experienced, which has caused the construction start date to slip to the Fall of 2022. At this time, it is anticipated that some utility and concrete work will occur in October and November of 2022 and the road will be repaved and completed early in the spring of 2023.

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) – Fall 2022
- Hiscock Street (east side, near Summit) – Fall 2022
- Hutchins & Prescott (near Stadium) – Complete
- South Main Street (address 2878) – Postponed due to easement needs
- Newport (east side from Sunset to Downup Circle) – postponed to June 2023
- Nixon/Traver (Westbury to Logan Elementary) – currently under construction
- Platt Road (address 2231) – Complete
- Russell Street (with first time paving project) – construction in Fall 2022
- Saunders Crescent (address 1121) – Complete
- Scio Church Road (north side from Landmark Court to Winsted and Greenview to Seventh) – Fall 2022
- Tuebingen Parkway (Lancashire to Traver) – Fall 2022
- Winchell, Brockman, Frieze loop – In progress – Under construction



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

Division Street

The DDA's construction on the two-way protected bike between Packard and Catherine is substantially complete. Installation of the bike signal at Division and Huron has been impacted by supply chain issues; installation is expected this fall.

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). 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 is running behind and is anticipated to be completed in September. Phase 2 (North University to Huron) will begin in spring of 2023 and be concluded before Labor Day of that year.

Earhart Road

This project consists of the resurfacing of Earhart Road between Geddes and Greenhills Drive. The project scope includes resurfacing and the addition of bike lanes. Construction was most recently planned to occur in the fall of 2022 as part of the Annual Street Resurfacing Program, however due to contractor capacity, that may not be possible. If not constructed this year, it will be combined with the resurfacing of Earhart to the north of this segment and bid out for construction in 2023 as on project.

Huron Parkway Bridge Capital Preventative Maintenance Repairs Project

The project will consist of routine maintenance work for the Huron Parkway Bridge. Maintenance of traffic will involve closing down one side of the bridge at a time for Phases 1 and 3 with one lane in each direction open to traffic and at a minimum one open sidewalk. Phase 2 will close the two interior lanes (one lane in each direction). At a minimum one lane in each direction will be open during the duration of the whole project. Construction is underway and is expected to be completed in early September.

Projects Currently in Design/Planning

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. This proposal was supported by the Transportation Commission and then presented to City Council for their approval (Chapter 10 of City Code requires approval from City Council to eliminate on-street parking for more than one block). At that time, Council tabled the Resolution, saying that the results of the Lower Town Study should be finalized before making this determination. The Lower Town Study is now complete and recommends bike lanes on Barton Drive. City Council approved a Resolution to remove the on-street parking at their July 18, 2022 meeting. The bike lanes will be installed this year.



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 will be scheduled for September. More information will be provided when available.

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. A public engagement meeting was held on April 26th to gather initial feedback on the project. Additional public engagement opportunities will be forthcoming and will be communicated to the Transportation Commission in advance. A detailed presentation on this project was provided to the Transportation Commission at the June 15th meeting. A second presentation to the Commission is anticipated in September or October.

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 projects are currently being coordinated with MDOT:

- M-14/Barton Interchange study – MDOT continues work on a ‘planning and environmental linkages’ study for the M-14/Barton interchange. Stakeholder input is sought throughout the study. Share your comments and input using the [online comment form](#)

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=h3D71Xc3rUKWaoku9HII0Wq6iC6vcSdMskbJPHJXZ1xUQUJJSVZJRzRPVjFDSjVGRVRLouYwVEFVRI4u>. Comments can also be submitted by mail, phone, and e-mail to:

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More information can be found on the project website:



<https://www.michigan.gov/mdot/projects-studies/studies/planning-and-environmental-linkages-studies/m14-barton-drive-interchange>

Streetlight Implementation

696 streetlight outages have been addressed to date by DTE in 2022. Additionally, work continues on streetlight maintenance which paints, replaces, or performs other preventive maintenance work on existing City-owned streetlights to ensure operability. A new streetlight was installed on Platt between Wolverine and Williamsburg.

Traffic Calming Program Submittals

The Traffic Calming Team will use a consultant to help process traffic calming petitions for fiscal year 2023. The intent is to try to get caught up – at least partially – on the backlog of petitions in the queue (currently 15). Staff's intent is to get through as many petition processes as possible and then line up a budget request for construction next fiscal year. The first three projects to begin their processes soon are: Granger (State to Packard); Granger (Forest to Olivia); and Fulmer (Miller to Foss). Lastly, traffic calming signage, the first of its kind, was installed on Northside Ave (Barton to Pontiac Trail) on July 26, 2022. Construction of the speed hump on this stretch of road is expected to occur this fall.

Transportation Plan Update

The Vision Zero Implementation Committee (VZIC) will have their next meeting on August 16th. The materials shared with the Implementation Committee will be brought to a future Transportation Commission meeting – probably in September.

Education and Encouragement

As a reminder, the Transportation Team will host a Ride and Learn group ride event on August 18, beginning at 6:00pm at the Argo Park Pavilion. There will be speakers at three stops along the route and outdoor games, snacks and water at the finish which will be at Hanover Square Park. This event is being sponsored by the Michigan Chapter of the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals in celebration of Ann Arbor's Gold Level Bicycling designation by the League of American Bicyclists. A flyer for the event is now posted on the City's Vision Zero website:

<https://www.a2gov.org/visionzero>.

TheRide Update

The voters of Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti and Ypsilanti Township approved TheRide's millage request to expand and improve transit service with the majority vote of 61%. Though approved now, the new 2.38 mil property tax and services will not go into effect until 2024. TheRide's millage helps increase equity within the community and provide more access to jobs, education, shopping and healthcare.

TheRide's plan for the millage includes: Maintaining current service; Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti Express Route; Increased frequency of service; Longer hours of service; Expanded overnight service; Customer service agents at the Ypsilanti Transit Center; and Capital improvements.