



City of Ann Arbor City Administrator's Report September 19, 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. 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.

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.
- **Ann Arbor Seeks A2ZERO Ambassadors to Partner for Environmental and Carbon Neutrality Goals.** The City of Ann Arbor Office of Sustainability and Innovations (OSI) is accepting applications for its next group of A2ZERO Ambassadors, which will begin in November 2022. The A2ZERO program provides insights, connections, collaboration opportunities and information for individuals interested in helping the City of Ann Arbor achieve a just transition to community-wide carbon neutrality by 2030. The A2ZERO Ambassadors program, modeled after the seven strategies of the ambitious A2ZERO Carbon Neutrality Plan, lasts approximately 12 weeks and covers:
 - Equity and environmental justice.
 - Community sustainability, climate change and climate action.
 - Energy efficiency, beneficial electrification and renewable energy.
 - Water efficiency, water quality, stormwater and the local watershed.
 - Transportation and choices to move around the community.
 - Achieving a circular economy: waste reduction, composting, recycling, sustainable purchasing and material reuse.
 - Local food: how to grow it, eat it and find it.
 - Personal and community resilience and emergency preparedness.
 - Tying it all together: A2ZERO and You.

In addition to coursework, ambassadors will complete a sustainability-related project and are expected to commit to volunteering for at least 20 hours over the 12 weeks to inspire change in the community. Roughly 30 applicants will be selected for this ambassador group, the fourth group since the program started. Volunteers interested in helping with sustainability-related efforts and activities can apply at <https://forms.office.com/g/3qTaQbUX7D>. The deadline to apply is Friday, Sept. 30, 2022.

- **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 (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. 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.
 - **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>
 - **Save the Date for OSI's 2nd annual Autumnal Green Fair on October 7th.** Join us as we celebrate and daylight local and regional organizations working to make Ann Arbor a more sustainable and equitable community. More details about green fair can be found at: <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/sustainability/Newsletter-Events/Pages/Green-Fair.aspx>.
 - **Save the Date for the first A2 Local Food Festival on October 13th from 5pm to 10pm at the Kerrytown Farmer's Market.** Join us for the first Ann Arbor Local Food Festival, an event to celebrate and enjoy the abundance of this year's harvest from local farmers. More details about the event can be found at: <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/sustainability/Sustainability-Me/Families-Individuals/Pages/Local-Food-Festival.aspx>

Council Priorities/Initiatives

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

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

Previews

The **September 19 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

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

Public Hearings – (2). Please see below and under second readings.

- **A public hearing and Resolution to Approve 340 Depot PUD Site Plan, 340 Depot Street (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 0 Nays).** Approval of this resolution will allow for the construction of a three-story mixed-use building containing residential units, retail and office uses.

Ordinances – First Readings (1).

- **An Ordinance to Add Section 8:531 to Chapter 105 (Housing Code) of Title VIII of the Ann Arbor City Code (Right to Renew Relocation Assistance).** This proposed amendment adds a section to Chapter 105 (Housing Code) which creates a new ordinance that requires landlords to renew to existing tenants, absent good cause, and mandates the payment of relocation assistance if a landlord fails to do so. It also defines the reasons for good cause and sets forth penalties and remedies for enforcement.

Ordinances – Second Readings (1).

- **A public hearing and Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Zoning), Rezoning of 0.15 Acres from C1B (Community Convenience Center District) to PUD (Planned Unit Development District), 340 Depot Zoning and Supplemental Regulations, 340 Depot (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 0 Nays) (ORD-22-14).** Approval of this ordinance will zone this property PUD (Planned Unit Development) to allow a three-story mixed-use building containing residential units, retail and office uses. Approval of this ordinance will also create supplemental regulations for the new PUD district.

Other

2022 National Community Survey™ Results Show Quality of Life Remains High, though Cost of Living and Housing Affordability Concerns Remain. In June and July, 2,800 randomly selected residents were asked to provide opinions on city services, amenities and their quality of life in Ann Arbor via the National Community Survey™ (NCS). The City of Ann Arbor has conducted this statistically valid survey bi-annually since 2008 to capture opinions of a representative sample of Ann Arbor residents.

According to the NCS, "Overall quality of community life represents the natural ambience, services and amenities that make for an attractive community." The NCS notes how residents

rate their overall quality of life is an indicator of the overall health of a community. In the case of Ann Arbor, 93% rated the city as an “excellent” or “good” place to live.

Other results from the survey include:

- The natural environment remains a community asset. About nine in 10 residents rated the overall quality of the natural environment as excellent or good, a mark similar to both the national benchmark and previous survey iterations. Residents also continued to rate cleanliness, water resources and air quality highly, with at least eight in 10 residents offering positive reviews. Of these, water resources was rated higher than the national average, while the others were on par with benchmark-comparison communities. The preservation of natural areas (78% excellent or good), Ann Arbor open space (76%), and yard waste pick-up services (84%) all ranked higher than national benchmarks.
- The city's parks and recreational opportunities are highly valued by residents. All survey items related to parks and recreation in Ann Arbor ranked higher than national benchmarks and remained stable since 2020. Nearly all residents (94%) rated the overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities as excellent or good. The availability of paths and walking trails, fitness opportunities and recreational opportunities were all reviewed positively by nearly 90% of residents. Similarly, Ann Arbor's city parks, recreation programs or classes, and recreation centers or facilities received high marks from more than eight in 10 residents.
- Ratings for city services and public trust are on the rise. Since 2020, many governance ratings have significantly increased. The value of services for the taxes paid to Ann Arbor was rated positively by six in 10 residents, increasing by about 9% over the city's previous survey iteration. Likewise, the overall direction that Ann Arbor is taking received favorable reviews from about two-thirds of residents (up from 58% in 2020). Other ratings that increased significantly since 2020 included the city generally acting in the best interest of the community, being open and transparent to the public, and treating all residents with respect. All aspects of Ann Arbor's governance were on par with the nation. While still similar to national benchmarks, public information services was identified as a potential area of improvement for the city, as positive ratings for this survey item continue to decline over time.

Previous survey results (2007, 2008, 2013, 2015, 2018 and 2022) are available on the city website, www.a2gov.org, as PDF reports. The 2022 survey results are available in a new online portal format at <https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/polco.nrc/viz/TheNCSReport-AnnArborMI2022/About>.

Natural Area Preservation Workdays and Events in October. 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 October. Join NAP for volunteer workdays, to

celebrate World Habitat Day and Make a Difference Day, for an autumn guided nature walk and more! Please see the news release via <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=911>, for details.

To attend a workday, participants are encouraged to preregister using VolunteerHub at <http://vhub.at/NAP>; links to each event in VolunteerHub are also provided with each description.

NAP is continuing to closely monitor recommendations from city and other health officials. As a result, the events planned are subject to change in order keep volunteers and the public safe. Should it be prudent to make changes to the event schedule, NAP will update its website and notify anyone registered for events. Visit www.a2gov.org/NAPevents for the most up-to-date information.

At all NAP workdays, participants are asked to please wear long pants and closed-toe shoes, bring a water bottle and gardening gloves if available. All minors should be accompanied by a guardian. Tools and know-how provided. Stay home if you are feeling unwell. For more information about NAP, visit www.a2gov.org/NAP.



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DATE: September 7, 2022

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

Crime Category	Part	Aug-2022	Jul-2022	% Change	Aug-2021	% Change	YTD 2022	YTD 2021	% Change
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	A	2	0	N/C	0	N/C	4	8	-50.0%
ARSON	A	0	0	No Change	2	-100.0%	9	3	200.0%
ASSAULT - AGGRAVATED	A	23	18	27.8%	21	9.5%	139	137	1.5%
ASSAULT - SIMPLE	A	50	48	4.2%	59	-15.3%	374	355	5.4%
BRIBERY	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	0	No Change
BURGLARY - ALL OTHER	A	4	10	-60.0%	3	33.3%	53	39	35.9%
BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL	A	17	19	-10.5%	18	-5.6%	108	87	24.1%
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	A	39	36	8.3%	36	8.3%	249	236	5.5%
DRUG OFFENSES	A	3	4	-25.0%	7	-57.1%	53	33	60.6%
EMBEZZLEMENT	A	0	1	-100.0%	1	-100.0%	4	6	-33.3%
EXTORTION - BLACKMAIL	A	1	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	10	8	25.0%
FORGERY / COUNTERFEITING	A	5	13	-61.5%	5	0.0%	48	23	108.7%
FRAUD	A	39	48	-18.8%	38	2.6%	341	288	18.4%
GAMBLING	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	0	No Change
HEALTH AND SAFETY	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	1	1	0.0%
HOMICIDE - JUSTIFIABLE	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	1	-100.0%
HOMICIDE - NEGLIGENT	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	0	No Change
HOMICIDE - NON-NEGLIGENT	A	1	0	N/C	0	N/C	1	2	-50.0%
INTIMIDATION / STALKING	A	8	15	-46.7%	2	300.0%	86	73	17.8%
KIDNAPPING / ABDUCTION	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	0	No Change
LARCENY - ALL OTHER	A	67	68	-1.5%	79	-15.2%	469	490	-4.3%
LARCENY - FROM AUTO (LFA)	A	57	39	46.2%	62	-8.1%	396	280	41.4%
LARCENY - RETAIL FRAUD	A	13	11	18.2%	41	-68.3%	132	140	-5.7%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT / FRAUD	A	19	10	90.0%	8	137.5%	102	60	70.0%
OBSCENITY	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	2	-100.0%
ROBBERY	A	2	8	-75.0%	2	0.0%	25	15	66.7%



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SEX CRIME (VIOLENT)	A	6	12	-50.0%	11	-45.5%	59	59	0.0%
SEX OFFENSES - COMMERCIALIZED	A	0	0	No Change	1	-100.0%	1	2	-50.0%
SEX OFFENSES - CSC	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	0	No Change
STOLEN PROPERTY	A	0	1	-100.0%	0	No Change	15	3	400.0%
WEAPONS OFFENSE	A	4	7	-42.9%	3	33.3%	45	23	95.7%
Total	A	360	369	-2.4%	400	-10.0%	2,724	2,374	14.7%
ACCIDENT - HIT & RUN	B	1	0	N/C	2	-50.0%	3	7	-57.1%
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	B	17	3	466.7%	14	21.4%	43	42	2.4%
BURGLARY - ALL OTHER	B	1	1	0.0%	3	-66.7%	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	2	0	N/C	2	0.0%	15	21	-28.6%
FRAUD	B	0	0	No Change	1	-100.0%	16	13	23.1%
HEALTH AND SAFETY	B	4	2	100.0%	0	N/C	11	5	120.0%
HOMICIDE - NEGLIGENT	B	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	0	No Change
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION	B	7	2	250.0%	5	40.0%	16	14	14.3%
MISSING PERSON / RUNAWAY	B	0	1	-100.0%	2	-100.0%	7	15	-53.3%
OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE	B	19	28	-32.1%	13	46.2%	151	108	39.8%
OBSTRUCTING POLICE	B	5	14	-64.3%	15	-66.7%	70	50	40.0%
OUI OF LIQUOR / DRUGS	B	13	9	44.4%	23	-43.5%	135	121	11.6%
PUBLIC PEACE	B	17	15	13.3%	14	21.4%	116	81	43.2%
SEX OFFENSES - OTHER	B	4	2	100.0%	1	300.0%	16	13	23.1%
TRESPASSING / INVASION OF PRIVACY	B	2	6	-66.7%	8	-75.0%	73	32	128.1%
VAGRANCY	B	0	0	No Change	1	-100.0%	3	3	0.0%
Total	B	92	83	10.8%	104	-11.5%	683	537	27.2%

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

AAPD Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report – August 2022

Report #	Location	Date	Time	Vehicle Movement	Ped In Crosswalk	Ped Injury
220029504	Washtenaw and S University	8/2/2022	8:46 AM	Turning Left	Yes	B
220030839	Beakes and N Fifth	8/12/2022	6:30 PM	Changing Lanes & Going Straight (2 Cars)	No	A
220032291	Miller and N Main	8/24/2022	8:55 AM	Turning Left	Yes	O
220033712	E Liberty and S Fifth	8/31/2022	7:00 PM	Going Straight	No	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 September 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

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. 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. 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) – Scheduled to start 9/26/22
- 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) – construction in Fall 2022
- 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) – Under construction



- Winchell, Brockman, Frieze loop –Under construction
- Yost and Eli (at frontage of 2609 Yost Avenue) – Complete

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

Platt Road (Huron Parkway to Packard)

This is a Federal aid project the consists of resurfacing, watermain replacement work and pedestrian improvements. Due to supply chain issues (scarcity of watermain pipe), construction of this project has been postponed to spring of 2023. City Council approved the cost sharing contract with MDOT at their meeting on June 21, 2022. As part of this approval, City Council stipulated the incorporation of bicycle facilities consistent with an "all ages and abilities bicycle route" along this segment of Platt Road. A public meeting is scheduled regarding this topic on October 27th. Further information will be provided when available.

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 this year.

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 currently being completed, however due to material shortages, construction will be postponed to the spring of 2023. A public engagement meeting has been scheduled for September 28th at 6:00 p.m. For details, see the project webpage at 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 currently underway.

Geddes Ave Resurfacing (Observatory to Highland)

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

**Miller/Catherine**

This project consists of a two-way protected bike lane on the south side of Miller/Catherine between Division and First Street and infrastructure to support the Ann Arbor Housing Commission's project at Fourth and Catherine. Construction began in August.

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 public meeting is being scheduled for October 20, 2022 to present information on the proposed lane reconfiguration north of Glazier and on the potential reconfiguration of the Glazier Way intersection. Details on the public meeting will be shared when available.

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 13th. The Transportation Commission will also receive a presentation on the project at their September 21, 2022 meeting. When available, follow-up information from the meeting will be posted to the [project webpage](#).

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 of this project has been scheduled for September 22 at 7:00 p.m. More information is available on the project website at: 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. 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 public meeting has been scheduled for September 27th at 7:00. 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.

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. MDOT announced a new round of public engagement which runs from September 14-28, 2022 and is seeking input on four alternatives: 1) No Build - maintain the existing configuration; 2) Close Eastbound Ramps - completely close the Barton to eastbound M-14 ramp; 3) Modified Loop – realign and lengthen the existing eastbound ramp to create a more standard merge condition; 4) Dog Bone – this is a series of roundabouts integrated into reconfigured ramps. More information is available on the project website: <https://m14-bartonpel.com/>

HSIP Awards

The City was awarded three federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grants from MDOT on September 13, 2022: 1) Signal backplates at various signalized intersections (total project = \$28,800; HSIP award = \$25,920); 2) Countdown Pedestrian Signals at various signalized intersection crosswalks (total project = \$108,000; HSIP award = \$97,200); 3) Miller Ave. Crosswalk Improvements at Fulmer, Hatcher, Crescent, Bruce, Pine, and Newport (total project = \$254,880; HSIP award = \$283,200).

Streetlight Implementation

877 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. New streetlights were installed: on Miller at Brooks; on Miller at Pine Tree; on Miller at Bruce; on S. Forest at Willard; on Depot and N. Fifth; on Pontiac at Bowen; on W. Liberty and Fourth and Murray; on Fletcher north of N. University; along Scio Church; and on Skydale..

Transportation Plan Update

The Vision Zero Implementation Committee (VZIC) held a meeting on August 16th and those materials will be reviewed with the Transportation Commission in September. Staff are working with Sam Schwartz in developing the engagement schedule and opportunities for the quick build and speed management programs.

**Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant**

After Transportation Commission's recommendation on August 17, 2022, City Council approved submittal of a \$22M grant to the federal government for the Safe Streets and Roads for All Program on September 6, 2022. The grant was successfully submitted on September 14, 2022. The grant review process is expected to take several months, and staff does not expect announcements on award until well into 2023.

Packard Road Speed Limits

Staff has finalized a memo which summarizes the engineering/safety analysis performed on Packard Road between Buhr Park/Easy Street and US-23/City Limits. The memo provides the justification to lower the current 40 mph speed limit to 35 mph. The memo will be shared with the Transportation Commission as part of their September 21, 2022 packet.

Education and Encouragement

The transportation team just completed the Ann Arbor District Library Summer Game and had 542 participants in the walking badge and 815 participants for the biking badge. Additionally, the Gold Level: Ride and Learn event was held on August 18 and had 25 participants at this event. A special thanks to Doug Martell (Police), Brian Slizewski (Engineering), Amber Miller (DDA), and Oliver Kiley (Smith Group), and Suzann Flowers/Cynthia Redinger/Cyrus Naheedy (Engineering/Transportation) for their roles in this event. The team is also working with city communication staff in pushing out safety information with the start of the school year.