



## City of Ann Arbor City Administrator's Report March 16, 2020

Prepared for City Council. Kindly forward questions, comments, or suggestions for input to [tcrawford@a2gov.org](mailto:tcrawford@a2gov.org), [jfournier@a2gov.org](mailto:jfournier@a2gov.org), or [shiggins@a2gov.org](mailto:shiggins@a2gov.org).

### Safety Notes

**A2 Be Safe! Coronavirus (COVID-19) update.** City of Ann Arbor Emergency Management personnel are in active collaboration with the Washtenaw County Health Department, local hospitals, the University of Michigan, and the American Red Cross for the coronavirus outbreak. It's important to note that the Washtenaw County Health Department is the lead agency as they have emergency operations plans to address infectious disease and pandemics.

The Washtenaw County Health Department has reported Washtenaw County's first two presumptive positive cases of COVID-19. As a result, and to continue efforts to slow the spread of the virus, the City of Ann Arbor will close Larcom City Hall to the public effective 5 p.m. Friday, March 13, through Sunday, April 5. These measures will not impact critical services such as drinking water, waste water, police, fire and emergency operations.

"At this time, our top priority is slowing the spread of this virus through our community and preventing our healthcare system from becoming overwhelmed," said City of Ann Arbor Mayor Christopher Taylor. "Our emergency operations staff is actively meeting and is equipped to address this rapidly evolving situation. In coordination with the state, local agencies and the Washtenaw County Health Department, we are taking necessary steps to protect our community and follow safety recommendations to slow the spread of illness. I encourage everyone to stay informed and engaged and work together as one community."

#### City Services:

- City staff will continue to serve the public and conduct city business during normal business hours via phone, email and online:
  - 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](http://www.a2gov.org/services).
  - Customer Service Center staff will be available to the public by calling 734.794.6320 Monday–Friday 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
  - Customer service questions and inquires can be emailed to the Customer Service Center at [customerservice@a2gov.org](mailto:customerservice@a2gov.org).
  - Issues reported via the [report a problem website](#) or the A2 Fix It app will continue to be addressed.

- At this time, there are no changes to curbside waste or recycling pickup schedules.
- All parks facilities, including the Ann Arbor Farmers Market, are closed and facility recreation events have been cancelled. Parks, themselves, will remain open for general use.
- Some Board and Commission meetings may be cancelled, so please check the city's [meeting calendar](#) for the most up to date information.
- The City Council meeting on Monday, March 16 at 7 p.m. will take place as scheduled, however, the public is encouraged to watch the [live streamed meetings](#) or utilize [ecomment](#) for agenda items of interest. There is a closed session of Council scheduled for 6 p.m. on Monday night in City Council chambers. Larcom City Hall's public doors will open at 5 p.m. for the meeting and will close again when the Council meeting has concluded.
- The police front desk will be open in the Justice Center and the 15th District Court will remain open.
- The Board of Review meetings will continue at Larcom City Hall on March 16 and 17, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; March 18, 1–9 p.m.; and March 19, 9 a.m.–noon. Participants will need to use the phone in the lobby to be granted access to the building.

The city will continue to monitor this rapidly evolving situation and coordinate closely with its local partners, including Washtenaw County Health Department, to determine if this closure date should be expanded. This and other information will be shared via the city's website at [www.a2gov.org/covid19](http://www.a2gov.org/covid19) as well as its [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [NextDoor](#) pages.

For the latest COVID-19 health information, please visit [www.washtenaw.org/COVID19](http://www.washtenaw.org/COVID19) or the Centers for Disease Control <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/>. Individual safety reminders include:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water or use hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid handshakes.
- Avoid contact with sick people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.

## ***A2 Be Safe!***

### ***Success Stories***

**Presidential Primary Election Day – Tuesday, March 10.** The Presidential Primary Election was held on Tuesday, March 10, and city polling places were open 7 a.m.–8 p.m. on Election Day.

Registered voters in line by 8 p.m. were eligible to vote. Thank you to Jacqueline Beaudry, city clerk, and the city clerk's office, city staff, and volunteers who assisted as in-person Election Day voter registration and no-reason absentee voting was implemented.

**Firefighters local 693 and the City of Ann Arbor Successfully Negotiate New Labor Contract.** For the first time in 25 years, the City of Ann Arbor and the International Association of Firefighters Local 693 have successfully negotiated a new collective bargaining contract for fire employees prior to the expiration of the current contract. The new contract was ratified by union membership in February, and on March 2, 2020 City Council approved a resolution to accept the terms of the contract.

### *Sustainability & Innovations Corner*

**A<sup>2</sup>Zero** — Our carbon neutrality work is moving swiftly, so to stay up to date, check out our website: [www.a2zero.org](http://www.a2zero.org). Monthly reports will be included as written communications from the City Administrator in Council Agenda packets. We completed our third survey seeking public feedback. While the previous phases of A2Zero planning focused on gathering ideas and prioritizing the recommended actions, this final stage focused on how the entire community can fully implement the actions needed to become carbon neutral by 2030. In addition to these three public surveys, the A2Zero initiative has hosted dozens of events; launched technical advisory committees on issues related to energy, mobility, resource reduction and adaptation; and launched a website that includes numerous opportunities for public engagement and input.

In November 2019, Ann Arbor City Council passed a climate emergency declaration and tasked the city with creating a plan for how the entire Ann Arbor community could be carbon neutral by 2030. In response, the city and its partner organizations launched A2Zero to support a just transition to community-wide carbon neutrality.

To learn more, to share feedback or to get involved, please see [www.a2zero.org](http://www.a2zero.org).

**Sustainability Forums** — You're invited to the next OSI sustainability forums, which take place at the Ann Arbor District Library Downtown Branch. Learn about emerging ideas, share ideas, and find out how to help the city achieve its carbon neutrality goals. Be sure to save the date for these sustainability forums as well:

- Thursday, March 19, 7 p.m., will include a discussion about carbon neutrality in the resource sector.
- Thursday, April 9, 7 p.m., will include a discussion about carbon neutrality in the adaptation and resilience sector.

**March 30 Council Work Session** – We will present our draft Climate Action Plan to City Council on Monday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

### *Council Priorities/Initiatives*

**Transportation Commission Monthly Report.** The March 2020 Transportation Commission Project Report is attached.

**Police Monthly Report.** The February 2020 AAPD Monthly Comparison Report – Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report is attached.

**Council Resolution Reporting.** Staff is working on the following items pursuant to Council direction:

ITEM	TITLE	DUE DATE	STATUS
<a href="#">R-19-135</a>	Resolution Establishing Center of the City Task Force		Introduction: Presentation of Task Force Report on March 16 Council Agenda

**Previews**

The **March 16 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

**Consent Agenda.** There are 20 items on the consent agenda.

**Public Hearings.** Public hearings are referenced below.

- **Resolution to Approve the Copozzo Annexation, 0.74 Acre, 1780 Scio Church Road (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 0 Nays)**

**Ordinances – Second Readings - None**

**Ordinances – First Readings - None**

**Other**

**“I Voted” Sticker Design Contest Kicks Off in the City of Ann Arbor.** Calling all creative types, the City of Ann Arbor is looking for new designs for its “I voted” stickers. The city clerk’s office has launched a new contest, searching for new, unique designs to help get out the vote in the November 2020 election. Not only will the winning design(s) be featured on stickers distributed at city polling places, the winning artist(s) will receive a monetary prize.

The contest is open to all city of Ann Arbor residents and kindergarten-12th-grade students in the city of Ann Arbor. Winner(s) will be chosen in three categories: Citywide (any age, but must still be an Ann Arbor resident) | Grades 7-12 | Grades K-6. The public will be invited to vote on the final design entries.

“I voted” stickers are proudly worn by voters to both declare they exercised their voting rights and to encourage others to do the same. The works of art, combined with the City of Ann Arbor’s other efforts such as selfie stations outside of polling places, are aimed at helping to get out the vote and encouraging new voters to share their civic pride.

Interested artists can go online for the complete contest schedule, participation criteria and details: [www.a2gov.org/departments/city-clerk/Elections/Pages/Sticker-Design-Contest.aspx](http://www.a2gov.org/departments/city-clerk/Elections/Pages/Sticker-Design-Contest.aspx). Here, you will also find a digital version of the entry form. Those with further questions can call 734.794.6140.

All contest entries must be received by the Ann Arbor City Clerk's office no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, 2020.



## **Transportation Project Updates March 2020**

[Subscribe](#) to receive monthly Transportation Project Updates.

Visit [a2gov.org/TransportationCommission](https://a2gov.org/TransportationCommission) for additional background.

Contact the Transportation Commission at [TransportationCommission@a2gov.org](mailto:TransportationCommission@a2gov.org)

### **2020 Construction Projects**

#### **Allen Creek Berm Opening:**

Work has begun on this project. The project is scheduled to be completed by the fall of 2020.

#### **Annual Sidewalk Repair Program:**

This program is an annual project to repair sidewalks throughout the City. Further information on the program and a list of 2020 target areas can be found at [a2gov.org/Sidewalks](https://a2gov.org/Sidewalks). Construction is expected to begin in May.

#### **Annual Street Resurfacing Project:**

This suite of projects encompasses the majority of the City's street resurfacing activities, including several major and multiple local streets. Included in the 2020 program are Boardwalk (Eisenhower to north end), Granger (State to Packard), Geddes Ave (Church to Observatory), asphalt path resurfacing on Oakbrook and South Main Street, and a number of residential street resurfacing projects, which will be concentrated in the neighborhood around Dicken Elementary School. A full list of streets is posted on the website at: [a2gov.org/RoadConstruction](https://a2gov.org/RoadConstruction). Construction is expected to begin in May.

#### **Barton Drive (M-14 to Pontiac):**

This project is currently in the design phase. The scope includes street resurfacing, watermain improvements, new sidewalk construction, and intersection reconfiguration at the Chandler intersection. Also included in the project is the reconfiguration of the Barton/Starwick intersection, and the possible filling of sidewalk gaps at this location.

Staff is moving ahead with the proposal to install sidewalk on the north side of Barton Drive from Brede to Pontiac, and at the Barton/Starwick intersection. Resolution #2 for these sidewalks was approved by City Council on February 18. Staff is currently proposing a Resolution on the April 6 Council agenda to move funding from the Resident-Driven Sidewalk Gap Filling Program to this project to help offset the cost of the special assessment to adjacent residents. The April 6 Council agenda also includes, Resolution #3, which would set the public hearing date for the special assessment for May 4, along with Resolution #4 to approve the final special assessment roll.

#### **Fuller Court/Nixon/Traver Sidewalk Gap Project:**

This project includes the filling of sidewalk gaps on Fuller Ct. (south side) from Fuller Road to 2250 Fuller Ct. and on Nixon/Traver (west/north side) from end of existing sidewalk to Logan Elementary.



An administrative hearing for the proposed special assessment was held the evening of February 5. Resolution #2 for the Special Assessment District is currently scheduled to go to City Council on April 6. Resolution #3, which would set the public hearing date for the special assessment for May 4, along with Resolution #4 to approve the final special assessment roll.

Construction is planned for late summer 2020.

**Huron Street Improvements:**

Construction on the north side of Huron, between Division and Main Street, resumed in early March 2020.

MDOT provided a response regarding the requested transportation and safety elements:

1. Leading pedestrian intervals at signalized intersections between First and Division Streets: MDOT is of the opinion that adequate walk time already exists and noted that adding pedestrian walk time could negatively affect the vehicular operations at the subject intersections. City/DDA staff will follow up with MDOT to discuss in more detail.
2. Third and Chapin full signal: Approved. MDOT installation planned for spring 2021.
3. Restricted Right Turns: Approved. MDOT installation planned for late summer 2020.
4. Permissive/Protected left turn phase at 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue: Approved. MDOT installation planned for spring 2021.
5. Non-Rush Hour Parking: Denied.

**Jackson Avenue and Washtenaw Avenue Sidewalk Gap Project:**

This project includes the filling of a sidewalk gap on Jackson Avenue (south side) from Westover Avenue to Park Lake Avenue. Also included is the construction of a Non-motorized Path along the south side of Washtenaw Ave (north of the service drive) from S. Huron Parkway to Pittsfield Boulevard.

Design is complete and construction bids are due on March 17 for the Jackson Avenue Sidewalk Gap Project. The cost of the project will be special assessed to the adjacent property owners as it is first-time construction. An Administrative Meeting was held March 12 with the benefitting property owners. A summary of this meeting will be posted on the project website when available. Resolution #2 for this sidewalk project is scheduled to go to City Council for approval on April 6.

Construction of both projects is planned for Summer 2020.



**Plymouth Road Capital Maintenance**

This project consists of a thin milling and repaving of the asphalt surface from Nixon Road to Murfin. No major changes to the lane configurations or crosswalks are anticipated. The work is currently scheduled for May 2020.

**William Street Improvements:**

Permanent pavement markings are scheduled for spring 2020, dependent on consistent dry weather and temperatures above 50 degrees. DDA, Transportation, Public Works, and AAPD staff have been coordinating efforts. This collaboration will inform minor adjustments to the bikeway and on-street education, enforcement, and engagement this spring. Staff are compiling an initial project update and will oversee a more detailed project analysis in late fall 2020.

Education is on-going. Resources can be found at

<http://www.peoplefriendlystreets.org/educational-resources/>

**Projects Currently in Design/Planning****Scio Church Road (Maple to Seventh):**

The project includes some watermain and stormwater work, resurfacing, installation of bike lanes, new sidewalk, and crosswalks. More information is available on the project [website](#). This project is scheduled for construction in 2021.

**Nixon Road Corridor Improvements Design:**

As directed by City Council, staff is beginning the design of the corridor improvements recommended by the Corridor Improvement Study conducted by OHM Advisors ([a2gov.org/Nixon](http://a2gov.org/Nixon)). The design of this project was undertaken by Wade Trim Associates and is now being completed.

Construction of the first phase of the project is currently shown in the CIP for 2025. Council passed a budget amendment indicating a desire to explore moving the first phase of construction up to 2021. A report was submitted to Council and the Transportation Commission in February that outlined updated costs, funding sources, and impacts of moving the project forward.

**People Friendly Streets Initiative:**

First Street construction is scheduled to begin in April 2020, with Ashley Street beginning spring 2021.

In December 2019, the DDA Board approved funding for another round of People-Friendly Streets Projects – a collaborative effort with City Engineering. This next round of projects will continue the community conversation about safe, equitable streets in coordination with other on-going efforts, including the City's Transportation Master Plan and Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The initial goals are to expand the protected





bikeway network, address utility and maintenance needs, advance Carbon Neutrality and Vision Zero, and focus infrastructure investments to support affordable housing development.

The DDA, in collaboration with City Engineering, issued a Request for Qualification (RFQ) to begin the public engagement and design process. In March 2020, the DDA Board approved a contract with SmithgroupJJR, teamed with Toole Design Group and Wade Trim. Design and public engagement will begin spring 2020.

### **Other Updates and Information**

#### **Curbside Management Study:**

The study will evaluate current curbside use and shape strategies to manage the curbside in a more equitable and informed way. The project emphasis is on using goals to guide management and programming decisions, particularly as it relates to commercial goods delivery and loading, transportation network company (TNC) pick-up/drop-off, and parking (i.e. accessible parking, bike parking, motorcycle parking). DDA staff are currently working on a request for qualifications (RFQ) to initiate the project. Additionally, Ann Arbor was selected as a peer city for Transportation for America's Smart Cities Collaborative (<http://smartcities.t4america.org/>). City and DDA staff will participate in this initiative which is focused on curbside management.

#### **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:

- Jackson Ave. – MDOT denied the request for an enhanced crosswalk at Jackson Ave near Weber's Inn, citing that an enhanced crosswalk was not warranted per their analysis. However, the City recently learned that MDOT will install a traffic signal at Jackson/I-94 ramp/Highlake Ave. The City will work with MDOT to ensure pedestrian crossings are included and that transit needs are also considered. This improvement will replace the need for the crossing near Weber's Inn. Huron and Thayer crosswalk – MDOT has agreed to a pedestrian hybrid beacon (aka HAWK) at this location. The City recently learned that this project is scheduled for construction in spring 2021.

#### **Office of Sustainability and Innovations Update:**

City Council passed a [resolution in support of creating a plan to achieve Ann Arbor community-wide climate neutrality by 2030](#) at their November 4, 2019 meeting. A website for the initiative known as A2Zero can be found at: <https://www.a2zero.org/>. A Town Hall to share the strategies was held on February 22, 2020. Strategies related to mobility focus on reducing the total number of vehicle miles travelled and transitioning remaining vehicle miles travelled to electric vehicles.

**Streetlight Implementation:**

14 new streetlights were installed so far in 2020. 218 streetlight outages have been addressed in 2020.

**Traffic Calming Program Submittals:**

Updates on recent Traffic Calming Program petitions are provided below:

- Fernwood (Lorraine to Packard): The first public engagement meeting was held on March 5, 2020.

**Transportation Plan Update:**

The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting was held on February 20, 2020 from 9-11 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers (301 E. Huron Street). Additionally, the Transportation Commission received an update on the Transportation Plan Update at their February 2020 meeting. The project is starting to develop projects and recommendations which will be publicly vetted later this year. Please [subscribe](#) to receive updates on this project.

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Tom Crawford, Interim City Administrator  
**FROM:** Ann Arbor Police Department  
**SUBJECT:** Monthly Comparison Report – Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report  
**DATE:** March 13, 2020

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### AAPD ARM Monthly Comparison Report – February 2020

#### Part A Crimes

Crime Category	Feb-2020	Jan-2020	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	% Change
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	0	2	2	0	N/C
ARSON	0	0	0	0	No Change
ASSAULT - AGGRAVATED	14	14	28	20	40.0%
ASSAULT - SIMPLE	44	57	101	93	8.6%
BRIBERY	0	0	0	0	No Change
BURGLARY - ALL OTHER	2	5	7	5	40.0%
BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL	12	5	17	13	30.8%
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	21	25	46	45	2.2%
DRUG OFFENSES	3	5	8	18	-55.6%
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0	0	7	-100.0%
EXTORTION - BLACKMAIL	0	0	0	3	-100.0%
FORGERY / COUNTERFEITING	3	6	9	8	12.5%
FRAUD	21	57	78	101	-22.8%
GAMBLING	0	0	0	0	No Change
HEALTH AND SAFETY	0	1	1	0	N/C
HOMICIDE - JUSTIFIABLE	0	0	0	0	No Change
HOMICIDE - NEGLIGENT	0	0	0	0	No Change
HOMICIDE - NON-NEGLIGENT	0	0	0	2	-100.0%
INTIMIDATION / STALKING	9	5	14	27	-48.1%
KIDNAPPING / ABDUCTION	0	0	0	1	-100.0%
LARCENY - ALL OTHER	38	56	94	93	1.1%
LARCENY - FROM AUTO (LFA)	65	35	100	61	63.9%
LARCENY - RETAIL FRAUD	23	33	56	77	-27.3%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT / FRAUD	7	10	17	15	13.3%
OBSCENITY	0	0	0	0	No Change
ROBBERY	4	5	9	5	80.0%
SEX CRIME (VIOLENT)	4	10	14	18	-22.2%
SEX OFFENSES - COMMERCIALIZED	0	0	0	0	No Change
SEX OFFENSES - CSC	0	0	0	1	-100.0%
STOLEN PROPERTY	0	5	5	2	150.0%
WEAPONS OFFENSE	2	6	8	4	100.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>

Part B Crimes

ACCIDENT - HIT & RUN	1	2	3	3	0.0%
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	3	8	11	10	10.0%
BURGLARY - ALL OTHER	1	0	1	0	N/C
DISORDERLY	0	0	0	0	No Change
ESCAPE / FLIGHT	0	0	0	2	-100.0%
FAMILY OFFENSE	5	2	7	5	40.0%
FRAUD	2	0	2	4	-50.0%
HEALTH AND SAFETY	0	2	2	1	100.0%
HOMICIDE - NEGLIGENT	0	0	0	0	No Change
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION	3	1	4	3	33.3%
MISSING PERSON / RUNAWAY	5	4	9	8	12.5%
OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE	20	27	47	46	2.2%
OBSTRUCTING POLICE	5	10	15	26	-42.3%
OUI OF LIQUOR / DRUGS	13	10	23	23	0.0%
PUBLIC PEACE	19	16	35	32	9.4%
SEX OFFENSES - OTHER	0	1	1	3	-66.7%
TRESPASSING / INVASION OF PRIVACY	10	8	18	16	12.5%
VAGRANCY	0	1	1	0	N/C
<b>Total</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>-1.6%</b>

2019 ARM Monthly Comparison Report ran at 1445 hrs, on 3/10/2020, using CrimeView Advanced Reporting Module.

\*There may be a slight variation in crime stats due to incomplete or unapproved reports at the time report was run. This report does not include "Locked" cases.

\*\*Please note that reports are run for calendar month and that the months being compared may have different number of days.

AAPD Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report – February 2020

Report #	Location	Date	Time	Vehicle Movement	Ped In Crosswalk	Ped Injury
20-4888	Thompson St & E Madison St	2/1/2020	9:52 PM	Going Straight	No	Yes
20-4976	S Division St & E Liberty St	2/2/2020	6:14 PM	Turning Left	Yes	Yes
20-5706	Catherine St & N State St	2/7/2020	12:00 PM	Turning Left	Yes	Yes
20-5760	Packard St & Wells St	2/7/2020	7:30 PM	Turning Left	Yes	Yes
20-6544	E Huron St & S Division St	2/13/2020	6:59 PM	Turning Right	Yes	Yes
20-8587*	S Maple Rd	2/27/2020	3:08 PM	Unknown	Yes	No
* Private property crash, occurred in parking lot in S. Maple Kroger parking lot.						