



Transportation Project Updates  
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## **2023 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 2023 is scheduled to occur in the area bounded by Washtenaw, Geddes Ave, and Huron Parkway, although there will be additional work scheduled with the Road Bond funding outside of that area. Asphalt path resurfacing is being planned along segments of Huron Parkway. A complete list of locations has been determined, it will be posted on the [project website](#) and on the [project tracking dashboard](#). Work began in July and will last through the Fall; possibly into 2024.

### **Scio Church Road (Maple to Seventh)**

The project includes watermain and stormwater work, resurfacing, installation of bike lanes, new sidewalk, and crosswalks. Work on this project is now substantially complete and the road is open to traffic. The sidewalk between Greenview and Seventh has been delayed to easement needs and the contractor will have to return to the project to complete that portion of the work this Fall.

### **Earhart Road (US-23 to Geddes Road)**

This project consists of the resurfacing of Earhart Road between Geddes and US-23. The project scope includes the addition of bike lanes, reconfiguration of the lanes north of Glazier Way, and the inclusion of roundabouts. The construction contract was awarded by City Council on July 6<sup>th</sup>. Construction is anticipated to start in late July or early August and last through the Fall. More information is available on the project webpage at [www.a2gov.org/earhart2023](https://www.a2gov.org/earhart2023).

### **South Main Street Watermain & Resurfacing**

This project consists of replacement of the watermain and resurfacing of the street from Huron to William. Public engagement is ongoing with the adjacent business owners and the DDA. More details can be found on the project website at [www.a2gov.org/smmainwatermain](https://www.a2gov.org/smmainwatermain). Construction on Phase 1 (William to Liberty) is now complete, and work is progressing on Phase 2 (Liberty to Huron). The current phase is complete. After Art Fair, one final phase will occur to complete some storm sewer work near the Main/Huron intersection.



### **S. Division Cycle Track**

The Division cycle track has been extended south between Packard and Hoover. Parking was removed along segments of the roadway on the east side of the street to make room for the cycle track. The cycle track is protected by vertical delineators the length of the project. Additionally, a new all-way stop sign was installed.

### **Projects Currently in Design/Planning**

#### **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 and may include road narrowing, raingardens, sand filters, and/or underground stormwater storage. The first public meeting for the redesign work was held on April 25<sup>th</sup>. The second public meeting was held on June 27<sup>th</sup> and a presentation is being provided to Transportation Commission at this (July 2023) meeting. See the [project webpage](#) for further information. Construction is scheduled for 2024. NOTE: this project is being combined with the Greenview (Stadium to Scio Church) project and will henceforth be reported on as one project.

#### **Greenview (Stadium to Scio Church) Watermain Project**

This project includes resurfacing as well as watermain replacement. Given that the street is somewhat wider than necessary and is a cut-through between Stadium and Scio Church, staff will be exploring ways to calm traffic and include an All Ages and Abilities bike facility. An initial public meeting was held for this project on March 16<sup>th</sup>. A second public meeting was held on June 7<sup>th</sup>, and a presentation is being proved to Transportation Commission at this (July 2023) meeting. See the [project website for more information](#). Construction is scheduled for 2024. NOTE: this project is being combined with the Seventh & Greenview project (see above) and will henceforth be reported on as one project.

#### **Downtown Area Circulation Study**

City Council approved a cost share agreement with the DDA for a downtown circulation study at their meeting on July 6<sup>th</sup>. The study is meant to develop a cohesive transportation vision for downtown building off of existing plans and policies (DDA's People Friendly Streets Initiative; Moving Together Towards Vision Zero Transportation Plan; TheRide 2045 Long Range Plan). An update on the initiative is expected to be given to the Transportation Commission later this year.



## **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:

- US-23 Study - The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) held an open house on June 21<sup>st</sup> to learn more about the US-23 improvement project between M-14 and I-94 in Washtenaw County. City staff are participating in a Government and Agency Technical Committee. There is a video which provides an overview of the study. Public comment map of project: <https://mksk.mysocialpinpoint.com/us-23-improvement-project-study#/>
- More information is available at: <https://www.michigan.gov/mdot/news-outreach/pressreleases/2023/06/09/mdot-public-open-house-june-21-on-us-23-study-in-washtenaw-county>.

### **Detroit to Ann Arbor Connected and Autonomous Vehicle Corridor**

In August 2020, the Governor and MDOT announced a partnership with Cavnu, a subsidiary of Google's Sidewalk Infrastructure Partners, to develop a "first-of-its-kind corridor for connected and autonomous vehicles designed to improve transportation for communities in Southeast Michigan." Local advisory committee meeting was held in June 2023. First segment of pilot deployment is planned to be along I-94 from Rawsonville and Belleville. More information is available at the [project website](#) and the [project launch press release](#).

### **Traffic Calming Program Submittals**

Granger (State to Packard) was voted on by City Council on June 20th. Granger (Forest to Olivia) was reviewed by the Transportation Commission on June 21<sup>st</sup> and is planned to go to Council on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Fulmer (Miller to Foss) received approval by the neighborhood, and it will be brought to the Transportation Commission in July. Baldwin (Packard to Stadium) had its second meeting on 5/25/23. Manchester (Buckingham to Needham) had its second meeting on 6/22/23. Grandview (Jackson to Dexter) had its second meeting on 7/6/23.

### **Transportation Implementation Plan Update**

The Vision Zero Implementation Subcommittee held its final meeting in June.

Speed Management Program Development – Focus group interviews will be held as part of the program development process during the month of July.

Quick Build Program – Pavement markings have now been completed and the vertical elements are being coordinated with the Signs and Signal crew which are in charge of installation. The goal is to have those installed by the end of August. Staff will be putting signs out for the public near project locations to better brand these efforts as Quick Build and part of Vision Zero. Surveys are in development to evaluate the public's response to these projects.

**Bike Corrals Pilot Program**

The Transportation Planning team will have the permit process completed this month and are working on procurement of the bike parking corrals.

**Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant**

This agreement was reviewed and approved by City Council at the 7/6 meeting.

**Education and Encouragement**

The Lunch and Learn Series on educating city staff on elements of the plan are being developed by Cynthia Redinger and Suzann Flowers. Upcoming trainings will be held on August 23, October 25, and December 13.

**Crashes**

The crash report developed by the Police Department for May 2023 is attached to this report. There was a crash at the intersection of Hill and Oakland on July 8<sup>th</sup> at approximately 11:40pm in which a Spin e-scooter user was killed.

**TheRide Update**

TheRide has completed safety and other updates to the Ypsilanti Transit Center indoor lobby space. Customer service specialists will begin working at this transit center in late July/early August – the first-time specialists have been dedicated to this location.

Work continues to progress on implementation plans for expanded services promised with the approval of a millage in 2022. Information on these services will be made available for public review and feedback in late October 2023. Services are expected to start in Spring and Summer 2024.