



## Transportation Project Updates February 2022

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### **2022 Construction Projects**

#### **Division Street**

The DDA's construction on the two-way protected bike between Packard and Catherine is substantially complete. Some construction elements impacted by supply chain issues or weather will be completed in the spring, including a bike signal at Division and Huron and final pavement markings on this sections.

As previously reported, the City is contemplating to extend this facility further to the South (possibly Hoover). If pursued, this would likely require removal of on-street parking for more than one block which warrants Council review and approval. An online survey is expected to post in February and will be shared with the Transportation Commission when available.

#### **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). The design is currently being finalized and plans to go to bid in February. At this time, construction is anticipated to occur in two phases. Phase 1 will occur in 2022 between Memorial Day and Labor Day on the segment from William to North University. Phase 2 (North University to Huron) will occur in 2023 and be concluded before Labor Day of that 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 underway and construction is scheduled for 2022. A public engagement meeting is being planned for this project and details will be shared with Transportation Commission when available.

#### **South Main Street Reconfiguration Pilot (Packard to Stadium)**

South Main Street from Packard to Stadium was reconfigured from a four-lane cross section (2 vehicle lanes in each direction) to a three-lane cross section (1 vehicle lane in each direction, a center turn lane, and protected bike lanes) as part of the 2021 Healthy Streets Program. [A memo was shared](#) with City Council and the Transportation Commission to extend the pilot into 2022 for further evaluation. Staff will launch a survey in February 2022 to solicit feedback on the reconfiguration which will help inform if the reconfiguration will be made permanent or if the road will be restored to the



previous configuration. The survey will be shared with the Transportation Commission once available.

In addition to the evaluation and determination on the road reconfiguration, the City plans to improve crosswalks on the stretch of South Main Street in 2022 to bring them up to target design as identified in our crosswalk design guidelines. Staff is currently working on design concepts for the crosswalks at Mosley, Davis, Hoover, and Keech (note: this may result in the consolidation or removal of some crosswalks). The ultimate configuration of the roadway will impact the design of the crosswalk which is why these items are being addressed in tandem.

### **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, 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 has been postponed until 2023.

#### **E. Medical Center Drive Bridge**

At the February 7, 2022, a [resolution](#) was brought forward by Council to amend Resolution [R-21-395](#) to remove the Resolved clause from that resolution that required any widening of the bridge to be used for multi-modal travel. The resolution passed on a 6-5 vote, meaning that the City and University of Michigan will plan to proceed with the proposed bridge widening in addition to the rehabilitation of the existing structure. The concept that will be pursued is Exhibit 1B, as presented to the Transportation Commission at their December 15, 2021 [meeting](#). Staff is also proceeding with an amendment to DLZ's contract to design and provide a construction cost estimate for the east-west pathway under the E. Medical Center Drive bridge. A resolution to approve funding for that effort will likely go to Council in March.

### **Other Updates and Information**

#### **Streetlight Implementation**

No crosswalks have been upgraded with positive contrast lighting (DTE) to date in 2022 but there are 24 requests in queue with DTE. 57 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. Lastly, City Council passed resolution R-22-016 on January 18, 2022 which will require staff to produce estimates to upgrade all streetlights to LED, to scale up connected "smart city" streetlights, and to report quarterly on known extended outages. A second resolution related to reliability of DTE streetlights was postponed for consideration until March.



### **Traffic Calming Program Submittals**

The Traffic Calming Team is beginning work on the engagement phase for the next projects in the queue, with the intent to work on three of them concurrently. The next projects in queue are, in order:

- Longman-N. Fairview (Dexter to Jackson) – the neighborhood and the Transportation Commission have recommended approval of this project. The project is scheduled to be presented to City Council in March for a final decision.

Northside Ave (Barton to Pontiac Trail) – final polling has closed and the neighborhood has shown support for the final plan. The Transportation Commission will review and make a recommendation in February and the proposal will be presented to City Council in March for a final decision.

### **Winter Sidewalk Maintenance**

City Council passed Resolution R-22-097 on January 18, 2022

(<http://a2gov.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5378264&GUID=1C103EE6-3D5D-4129-9D73-B1AF8AD38DDF&Options=&Search=>). The resolution directs staff to: provide estimates on staffing needs and costs to ensure City-owned sidewalks and paths are cleared timely; prepare City code amendments related to sidewalks; develop a robust education and enforcement campaign; implement solutions in the DDA district alongside partners; and conduct outreach to AAPS on clearance of sidewalks adjacent to school owned properties.

### **American Rescue Plan Funding Recommendation**

The City is the recipient of \$24.2 million in federal COVID relief funds through the program known as “American Rescue Plan” (ARP). Among the proposals are two transportation projects: Miller-Catherine Bike Facility (\$4M); and Vision Zero Plan Implementation (\$9.5M). The public engagement on projects proposed to use ARP funds began on January 12, 2022 and closes on February 14, 2022. A recommendation for City Council’s consideration is expected in March. More information is available on the ARP project website: <https://www.a2gov.org/rescuefunds>.