



Transportation Project Updates

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2021 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. The complete list of streets included in the 2021 program is posted on the [project website](#). Work is complete on the second phase of the local street portion of the 2021 Street Resurfacing Project with the exception of Manchester Road, which has experienced weather related delays and the contractor now expects to finish up by the end of October. Work also began on the third and final phase of local street portion of project that includes Marshal Street, St. Aubin Avenue and Verle Avenue. The second phase of the Packard asphalt path rehabilitation between Buhr Park and Colony Road is complete and construction recently began on the final phase along the south side of Packard Street from Woodmanor Court to Platt Road.

Geddes Road Watermain

This project consists of a watermain replacement between Windycrest and Earhart. The contractor has experienced delays in getting the watermain testing to pass. At this time, construction is expected to be completed the week of October 18th, depending on weather conditions.

South Industrial Concrete Pavement Repairs

This project consists of spot repairs of the concrete pavement. The project will include the addition of bike lanes and a road diet in the four-lane segment immediately south of Stimson (conversion from four to three lanes to make room for bike lanes). Work on the concrete repairs, as well as the asphalt sections at the north and south ends has been completed and the road is open to traffic.

Sidewalk Gaps

Gaps in the sidewalk system that are expected to be filled in 2021 include (some tentative timelines shown in parentheses):

- Barton Drive (north side from Brede to Pontiac) – currently under construction
- Boardwalk Drive (east side from Eisenhower to Oakbrook) (Late October/early November)
- Jackson Avenue (south side from Wagner to Park Lake) – Completed
- Scio Church Road (north side from Landmark Court to Winsted and Greenview to Seventh) (Delayed to spring 2022)
- Stimson Street (both sides; near State Street) – completed the week of 10/11



- Crestland Drive (near Pattengill Elementary) – completed as part of the Annual Resurfacing Program
- Yost and Eli (at frontage of 2609 Yost Avenue) (November)
- Manchester (near Washtenaw) - currently under construction

Huron Street Crosswalk Improvements (between Ingalls and Thayer)

According to an update provided by MDOT, the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) is expected to be fully functional the week of 10/11/21. The City is still trying to get MDOT to upgrade the RRFB push button to be audible to assist those with visual impairments.

Crest & Liberty Watermain Project

This project will replace watermain and resurface the streets on Crest between Liberty and Buena Vista, and on Liberty from Crest to South Seventh Street. During construction, Liberty will be closed to through traffic (with on eastbound lane open to local traffic only). Traffic on Liberty will be detoured using Stadium, Pauline, and Seventh Street. Construction is now underway and is scheduled to be complete in early November.

Projects Currently in Design/Planning

Division Street

This Downtown Development Agency (DDA)-led project consists of a two-way protected bike lane on the east side of Division between Packard and Catherine. Design and engineering are complete. Construction is anticipated to begin late October. The City and the DDA are also working together to see if the cycle track can be extended further south on Division past Packard, which if feasible, would be implemented by the City at a later date.

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, and construction is scheduled for 2022. A public engagement meeting is currently schedule for late October. More information will be provided to the Transportation Commission when available.

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 a public engagement meeting is being planned for this Fall. Construction is scheduled for 2022.



Newport/Sunset Sidewalk Gap Project

This project initially proposed to construct new sidewalk on the east side of Newport Road from Sunset to Downup Circle and on the north side of Sunset from Newport to Brooks. Based on feedback received, and the fact that Sunset is identified in the Transportation Plan as a candidate for wider non-motorized improvements, the Sunset portion of this project will be split off and a separate project will be created that will attempt to address non-motorized issues corridor-wide. A new project will be created in the Capital Improvements Plan and scheduled for a later year. The Newport Road portion of this project will proceed as planned for the 2022 construction season. Design is underway and construction is planned for 2022. This project will utilize Federal aid money (Surface Transportation Block Grant Program) leveraged by the City's New Sidewalk Millage. A virtual public engagement meeting for this project was held on August 11th, and a summary of this meeting is now available on the [project website](#).

Other Updates and Information

“Healthy Streets” - Transportation opportunities for social distancing

With the installation of vertical delineators in September along S. Main Street, all Healthy Streets deployments are complete. Data collection (volume, speed) is scheduled for the week of 10/11/21. Citizen feedback on the deployments (emails & phone calls) has largely dissipated, though there continues to be some communication about S. Main Street – from both those opposed to the new configuration and those requesting to make it permanent.

Lower Town Mobility Study:

The final public meeting was held on September 23, 2021 to discuss the final draft report. Staff are working with the consultant on the final report which is expected to be released in November. More information about the project can be found on the [project website](#).

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. The following project is currently being coordinated with MDOT:

- Staff from the Office of Sustainability and Innovation as well as Engineering Department (Transportation Team) will meet with MDOT on 10/13/21 to review City policies identified in the A2Zero Carbon Neutrality Plan and the Moving Together Towards Vision Zero Transportation Plan. The intent is to look for opportunities of alignment, collaboration and partnership.

**Streetlight Implementation**

19 crosswalks have been upgraded with positive contrast lighting (DTE) to date in 2021. 825 streetlight outages were addressed by DTE to date in 2021. Additionally, work has begun on streetlight maintenance which paints, replaces, or performs other preventive maintenance work on existing City-owned streetlights to ensure operability.

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 first meeting to review the program and ‘starter ideas’ occurred on September 9, 2021. The second meeting which presents refined ideas based on input received is scheduled to occur October 14, 2021 at 6pm via Zoom.
- Northside Ave (Barton to Pontiac Trail) – Similarly, the first meeting to review the program and ‘starter ideas’ occurred on October will likely be scheduled to occur in October 7, 2021. The second meeting which presents refined ideas based on input received is scheduled to occur November 10, 2021 at 6pm viz Zoom.

Transportation Plan Update

Staff received three responses to RFP 21-25 and have completed the formal selection process. The Selection Committee has recommended a contract be offered to Sam Schwartz, LLC. This item is to be reviewed by City Council at its October 18, 2021, meeting. The Moving Together Plan document and other related materials can be found on the [project website](#).