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Transportation Project Updates **December 2024**

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2024 Construction Projects

2024 Street Resurfacing Project

This suite of projects encompasses the majority of the City's Street resurfacing activities and includes some asphalt path resurfacing. Construction work is substantially complete, and all streets are open to traffic. A complete list of locations completed this year can be found on the <u>project website</u> and on the <u>project tracking dashboard</u>.

Miller Avenue Improvements

This project includes watermain replacement, stormwater improvements, road resurfacing between Chapin and Newport. In addition, crosswalk improvements, speed management, and an All Ages and Abilities bike facility will be applied to the entire length of Miller Ave between North First Street and North Maple Road. ARPA funds will be used to install the non-motorized elements of the project. Due to some confusion with the bidding requirements for ARPA projects, it was determined that the project would need to be rebid. The revamped project has now been rebid, approved by council, and construction is anticipated to begin in spring of 2025. RRFB's along Miller are funded by HSIP (highway safety improvement program) fund. The construction of RRFB's will be coordinated with the Miller Avenue project.

Projects Currently in Design/Planning

South Main Street Sidewalk Gap

This project will construct new sidewalk on the east side of South Main Street between Stadium Boulevard and Ann Arbor-Saline Road. The project will utilize Federal Aid funds, with the local share funded by the Sidewalk Gap Millage and the University of Michigan. The sidewalk adjacent to the Arbor on Main (fka Valhalla) is expected to be completed by the proposed development. Due to delays in easement acquisition, it is likely construction will be delayed to 2026.

Other Sidewalk Gap Projects in Design

The following sidewalk gap filling projects are currently beginning the design and public engagement process:

- Independence (south side from Victoria to Essex): Public engagement phase anticipated for Fall 2024. Construction is scheduled for 2025. More information can be found on the project website.
- Barton Drive (north side from M-14 to Brede): Public Meeting/Walkthrough was held on October 1st to introduce area residents to the project. A question & answers document resulting from that meeting has been posted on the web page. Construction is scheduled for 2026.

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- Brockman & Crestland (both sides; Packard to Ferdon): Public Meeting/Walkthrough was held on October 3rd to introduce area residents to the project. A question & answers document resulting from that meeting has been posted on the web page. Construction is scheduled for 2026.
- Apple/Pear Area: This project includes filling various sidewalk gaps at the locations listed below. Design work is just beginning, and more information will be provided once available.
 - o Apple Street (Pontiac to Pear)
 - o Pear Street (John A. Woods to Traver)
 - o John A Woods Drive (Pontiac to Pear)
- Dexter Ave (Maple to Ironwood): Sidewalk will be installed on one side or the other (due to budget constraints through this project. A public meeting/walkthrough was held on October 5th to introduce area residents to the project. A question & answers document resulting from that meeting has been posted on the web page. Construction is scheduled for 2026.

FY2025 Crosswalk Improvement

Staff is working on the design to install RRFB at five crosswalks.

- Stone School at Birch Hollow
- Stone School at Pheasant Run
- Stone School at Champagne
- Beakes at N Fifth
- Scio Church at Chaucer

Washington Bicycle Boulevard

City received Carbon Reduction Program fund for federal FY 2026 to implement Bicycle Boulevard along Washington Street (Revena Avenue – First Street). Public engagement and design are anticipated to begin in early 2025.

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant

The Near Miss Analytics task Request for Proposals is due January 7, 2025. Staff are preparing an addendum to address the questions that have been received. For the Quick Build and Speed Management task, the consulting team is preparing for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document submission, which is a key step in moving toward design, this submission is anticipated to take place January 10, 2025, to FHWA Michigan Division offices.

2025 Miscellaneous Utilities Project

Project locations include Glastonbury, Weldon, Harding & Fifth Ave. There are no proposed changes to Glastonbury or Weldon. On Fifth Avenue, the addition of bicycle facilities is covered by the Fifth Avenue Resurfacing Project description above. Staff held a neighborhood meeting on November 14th regarding modifying the intersection of Harding & Wallingford to reduce pedestrian crossing distance and eliminate excess pavement. An in-person public meeting will be scheduled in February 2025. More information can be found on the <u>project website</u>.

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Downtown Area Circulation Study

The study will develop a cohesive transportation vision for downtown building off existing plans and policies. This study considers how to balance the needs of multi-modal travel, business activity, and infrastructure demands in the same street corridor as well as network-wide transportation impacts. A draft study report is being prepared with anticipated completion in February 2025. Near-term implementations include traffic signal removal at the intersection of Ashley & Liberty and Liberty & Thompson, and Washington Street Bicycle Boulevard. Other recommendations are at planning level and will require further study and engineering design prior to implementation. More information, including public engagement summary, is available on the project website: https://www.a2dda.org/people-friendly-streets/projects/downtown-area-circulation-study/

Multilane Street Reconfiguration Evaluation

City has advertised a request for proposal for Multilane Street Reconfiguration Evaluation. Proposals are due on January 15, 2025.

State Trunkline Jurisdiction Transfer Analysis

The final draft of the report is complete and provides a detailed cost/benefit analysis of taking ownership of the state trunklines that run through the community; namely Washtenaw/Huron/Jackson and North Main. This analysis was presented to Transportation Commission and DDA Board on February 21, 2024. A presentation at a City Council work session took place on June 10, 2024. A resolution directing the City Administrator to negotiate with MDOT transfer of ownership to the City was passed on August 8th, 2024. Staff held a meeting with MDOT to review the process. Transfer discussions with MDOT will begin with a direct request from the city.

Quiet Zone Study & Design

The U-M is working with the City, MDOT and FRA on Quiet Zone study and design. Diagnostic study team review is tentatively scheduled for early 2025.

OSI recently launched a Commercial EV Charger Discount program to distribute free and discounted EV Chargers at commercial sites and Multi Unit Dwellings (MUDs). Applications are being collected and more information can be accessed on the <u>project webpage</u>.

The City was recently notified of its Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Program Round 1B award. This is an award of ~\$2,8 Million to help the City design and install dozens more public EV charge ports in Ann Arbor.

Streetlight Implementation

DTE has reported fixing 1175 streetlights so far in 2024.

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Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program

- Manchester (Buckingham Needham) construction in 2024
- Bird (Newport W Huron River Drive) construction expected in 2025
- Henry (Golden Packard) construction expected in 2025
- Arella (Stadium Pauline) construction expected in 2025
- Mershon (Scio Church Delaware) construction expected in 2026
- Traver (Barton John A Woods) construction currently on hold, to be scheduled with Traver Water Main & Resurfacing project
- Worden (Jackson Dexter) construction expected in 2026

Neighborhood traffic calming petitions received and to be evaluated

- Carmel St (Easy St to Towner Blvd), evaluation to begin in 2024
- Brandywine Dr (Yost Blvd to Packard), evaluation to begin in 2024
- Doty Ave (Arborview Blvd to Dexter Ave), evaluation to begin in 2024
- Neighborhood approach for Redwood Ave (Springbrook St to Platt) & Rosedale St (St. Aubin Ave to Redwood Ave) & Springbrook St (St. Aubin Ave to Redwood Ave)
- S. Revena Blvd (Abbott to South end of S. Revena Blvd)
- Neighborhood approach for Frederick Dr (Green to Middleton) & Middleton Dr (Frederick to Frederick)
- Shadowood Dr (Ellsworth to Braeburn)
- Olivia Ave (Wells to Cambridge)
- W. Washington St (3rd to 7th)
- W. Hoover Ave (Fifth to Main)
- Hampshire Rd (Canterbury to Chesterfield)
- Davis Ave (Hutchins to Edgewood)
- Montclair Pl (Gardner to Stadium)
- Ferdon Rd (Stadium Blvd to Washtenaw Rd)
- N. Revena Blvd (Arborview to Linwood)

Bike Corrals Pilot Program

Participants have been sent a reminder for the limited maintenance requirement of the program. The program will be evaluated in the spring of 2025.

Streetlight LED Conversion Project

The City of Ann Arbor was awarded Carbon Reduction Program Fund to convert over 4,000 low-efficiency DTE-owned streetlights to higher-efficiency LED fixtures. Staff brought the grant acceptance and contract approval actions before Council, which approved the resolution on August 8. The project cleared NEPA and MDOT forwarded the obligation request to FHWA in September. More information is available on the project website.

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Signalized Intersections with FYA (flash yellow arrow) Indication

Locations where pedestrian service cancels FYA

- Huron & Seventh
- Manchester/Sheridan & Washtenaw
- Eisenhower & Stone School
- Scio Church & Seventh
- Broadway & Maiden/Moore
- Main & Stadium
- Packard & Platt
- I-94 (E/B) & Jackson
- Depot & Main
- Ellsworth & Research
- Ellsworth & Varsity
- Ellsworth & Stone School
- Braeburn & Ellsworth

Locations where pedestrian service is concurrent with FYA

- Fifth & Huron
- Division & Huron
- E. Medical & Observatory
- Pauline & Seventh (no push button)
- Brockman & Stadium
- Barton & Plymouth
- St. Francis & Stadium
- Eisenhower & Industrial
- Ann Arbor Saline & Eisenhower
- Fuller & Glen (no push button)
- E Medical & E Hospital
- Geddes & Huron Pkwy
- Huron Pkwy & Huron River Dr.

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