



## **Transportation Project Updates August 2020**

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### **2020 Construction Projects**

#### **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. A full list of streets is posted on the website at: [a2gov.org/RoadConstruction](https://a2gov.org/RoadConstruction). Construction is currently active in the Dicken neighborhood. Work on Geddes Ave and the Oakbrook asphalt path have been completed. Work on Boardwalk and the asphalt path on South Main (Ann Arbor-Saline to Eisenhower) is expected to be completed the week of August 10. Work on Granger is expected to begin around August 19. Work on the overall project is expected to continue into November.

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

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 filling of sidewalk gaps at this location.

Construction on this project is currently underway and is expected to extend into October.

#### **Ellsworth/Research Park Drive Intersection:**

Preliminary concrete work (bases) for a new traffic signal at this intersection has begun. The work is expected to continue into the fall.

#### **Washtenaw Avenue Sidewalk Gap Project:**

This project includes the construction of a Non-motorized Path along the south side of Washtenaw Avenue (north of the service drive) from S. Huron Parkway to Pittsfield Boulevard. Construction began the week of May 18 and is expected to be complete by the end of August.

#### **Plymouth Road Capital Maintenance**

This project consists of cold-milling and repaving of the asphalt surface from Murfin/Upland Roads to Nixon Road. Vehicular lanes will be reduced uniformly to 10 feet and a modified buffered bike lane will be introduced. Work is currently underway and is expected to be complete in late August/early September.



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

### **People Friendly Streets Initiative:**

First Street construction is underway, Ashley Street is scheduled to begin 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). On Monday, July 6, City Council approved [Healthy Streets Pilot Projects Downtown](#), which will help fill the current need for safe access and social distancing and allow for engagement and discussion about permanent changes. Installation is scheduled for August 2020. Updates and feedback opportunities can be found on the project [website](#).

### **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. Staff is currently working on engaging neighbors regarding the potential removal of on-street parking or relocation of the curb for in the installation of bike lanes on the westbound side of the road. Once this has been completed, the staff recommendations will be presented to the Transportation Commission.

## **Other Updates and Information**

### **Street Millage and New Sidewalk Millage:**

On July 20, City Council approved the ballot language and Use Resolutions for both the Street, Bridge, and Sidewalk Millage and the New Sidewalk Millage. A few specifics on these millages are as follows:

#### Street, Bridge, and Sidewalk Millage

- 2.125 mills, roughly \$13.8M annual revenue (same as previous)
- Essentially no changes from the previous millage
- If approved by voters, would go into effect in 2022

#### New Sidewalk Millage:

- 0.20 mills, roughly \$1.3M annual revenue
- Millage would fully fund sidewalk gap projects and eliminate most special assessments
- If approved by voters, would go into effect in 2021
- Recently postponed sidewalk gap projects would need to be reprioritized to determine what could be constructed in the first year

**“Healthy Streets” - Transportation opportunities for social distancing**

Staff has continued to advance the Healthy Streets initiative consistent with City Council Resolution R-20-158, “Resolution to Promote Safe Social Distancing Outdoors in Ann Arbor.” Staff installed 18 neighborhood slow street treatments in July. A second round of an additional seven streets will be signed when the contractor is in town deploying the arterial and downtown Healthy Streets improvements in the next week.

For non-residential streets, installation is anticipated toward the middle of August on S. Main, E. Packard, Division, Catherine/Miller and other streets (as approved by City Council in July). The City’s “Healthy Streets” website ([a2gov.org/HealthyStreets](http://a2gov.org/HealthyStreets)) and the DDA’s People Friendly Streets website (<https://www.peoplefriendlystreets.org/>) will be kept up to date to reflect the latest updates on the Healthy Streets Initiative.

**Lower Town Mobility Study:**

The first virtual public outreach event for this study was held on July 29<sup>th</sup>. Information was shared on preliminary data collection efforts as well as a road safety audit. Comments and suggestions from participants were reviewed and discussed as well.

**Office of Sustainability and Innovations Update:**

City Council adopted the [A2Zero Carbon Neutrality Plan on June 1, 2020](#). The effort is now transitioning to implementation. Currently, the Office of Sustainability and Innovation is coordinating an electric bicycle discount program. There are currently two e-bike models eligible for a \$100 discount and \$50 store credit from Human Electric Hybrids. More information about the program can be found at: <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/systems-planning/planning-areas/climate-sustainability/Pages/Electric-Vehicles.aspx>. More information about the A2Zero Plan and upcoming events can be found on the project website: [www.a2zero.org](http://www.a2zero.org).

**Streetlight Implementation:**

31 new streetlights were installed so far in 2020. 754 streetlight outages have been addressed by DTE in 2020.

**Traffic Calming Program Submittals:**

Updates on recent Traffic Calming Program petitions are provided below:

- The polling for Fernwood is complete and the residents have voiced support for the proposed traffic calming measures. This will be brought before the Transportation Commission for a recommendation and City Council for action in the near future.
- The Glenwood Rd process has begun, and the first meeting was August 12. Concepts will be developed based on initial feedback received from residents at this meeting.

**Transportation Plan Update:**

The Project Team continues to develop concepts and recommendations which will be incorporated in an emerging draft plan which will be shared with the Commission in the next month or two, depending on the rate of plan development. The draft plan will be



publicly vetted later this year as it moves forward to adoption. More information about the Plan can be found on the project [website](#). Please subscribe to receive updates on this project.