



Transportation Project Updates February 2025

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Transportation Planning Studies & Initiatives

North Main Street Transportation Study

The RFP (Request for Proposals) for North Main Street Transportation Study was advertised in January 2025, with proposals due in mid-February.

Downtown Area Circulation Study

<https://www.a2dda.org/people-friendly-streets/projects/downtown-area-circulation-study/>

Study is in concluding phase. A draft study report is being prepared with anticipated completion in Spring 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, funding source identification and engineering design prior to implementation.

Multilane Street Reconfiguration Evaluation

City has advertised a request for proposal for Multilane Street Reconfiguration Evaluation. Staff reviewed and scored three proposals, awarding the work to Toole Design. Staff are working with Toole Design to finalize the scope of work and seek council approval.

State Trunkline Jurisdiction Transfer

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. The City Administrator sent MDOT a letter on December 20, 2024, to official open discussions of a transfer.

Micro mobility

The City and the University of Michigan have an Agreement with Spin to have up to 450 dock-less e-scooters and 100 dock-less e-bikes available for public use. Spin's rights-of-way use contract was renewed by City Council for three months on June 3, 2024, and administratively extended another three months on September 9, 2024, and December 13, 2024, to give additional time for Council to discuss additional safety expectations and what to include in a longer agreement.

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 was held in January 2025. All at-grade crossings from Summit Street to State Street were included in the field meeting. U-M and consultant SRF are working on report and recommended steps toward implementation.

**Road Safety Audit in Ann, Catherine, Glen and Zina Pitcher Area**

Staff applied for Road Safety Audit grant by the SEMCOG (southeast Michigan council of governments) for the block surrounded by Ann, Catherine, Glen and Zina Pitcher. City was notified of an award in February 2025. Staff is coordinating with SEMCOG on the next steps for the study.

Speed Management Program - Draft

Staff are developing draft document for 'Speed Management Program,' and scheduled a meeting with the Commission's Traffic Calming subcommittee on February 21, 2025. It is anticipated that the new Speed Management Program will unify neighborhood traffic calming, major streets and areas around schools.

Design Projects**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, construction will not occur until 2026.

Other Sidewalk Gap Projects in Design

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

- 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.
- 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.
 - Apple Street (Pontiac to Pear)
 - Pear Street (John A. Woods to Traver)
 - 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.

**Washington Bicycle Boulevard**

City received Carbon Reduction Program fund for the construction phase of Washington Street Bicycle Boulevard (Revena Avenue – First Street) in federal FY 2026. Public engagement and design for the bicycle boulevard project are anticipated to begin in early 2025. Staff are preparing to kick off design and are coordinating with AAPS, specifically around Slauson Middle School. AAPS has a campus construction project taking place from 2026 to 2028.

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant – Speed Management & Quick Build

Staff submitted National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) clearance document in January 2025 to FHWA Michigan Division offices.

North University (State to Fletcher)

Work includes watermain replacement, stormwater improvements, street resurfacing, sanitary sewer work on Thayer, bike lanes on North University, and evaluation of crosswalk improvements. Design work is underway, and more information will be shared when available. Construction is presently anticipated to occur in 2026.

MDOT Traffic Signal Modernization along Huron (State – Palmer)

MDOT will begin the design work for traffic signal modernization along Huron Street/Washtenaw Avenue, from State Street to Palmer Drive. Design kick off meeting is scheduled for February 2025. Anticipated construction schedule is in late 2027 to early 2028.

Construction Projects**Sidewalk Gaps**

- **Independence Blvd. (south side from Harpst to Esch)** - Construction of this project will be done in conjunction with the resurfacing of Independence Blvd. More information can be found on the [project website](#).
- **Sequoia Pkwy (south side form Kuehnle to Dellwood)**
- **Whitewood St.** - (east side from Norwood to end of gap) – This work will be done in association with the Pittsfield Village project.

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. RRFB's along Miller are funded by HSIP (highway safety improvement program) fund. The construction of RRFBs will be coordinated with the Miller Avenue project. Construction is anticipated to begin in March or April.

**FY2025 Crosswalk Improvements**

Staff is working on the design to install RRFBs at five crosswalks in 2025:

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

Staff has also received the permit to install crosswalks on Jackson Avenue. This work will be done in 2025 at the following locations:

- Jackson near Collingwood Jackson near Grandview
- Jackson near Worden
- Huron at Arbana

Fifth Avenue (William to Madison) Resurfacing

This project will complete a small segment of watermain upsizing (from Jefferson to Packard), and then resurface the entire stretch. The project will also complete a link of the proposed all ages and abilities network by connecting cycling facilities south of Madison with the William Street cycle-track through standard and contra-flow bike lanes. Construction is planned for 2025.

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 is scheduled on February 24, 2025. More information can be found on the [project website](#).

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant – Near Miss Analytics

Staff advertised RFP for the Near Miss Analytics system and received two proposals. Staff evaluated the proposals and are negotiating contract terms with the team led by the University of Michigan.

Traffic Safety Corridor – Jackson & Washtenaw

Staff submitted ROW (right-of-way) Construction permit application for sign installation as part of Ann Arbor Traffic Safety Corridors. Staff received comments from MDOT and are working on plan revisions.

Traffic Safety Corridor – Packard

Staff are preparing for sign procurement and installation.

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 are working on design plans with DTE, and the plans will be reviewed and approved by MDOT.

**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 began in 2024
- Brandywine Dr (Yost Blvd to Packard), evaluation began in 2024
- Doty Ave (Arborview Blvd to Dexter Ave), evaluation began 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)

**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
- Geddes & Huron Pkwy
- Ann Arbor Saline & Eisenhower
- Eisenhower & Industrial

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
- Fuller & Glen (no push button)
- E Medical & E Hospital
- Huron Pkwy & Huron River Dr. (pending change)