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Transportation Project Updates **May 2025**

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Transportation Planning Studies & Initiatives

North Main Street Transportation Study

The selected firm for this work is Toole Design. We are completing the scope of work review, cost sharing agreement with the DDA, and plan to take the contract to City Council in July.

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 complete an in a final round of review. 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

Toole Design's proposal was selected for this work. The proposal was approved by City Council on April 7, 2025 and the contract is signed. Staff are coordinating with Toole on schedule adjustments and project kickoff.

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 officially open discussions of a transfer. MDOT has received and acknowledged this letter. The City and MDOT will begin the first of ongoing discussions in April.

Micro mobility

The City and the University of Michigan have an Agreement with Spin to have up to 450 dockless 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, December 13, 2024, and March 31st, 2025, to give additional time for Council to discuss additional safety expectations and what to include in a longer agreement. City Attorney's office has drafted an updated agreement with Council's and Spin's support. It will be on the June 16th City Council agenda.



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

The WSP team will present the findings in early May, and staff expect the preliminary report to be delivered during the month of May. Staff will review and provide comments to the WSP per the RSA process.

Vision Zero Plan Implementation

- 1. The annual snapshot for 2024 has been published and available for the public to review at https://www.a2gov.org/engineering/ann-arbor-moving-together-towards-vision-zero/
- 2. Tiered Intersections and Corridors evaluation has been completed and the new data layers are being presented to Transportation Commission at the May meeting.
- 3. As part of the implementation of the Vision Zero plan, staff have developed an annual, city-wide survey used to gather feedback on the public's experience and satisfaction with the Ann Arbor transportation systems. This survey will run from May October, for the next four years. The data will be used in the development of CIP projects and be used as a data point in the development of a new transportation plan. Take the survey at https://engage.a2gov.org/2025-transportation-survey.

Design Projects

Other Sidewalk Gap Projects in Design

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

- 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. An initial public meeting/walkthrough was held on May 7th. Information from the meeting will be posted on the project web page. A second walkthrough is scheduled onsite on June 4th at 5:30 p.m.
 - 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.

Washington Bicycle Boulevard

The 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 will be supported by WSP. Staff are coordinating with AAPS, specifically around Slauson Middle School. AAPS has a campus construction project taking place from 2026 to 2028.

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

Staff are delighted to report that FHWA-MI Division has completed the NEPA evaluation. We are still in Base Phase of the grant agreement and have restarted the preliminary design work for Quick Builds and Speed Management. We do not have permission at this time to advance to the Final Design phase in the grant agreement at this time.

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

Staff are working through the contracting process with UMTRI at this time and expect to begin work once that has been completed.

North University (State to Fletcher)

Work includes watermain replacement, stormwater improvements, street resurfacing, sanitary sewer work on Thayer, bike lanes on North University, crosswalk improvements, and a dedicated transit lane in the eastbound direction. Design work is underway, and more information will be shared when available. Construction is presently anticipated to occur in 2026. A presentation on this project will be made to Transportation Commission in the coming months.

Construction Projects

2025 Street Resurfacing Project

This suite of projects encompasses the majority of the City's Street resurfacing activities and includes some asphalt path resurfacing. 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>. Construction is presently underway in the Burwood neighborhood.

E. Medical Center Drive Bridge

This project is to perform preventive maintenance of the bridge leading to the hospital campus and add a vehicular travel lane. Construction is underway and the bridge is currently reduced to one lane in each direction. The bridge is scheduled to be reopened by early July.

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 underway between Newport and Seventh. This phase of the project is expected to continue through the beginning of July, at which time the project will shift eastward between Seventh and Chapin

FY2025 Crosswalk Improvements

Work is currently underway at five crosswalks in 2025:

- Stone School at Birch Hollow
- Stone School at Pheasant Run
- Stone School at Champagne

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- Beakes at N Fifth
- Scio Church at Chaucer

Staff has also received the permit to install crosswalks on Jackson Avenue. This work is currently underway at the following locations:

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

State Street (William to South University)

Work includes watermain replacement, stormwater improvements, street resurfacing, protected bike lanes, intersection improvements at the State/South University intersection, crosswalk improvements, and the addition of a transit-only late in the northbound direction. The project will also incorporate a transit-only lane in the northbound direction. Construction is in progress and scheduled to continue into November.

Pauline Watermain & Resurfacing

This project consists of watermain replacement and resurfacing from Seventh Street to Main Street. Design elements include installation of All Ages & Abilities bike facilities and raised crosswalks, raised intersection and speed tables for speed management. More information can be found on the project web page. Construction is in progress and is expected to continue through August.

Pittsfield Village Improvements

This project encompasses a large area around Pittsfield Boulevard, Whitewood Street, and Pinecrest Avenue. The project scope includes watermain replacement, storm improvements, sanitary sewer improvements, and road resurfacing. Construction on Phase 1 (the southern portion of the neighborhood) is underway and will continue into Fall 2025. Phase 2 is scheduled for 2026. For more information, see the project webpage.

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 underway and is scheduled to be completed by early July.

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. A design for the intersection of Harding & Wallingford has been finalized, which includes an all-way stop and a shortened crosswalk. More information can be found on the <u>project website</u>. Construction of the watermain on Fifth Avenue has been completed and work on Weldon is now underway.

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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. MDOT has approved force account work for this project. A City-MDOT grant agreement has been signed. The City is setting up administrative and inspection support in anticipation of construction this year.

Streetlight Implementation

DTE has reported fixing 420 streetlights so far in 2025. The last update was provided on May 13, 2025.

Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program

- Manchester (Buckingham Needham) constructed in 2024; pavement markings have been installed.
- 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 2025
- Worden (Jackson Dexter) construction expected in 2025
- Traver (Barton John A Woods) construction currently on hold, to be scheduled with Traver Water Main & Resurfacing project

Neighborhood traffic calming petitions received and to be evaluated

- Carmel St (Easy St to Towner Blvd), in engagement phase
- Brandywine Dr (Yost Blvd to Packard), in engagement phase
- Doty Ave (Arborview Blvd to Dexter Ave), in engagement phase
- 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), engagement is anticipated to begin in late Fall 2025
- S. Revena Blvd (Abbott to South end of S. Revena Blvd)
- Neighborhood approach for Frederick Dr (Green to Middleton) & Middleton Dr (Frederick to Frederick)
- Shadowwood 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)

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Education and Encouragement

Bike to Wherever Day will be May 14, 2025, in Ann Arbor. City staff are partnering with Walk Bike Washtenaw and getDowntown for this event.

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
- Barton & Plymouth
- Huron Pkwy & Huron River Dr. (completed 5/13/2025)

Locations where pedestrian service is concurrent with FYA

- Fifth & Huron (no push button)
- Division & Huron (no push button)
- E. Medical & Observatory (no push button)
- Pauline & Seventh (no push button)
- Brockman & Stadium (work is scheduled)
- St. Francis & Stadium (work is scheduled)
- Fuller & Glen (no push button)
- E Medical & E Hospital (need U-M approval)