



City of Ann Arbor City Administrator's Report December 16, 2019

Prepared for City Council. Kindly forward questions, comments, or suggestions for input to hlazarus@a2gov.org, jfournier@a2gov.org, or shiggins@a2gov.org.

Safety Notes

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Success Stories

MDNR Trust Fund Grant for Argo Park Canoe and Kayak Livery. The City's Parks Department applied for a Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) Trust Fund Grant in the amount of \$300,000 for Universal Access and Site Improvements at Argo Park Canoe and Kayak Livery.

The City has been notified that the project has been recommended for full funding by the MDNR Trust Fund Board. The next step is that the MDNR list of approved projects must be passed into law by both state houses and signed into law by the Governor before this grant is formally approved. If approved, funding would become available most likely in the summer of 2020 and the project agreement with the State typically is executed around that time too, meaning construction work will likely begin in the fall of 2020, and aiming to wrap up in the spring of 2021. Design work will commence in early 2020.

Congratulations to Landscape Architect Hillary Hanzel, Recreation Supervisor Cheryl Saam, and Parks and Recreation Manager Colin Smith for accomplishing this major milestone!

Sustainability & Innovations Corner

A²Zero — OSI is happy to announce the launch of A²Zero, the carbon neutrality planning initiative. Our carbon neutrality work is moving swiftly, so to stay up to date, check out our website: www.a2zero.org. We've also just launched our first public survey to get feedback and have already hosted nearly 10 events! Check out the website to take survey, learn about upcoming events, or learn more about the A²Zero process. More information on the launch of the Carbon Neutrality Initiative is available via the [press release](#). Attached is a monthly **A²Zero** status report.

Council Priorities/Initiatives

2020 Deer Management Program. On Nov. 18, City Council approved a [resolution](#) to contract with White Buffalo, Inc. for sharpshooting management services for the City of Ann Arbor's 2020 deer management activities, which is the fifth year of the program. Sharpshooting will not occur from a moving vehicle, but may occur from a parked vehicle. Sharpshooting will occur by the city's contractor on city-selected, privately owned parcels subject to the owner's consent and in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. Residents can continue with their normal daily routines since all deer management activities will occur on private property only. Unauthorized trespassing is not permitted and will be subject to enforcement action.

Signage in multiple languages will be posted in closed parks, nature areas and university site entrances and notable access points at least 24 hours in advance of the Jan. 2 closures. Residents living adjacent to designated parks or nature areas will be informed of closures directly via postcard.

To view the closure map, read answers to frequently asked questions or sign up for deer management email notifications, visit www.a2gov.org/deermanagement. If you have specific questions, please email deermanagement@a2gov.org or leave a message on the deer hotline (734) 794-6295 and a staff member will return your call.

Transportation Commission Monthly Report. The December 2019 Transportation Commission Project Report is attached.

Police Monthly Report. The November 2019 AAPD Monthly Comparison Report – Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report is attached.

Previews

The **December 16 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

Consent Agenda. There are 23 items on the consent agenda.

Public Hearings. The agenda includes three (3) Public Hearings referenced below and under second readings:

- **Resolution to Approve Hideaway Lane Planned Project Site Plan and Development Agreement at 2000 Traver Road (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 6 Yeas and 0 Nays).** Approval of this resolution will allow for the construction of 34 new duplex units int 17 buildings and a single family home on a 4.57 acre site.
- **Resolution to Approve FY 2020 Fee Adjustments for the Assessor’s Office, Financial Services Area.** Approval of this resolution will establish fees for the Assessor’s Office to charge customers for the creation of customized reports from computer software maintained by the department.

Ordinances - Second Readings.

- **A public hearing and An Ordinance to Amend Section 1:207 of Chapter 8 (Transportation Commission).** The purpose of the proposed code amendment to section 1:207 is to allow the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority (AAATA) the flexibility to appoint one or more alternates to represent the AAATA, and vote on behalf of AAATA, at Transportation Commission meetings, AAATA has requested alternates to accommodate for staff scheduling conflicts.

Ordinances – First Readings.

- **An Ordinance to Add a New Chapter 122 (Historic Entertainment Sound District) to Title IX of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor.** The district in the ordinance has historically been the location of entertainment venues, but , in recent years, residential uses have developed. This ordinance amendment takes into account, whereas the City’s noise ordinance does not, that people residing in this area of the City must reasonably expect a greater likelihood of audible sounds from nearby locations than people residing in other districts.

City Municipal Offices Closed, Dec. 24-25, 2019 and December 31, 2019 - Jan. 1, 2020. Christmas and New Year's Day holidays: City municipal offices are closed. There is no trash or recycling collection on these holiday Wednesdays. Instead, collections will resume with a one-day delay.

Now Hiring – Police Service Specialist Cadets. The City is now accepting applications for the next round of Police Service Specialist (PSS) Cadets. The [posting](#) will remain open until December 22, 2019 with an anticipated start at the end of April 2020.

As you share and discuss the opening with potential candidates, note the education requirement for cadets is now 45 credit hours. Successful completion of the police academy would put the candidates over 60 credit hours, in line with our entry level and lateral posting requirements.

December Water Quality Matters Newsletter. The December issue of [A2H2O: Quality Water Matters](#), provides the most recent water quality test data as well as updates on two large water projects kicking off this winter: water meter upgrade and lead service line inventory.

Washtenaw County Warming Centers for Winter Months. Effective Monday, November 11, 2019, any individuals seeking emergency shelter during the upcoming cold winter months can find a safe and warm place to sleep each night at the Delonis Center (312 W Huron St, Ann Arbor, MI 48103) and partnering religious congregations throughout Washtenaw County. Shelter will be available following the Center's nightly, open-to-the-public, 5pm dinner. In addition to providing beds and meals, individuals will be able available to access a wide variety of services including case management, medical care, and assistance finding safe, permanent housing. Winter shelter is operated by the **Shelter Association of Washtenaw County (SAWC)**, and financially supported by Washtenaw County, the City of Ann Arbor, and SAWC itself.

January Events with NAP. City of Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation (NAP) works to protect and restore Ann Arbor's natural areas and to foster an environmental ethic among its citizens. This involves conducting plant and animal inventories, ecological monitoring and stewardship projects in Ann Arbor's parks. These tasks are performed by both staff and volunteers. Volunteer opportunities coming up in November are listed below.

If participating in stewardship workdays, please wear long pants, dress in layers and wear shoes suitable for snow or wet ground. All participants must complete a release form, and all minors should be accompanied by a guardian. Tools, snacks and know-how provided.

For more information about NAP, visit www.a2gov.org/NAP.

Apply to Participate in Ann Arbor Citizens Police, Fire & Courts Academy. The City of Ann Arbor is offering the opportunity for an inside look at our local public safety and justice systems. Those 18 years and older who live or work in the city interested in learning about the City of Ann Arbor's Police and Fire departments and the 15th District Court are invited to submit an application to attend the 2020 Jack Dentler Ann Arbor Citizens Police, Fire and Courts Academy. The program

was renamed last year to honor the memory of long-time, beloved volunteer with the Ann Arbor Police Department, Jack Dentler, who dedicated countless hours to, among other initiatives, the CPFCA. Dentler passed away in July 2018.

The deadline to apply to participate in the CPFCA program is Friday, Jan. 24, 2020, or sooner, should the 20 available spaces become filled. Find the application on the City of Ann Arbor website at www.a2gov.org/departments/police/community-engagement/Pages/Citizens-Police-Fire-and-Court-Academy.aspx.

The CPFCA is a free program that will be held at the Ann Arbor Justice Center, Ann Arbor Fire Department Fire Station No. 6, AAFD Fire Training Grounds and Washtenaw Community College. Classes will take place once a week on Tuesdays, 6:30–9:30 p.m., beginning Feb. 11 and ending April 7, 2020.

Water Meter Upgrades Set to Begin this Winter. The City of Ann Arbor will begin installation of upgraded water meters in Ann Arbor homes and businesses beginning in January 2020. This two-year project will replace approximately 26,500 meters, which are coming to the end of their useful life, with newer equipment that uses the latest metering technology and longer battery life. Once installed, these upgraded meters will provide more accurate readings.

To accomplish this task, the city has contracted with Utility Metering Solutions (UMS), whose professional staff will perform the upgrades. All UMS staff have undergone background checks and will carry identification and drive marked vehicles. The project will be carried out by sectioning the city into work areas with occupants and property owners receiving detailed scheduling instructions and work details by mail. In addition to the upgrade, the city will be conducting inspections to verify drinking water service line material, to comply with Michigan's new Lead and Copper Rule (www.a2gov.org/LCR), as well as examinations of cross-connection/backflow prevention devices that help protect drinking water. For more information, and a video explaining the work, please visit www.a2gov.org/meterupgrade.



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MEMO

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This document provides a summary of A²Zero activities between November 13th and December 13th. In addition we provide a “week ahead” section to highlight activities currently scheduled from December 14th – December 20th. This report will be provided at least monthly to Council between now and March 2020.

WEEK IN REVIEW

Between November 13th and December 13th, the Office of Sustainability and Innovations, in conjunction with our partners, hosted the following events and advanced the following activities:

Events

- November 13th – hosted public launch of the A²Zero initiative at Cobblestone Farm. Over 250 individuals attended.
- November 18th – Washtenaw International High School sustainability discussion and feedback forum with 60 High School students.
- November 19th – Met with leader of Old Fourth Ward Neighborhood Association to discuss A²ZERO and get feedback.
- November 19th – Presentation to the Ypsilanti City Council on A²Zero and invitation to partner.
- November 19th – Internal staff meeting to discuss and brainstorm around A²Zero.
- November 21st – Climate Reality Presentation at Vertex Coffee with discussion and ask for feedback about A²Zero.
- November 21st – Presentation on A²Zero and the City’s resilience work at the Michigan Sustainability Conference.
- November 26th – Ypsilanti Sustainability Committee Climate Reality Presentation at Park ridge Community Center.
- November 30th – Tabling about A²Zero before the University of Michigan and the Ohio State University football game.
- December 3rd – Power Hour at Westgate Library discussing energy efficiency, solar power, and A²Zero. A²Zero surveys were distributed.
- December 4th – Anna Bruner assembled a group of 12 residents to discuss how we can disseminate the word about A²ZERO and leverage our neighborhoods to advance climate action.
- December 4th – Commercial Power Hour in partnership with the 2030 District & large scale commercial building owners. Included a discussion about A²Zero and distribution of surveys.
- December 6th – Internal staff meeting to discuss and brainstorm around A²Zero.
- December 10th – Cohosted event at Forest Hills Cooperative to begin teaching recycling and composting to over 15 residents and children. Included a discussion about A²Zero and request for feedback.
- December 11th – Met with Extinction Rebellion to discuss collaboration opportunities within A²ZERO.

Technical Advisory Committees

- November 13th – hosted four technical advisory committees to launch this element of our work. The four technical advisory committees are: 1) mobility; 2) energy; 3) resource reduction; and 4) adaptation and resilience.
- Scheduled the next round of technical advisory committee meetings for December.

A²Zero Partner Support

- Hosted first meeting of the A2Zero partners on December 13th
- Secured new partnerships from:
 - AADL
 - Ann Arbor Summerfest
 - Bee Safe Ann Arbor
 - Washtenaw County Food Policy Council
 - Huron Valley Democratic Socialists of America
 - City of Ypsilanti

Other Activities

- Launched the A²Zero website: www.a2zero.org.
- Launched our first public engagement survey. This survey can be found on www.a2zero.org and focuses on gathering ideas from the public about what they would like to see in the City's carbon neutrality work, what they love about A2, and what challenges/obstacles we need to consider in our work.
- Created a "meeting in a box" toolkit for interested residents and partners to gather more input into the A²Zero initiative. The completed toolkit can be found in the "get involved" section of the A²Zero website.
- Created A²Zero Pamphlet that includes tips on actions individuals and neighborhoods can take to reduce emissions.
- Created 1-page factsheet about A²Zero.
- Created 1-page factsheet about A²Zero's technical advisory committees.
- Launched a monthly messaging kit for A²Zero partners and send in early December.

WEEK AHEAD

Events

- December 14th Citizens Climate Lobby Monthly Meeting (12:30pm at downtown library)
- December 15th tabling at Homegrown at The Cobblestone (10am-4pm at Cobblestone)
- December 18th presentation to the Ann Arbor School Board (7pm)
- December 18th Presentation to the Ann Arbor Transportation Commission (7pm at City Hall)
- December 18th Youth Climate Ambassador Training (5:30pm at City Hall)
- December 19th A World Without Ice Community Conversation at the Ann Arbor Hands on Museum (5:30pm)
- December 20th Climate Reality Presentation at Wheeler Service Center (1pm)

Technical Advisory Committee Meetings

- The Adaptation and Resilience TAC is scheduled to meet on Monday, December 16th at 12pm.
- The Resource Reduction TAC is scheduled to meet on Tuesday the 17th at 9am.
- The Energy TAC is scheduled to meet Wednesday the 18th at 6pm
- The Mobility TAC is scheduled to meet Thursday the 19th at 4pm.

A²Zero Partner Support

- We'll be hosting an equity and climate training for all A²Zero partners on December 19th at 3pm.
- We'll be disseminating sample slides for all partners to use as they discuss A²Zero.

CURRENT LIST OF A2ZERO PARTNERS

National Wildlife Federation; Neutral Zone; Community Action Network; Citizens Climate Lobby - Ann Arbor; Ecology Center; Ann Arbor 2030 District; Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice; Michigan Environmental Council; Washtenaw 350; Ann Arbor Area Elders Climate Action Chapter; American Institute of Architects Huron Valley Chapter; University of Michigan; Washtenaw Climate Reality; Building Matters Ann Arbor; Michigan League of Conservation Voters; Sierra Club Huron Valley Group; A2 Climate Mobilization; Leslie Science and Nature Center; The Hands on Museum; Michigan Climate Action Network; Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Regional Chamber; Ann Arbor Housing Commission; THRIVE Collaborative; Michigan Interfaith Power and Light; Washtenaw County Democrats; American Society of Adaptation Professionals; Washtenaw Bicycling and Walking Coalition; Colonial Square Cooperative; Walker Miller Energy Services; United Way of Washtenaw County; Lean and Green Michigan; Washtenaw Housing Alliance; Citizens Climate Lobby - UM Chapter; Forest Hills Cooperative; Ann Arbor Meals on Wheels; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 252; Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living; UM College Democrats; Students for Clean Energy; Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association; UM Climate Action Movement; Washtenaw Area Apartment Association; Washtenaw County; The Ride; Ann Arbor SPARK; National Association for the Advancement of Colored People-Ann Arbor Chapter; Ann Arbor Public Schools; Ann Arbor Indivisible; University of Michigan President's Commission on Carbon Neutrality; Washtenaw County Food Policy Council; Huron Valley Democratic Socialists of America; Bee Safe Ann Arbor; City of Ypsilanti; Ann Arbor Summerfest; Ann Arbor District Library



Transportation Project Updates December 2019

Subscribe to receive monthly Transportation Project Updates by visiting a2gov.org/TransportationCommission.

2019 Construction Projects

Allen Creek Berm Opening:

The necessary easements to construct this project have now been obtained and the project is moving forward. The project was included in MDOT's September bidletting and four bids were received. The low bid for the project was approximately 33% over the Engineer's estimate, which has been attributed to the uniqueness of the project and the inherent risk. Therefore, the City plans to accept this bid and move forward with the project as planned. Construction is anticipated to start in the winter/spring of 2020 and to be completed by the fall of 2020.

Annual Sidewalk Repair Program:

This program is an annual project to repair sidewalks throughout the City. Further information on the program and a list of 2019 target areas can be found at a2gov.org/Sidewalks. Construction for the 2019 program is now complete.

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. Construction for the 2019 program is now complete. A full list of streets that were completed as part of the 2019 project can be found on the website at: a2gov.org/RoadConstruction.

Crosswalk Improvements:

City staff was directed by Council to report on several crosswalk improvement areas as outlined in Resolution R-18-497:

- [Crosswalk Design Guidelines](#) took effect January 15, 2019;
- A listing of significant pedestrian improvements completed in 2016, 2017 and 2018 was reported to Council in early February 2019 and documented hundreds of improvements across the City over the past three years;
- A listing of improvements planned for 2019 was reported to Council in early February 2019;
- An inventory of significant pedestrian crosswalks and a high level assessment of their consistency with the crosswalk design guidelines was reported to Council in early February 2019.

As part of the budget process, staff has prepared a high-level cost estimate to bring crosswalks into compliance with the crosswalk design guidelines. This was [shared with City Council on April 15](#).



The ninth monthly progress report of upgrades to existing crosswalks will be shared with City Council in December 2019 and includes the following updates. This is a running list and new/changed language is *italicized*:

- The crosswalk signage at Stadium Blvd. and Edgewood Ave. in front of Pioneer High School was completely rebuilt to include overhead Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs);
- School “reduced speed when flashing” zone signs were installed on Fuller Rd. and Huron Parkway around Huron High School;
- A new pedestrian refuge island was installed on Fuller Rd. at the pedestrian crossing near Gallup Park which serves Huron High School
- School “reduced speed when flashing” zone signs were installed on Seventh Street, Stadium Boulevard, and Main Street around Pioneer High School
- School “reduced speed when flashing” zone signs were installed on Stadium Boulevard around Tappan Middle School.
- School “reduced speed when flashing” zone signs were installed on Plymouth Road around the Michigan Islamic Academy.
- School “reduced speed when flashing” zone signs were installed on Industrial Hwy around the Central Academy.
- The school zone signs on Platt Road south of Redwood Ave were replaced and upgraded;
- Bumpouts were installed on Runnymede Blvd and Waltham/Warwick by Dicken Elementary.
- A new crosswalk was installed on Dicken Dr. to connect to the school pathway to Dicken Elementary.
- Preventive maintenance was done on all RRFBs in the City.
- A pedestrian refuge island was installed on S. Seventh Street at the Scio Church Service Dr.
- A new crosswalk was installed across Scio Church Rd. just west of Chaucer Dr.
- A new raised crosswalk was installed as part of the traffic calming project on the Scio Church Rd. service drive just west of Chaucer Dr.
- 102 in-road crosswalk signs (R1-6A) were deployed at 47 locations; 64 damaged signs were replaced.
- R1-6A signs that were removed along Liberty Street and Seventh Street due to construction have been reinstalled.
- Pedestrian crossing signs (W11-2 assembly) were upgraded at 3 locations.
- Installed a new crosswalk on Gralake Ave. near Lakewood Elementary school entrance.
- Installed a new crosswalk at Liberty St. and Dartmoor Rd.
- New RRFBs were installed at S. Main St. and Fieldcrest St.
- New RRFBs were installed at Green Rd. and Green Brier Blvd. and the crosswalk was relocated
- New RRFBs were installed on Geddes Rd. outside of Concordia University
- A new crosswalk was installed with pedestrian crossing signs on Earhart Rd. north of Geddes Rd.



- A new crosswalk and RRFBs were installed on N. Maple Rd. outside the Peace Neighborhood Center
- A new crosswalk and RRFBs were installed on N. Maple Rd. outside the Alano Club
- A new crosswalk and RRFBs were installed on N. Maple Rd. near Walter Dr.
- A new crosswalk and RRFBs were installed on Eisenhower Pkwy. at Plaza Rd.
- A new crosswalk and RRFBs were installed on S. Maple Rd. near Bens Dr.
- New RRFBs were installed on Eisenhower Pkwy. at Plaza Rd.
- A damaged RRFB on Stadium Blvd near Ferdon Rd was replaced
- A new pedestrian signal was installed on Washtenaw Ave. at Pittsfield Blvd.
- New pedestrian crossing signs were added on Dhu Varren Rd. at Carrot Way
- New pedestrian crossing signs were added on Dhu Varren Rd. at Olson Park
- New crosswalks and R1-6A signs were installed on Fifth Ave. by Kerrytown as part of DDA's project.
- New school crossing signs were installed on Green Rd at Burbank Dr/Gettysburg Rd.
- New pedestrian crossing signs were installed on Hoover Ave and Division St.
- A demonstration bumpout was installed at Fifth Ave. and Beakes St.
- Restriped/refreshed 178 Major Street crosswalk markings
- Restriped/refreshed 166 Minor (local) Street crosswalk markings

In addition to the improvements listed above, 31 streetlights were installed: 13 City locations; 13 DTE locations; and 5 locations as part of other projects. Additionally, DTE serviced 818 streetlight outages since April 1, 2019.

Hoover/Hill/Greene Improvements:

Limits of this project include Hoover (Main to State); Greene Street (Hill to Keech); and Hill Street (Fifth Ave to Greene). The scope of the project included replacement of water main in some areas, resurfacing of the streets, improvements to the Hoover/Greene intersection, and filling the gap in the bike lanes. Construction began on May 6 and is now substantially complete.

Huron Street Improvements:

To avoid leaving closures and barricades up during the winter months, work between 5th Avenue and Main Street on the north side of the street is being deferred to spring 2020. Installation of pedestrian lighting continues and is expected to wrap up this month.

MDOT provided some response regarding the requested transportation and safety elements:

1. Overall Signal Pedestrian Timing: MDOT is of the opinion that adequate walk time already exists at all of the signals. City/DDA staff will follow up to discuss in more detail.
2. Third and Chapin full signal: MDOT is waiting for school to be back in session to conduct a field review at this location and finalize the study.



3. Restricted Right Turns: Approved, MDOT will install the signs this fall.
4. Permissive/Protected left turn phase at 5th Avenue: Approved, MDOT will install in 2020.
5. Non-Rush Hour Parking: Denied.

North Seventh Street (Huron to Miller):

Staff held a series of public meetings and an online input opportunity to gather initial feedback at the end of July and early August. This effort was followed with a postcard survey to properties along N. Seventh Street to determine sentiments about the potential loss of parking to accommodate buffered bicycle lanes. There was overwhelming support among the neighborhood to keep the on-street parking and staff will advance Concept #1 (keep on street parking; add buffered bike lane on southbound lane and a sharrow on the northbound lane). The striping for this project is anticipated to occur spring 2020.

William Street Improvements:

The bikeway is substantially complete. Given the temperatures, some pavement markings will be temporarily applied and refreshed in the spring.

Education is on-going. Resources can be found at <http://www.peoplefriendlystreets.org/educational-resources/>

Projects Currently in Design/Planning**Barton Drive (M-14 to Pontiac):**

The City is starting design on this project, the scope of which 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 possible filling of sidewalk gaps at this location. A public meeting was held September 19 to introduce the project to the public, gain feedback on project scope, and to help inform the design process. More information will be posted on the website at: a2gov.org/BartonDrive.

At this time, the City is planning to proceed with the sidewalk improvements that were included in the original project scope, and not add the additional sidewalk construction at the west end of the project. Staff has also proposed removing on-street parking on the eastern portion of the project in order to install bike lanes. The Transportation Commission approved the parking removal, and recommended Council approval at their October meeting. A resolution to approve the removal of on-street parking appeared before Council on November 18. The item was postponed by Council until the second meeting in January, and staff was directed to do further polling of the neighborhood on this issue. Staff has mailed out survey postcards to all properties abutting the affected



roadway, and will tally and summarize the results of this and all the polling done in advance of the second Council meeting in January.

Ellsworth/Research Park Drive Intersection:

City and AAATA staff continue to address pedestrian crossing issues related to access to transit service and the location of bus stops along Ellsworth Rd. It has been determined that a signal is warranted at this location. The City and AAATA have executed an agreement. Construction is expected in the spring of 2020.

Hollywood Drive (Maple to Allison):

This project consists of the first time paving of a gravel street, which was petitioned by residents in 2017 and subsequently included in the Capital Improvements Plan. The current scope of the project includes paving the street, installation of sidewalks, construction of curb and gutter where necessary, and stormwater improvements consistent with the City's Green Streets policy. An initial public meeting was held on October 2. More information can be found on the project website at:

a2gov.org/Hollywood.

Scio Church Road (Maple to Seventh):

This project is a federal aid project scheduled for construction in 2021. The current scope of the project includes street resurfacing, bike lanes, crosswalks, filling of sidewalk gaps, and some minor watermain work. An initial public meeting for this project is being scheduled for January 2020.

Sidewalk Gap Projects:

There are sidewalk gap projects scheduled for multiple locations in 2020, which include:

- Jackson Avenue (south side) from Wagner to Park Lake
- Washtenaw Ave Service Drive from Huron Parkway to Pittsfield
- Fuller Ct. (south side) from Fuller Road to 2250 Fuller Ct.
- Nixon/Traver (west/north side) from end of existing sidewalk to Logan Elementary
- Stimson (both sides) from State Street east

An initial public meeting for the Fuller Court and Nixon/Traver sidewalk gaps was held on December 11th. A summary of this public meeting will be posted on the [project website](#) when available.

Nixon Road Corridor Improvements Design:

As directed by City Council, staff is beginning the design of the corridor improvements recommended by the Corridor Improvement Study conducted by OHM Advisors (a2gov.org/Nixon). The design of this project is being undertaken by Wade Trim Associates and is expected to continue through fall of 2019. The Transportation Commission received a presentation about the project in August 2018.

This project is currently limited to the engineering design of the corridor. Construction of the first phase of the project is currently shown in the CIP for 2025. Council passed a



budget amendment indicating a desire to explore moving the first phase of construction up to 2021. A report is due to Council in February of 2020 that will outline updated costs, funding sources, and impacts of moving the project forward.

People Friendly Streets Initiative:

The William and Huron Street projects are in the construction phase. The DDA Board approved a [final design](#) for First and Ashley Streets, planned for construction in 2020. Learn more at peoplefriendlystreets.org

Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) Installations:

Completed RRFBs are reported above in the Crosswalk Improvement section. The City is also hopeful that it can proceed to install additional RRFBs at the following locations this year:

- S. Industrial at Rosewood St.
- S. Industrial at Jewett Ave
- S. Industrial at Astor Ave

Road Diets:

Staff evaluated the feasibility of lane conversions of several segments of roadway and presented the findings to the Transportation Commission in February 2019. Among those up for consideration (in addition to those already voted on by Council) were:

- South Industrial (Stadium to 800 feet south of Stimson) – staff will work on an engagement strategy over the winter.
- Platt Road (Packard to Canterbury) – analyzed and found to be not viable
- West Oakbrook Drive (Ann Arbor-Saline to S. Main) – staff will work on an engagement strategy over the winter.

Other Updates and Information

Ann Arbor Station:

The draft Final Environmental Assessment (EA) incorporating responses to earlier public and agency comments was submitted to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for review. The document has been forwarded by FRA planning and environmental staff to FRA's legal office for final legal review prior to authorizing the release the document to the public. For additional background please visit the [project website](#).

ArborBike:

Planning remains underway for relaunch of the ArborBike system. AAATA is overseeing the Contractor on behalf of the bikeshare partnership that includes the City, the AAATA, the UM and AADDA. Shift Transit (the operator) is working on final revisions to bikeshare dock drawings to secure City approvals for dock locations. City of Ann Arbor staff are working to finalize the license agreement for right-of-way occupancy.

Crosswalk Streetlight Implementation:



As reported above, lighting was installed at 31 locations. It should also be noted that all crosswalk lighting is installed to provide positive contrast lighting to the pedestrian when in the crosswalk.

Lower Town Mobility Study:

This study is planned to be conducted in response to the request from City Council to review and update previous studies of vehicular, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian movement leading to and traveling through the Lower Town area. The project kicked-off in October and the consultant is beginning to collect data and conduct stakeholder interviews.

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. Some projects currently being coordinated with MDOT include:

- N. Main St. – MDOT is expected to kick-off engineering in the winter with public input in Spring 2020
- I-94 Operations study – MDOT held a public meeting on November 7, 2019.
- Jackson Ave. – MDOT denied the request for an enhanced crosswalk at Jackson Ave near Weber's Inn, citing that an enhanced crosswalk was not warranted per their analysis. The City continues to appeal this decision.
- Huron and Thayer crosswalk – MDOT has agreed to a pedestrian hybrid beacon (aka HAWK) at this location and the City is currently working with MDOT on the implementation timeline.

Office of Sustainability and Innovations Update:

One year into the implementation of the new Green Fleets policy, the City's Green Fleets Team (GFT) will be soon making suggestions to revise the policy. The GFT is also researching plug-in and hybrid options for patrol vehicles for AAPD. The Office of Sustainability and Innovations (OSI) continues to work with Finance and the City Administrator to find funds to electrify the City's fleet as soon as possible. The Electric Vehicle Readiness Subcommittee of the Energy Commission is working with Planning staff to finalize draft recommendations for the new electric vehicle parking and charging ordinance.

Ann Arbor Public Schools have won a [grant from the state to buy four electric buses for their fleet](#). The City is thrilled that Ann Arbor school kids will soon be having green commutes to school. There are talks about how to best utilize the school buses during an emergency. One thought is to pair them with solar at emergency centers for off-grid solar power. The buses could also be used as mobile cooling centers during hot weather.

City Council passed a [resolution in support of creating a plan to achieve Ann Arbor community-wide climate neutrality by 2030](#) at their November 4, 2019 meeting.

Speed Reduction Committee Recommendations:



Staff will begin the process to define metrics on how best to measure progress to achieve the recommendations set forth in the Speed Reduction Committee Recommendations. In the interim, this section is meant to provide an update on which projects align with the recommendations.

1. Dedicated Funding and Staff – Recruitment for a new transportation engineer has begun.
2. Road Design – Adopt City Policy of Using Safe Systems to Design Roadways – Work to update the City’s street design standards (known as the “orange book”) has begun. The Transportation Plan Update may also provide suggestions on the hierarchy of needs for the City’s roads.
3. Increase Enforcement Efforts – Staff are currently contemplating how to best coordinate efforts between the Police Department and the Engineering Department. Efforts currently underway that can feed into this initiative include: the Driver Behavior Study, analysis of data collected from the speed reader signs, and integrating other speed data collected as part of other efforts.
4. Expanded and Sustained Public Outreach Campaigns –Outreach is ongoing on the Transportation Plan Update and the Crest Avenue Traffic Calming project. The City will also run dozens of employees through an intensive public outreach training in February and March.
5. Amend the Traffic Calming Program – Complete.
6. Lobby for speed changes on state-owned roads, starting with Washtenaw Avenue – communication was shared with MDOT about concerns raised at the intersection of Washtenaw and Hill.
7. Create a Vision Zero Task Force – The Transportation Commission passed a resolution of support for a Vision Zero Task Force. The Transportation Plan update (detailed above) has a focus of Vision Zero and is establishing a vision for Ann Arbor’s future transportation network. The Community Advisory Committee for the plan update is serving as a Vision Zero Task Force.

Traffic Calming Program Submittals:

Updates on recent Traffic Calming Program petitions are provided below:

- Crest (Liberty to Buena Vista; and Buena Vista to Washington): Polling of the final design concepts for the two project areas is complete. There was less than 50% support for both project areas and therefore will not be constructed.
- Fernwood (Lorraine to Packard): The public engagement process has been initiated for traffic calming
- Glenwood (Override to Washtenaw): The public engagement process has been initiated for traffic calming.
- Rosedale (Redwood to Packard): A petition for Traffic Calming was received and is currently being reviewed.
- Longman (Dexter to Jackson): A petition for Traffic Calming was received and is currently being reviewed.
- Northside (Barton to Pontiac): A petition for Traffic Calming was received and is currently being reviewed.
- Granger (State to Packard): A petition for Traffic Calming was received and is currently being reviewed.



- Granger (S. Forest to Olivia): A petition for Traffic Calming was received and is currently being reviewed.

Transportation Plan Update:

A second Open House was held on November 20, 2019, in the City Hall lobby. Approximately 50 citizens attended the meeting. Attendees were provided a review of work to-date and opportunity to participate in two activities: the first opportunity was provide input related to focus corridors; the second sought input on defining and identifying a low-stress bicycle network. A presentation to the Transportation Commission was provided on November 20. Additional information is available on the project website: a2gov.org/A2MovingTogether. Those interested in receiving project updates can [subscribe](#) for email notifications.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Howard S. Lazarus, City Administrator
FROM: Ann Arbor Police Department
SUBJECT: Monthly Comparison Report – Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report
DATE: December 11, 2019

AAPD ARM Monthly Comparison Report – November 2019

Part A Crimes

Crime Category	Nov-2019	Oct-2019	YTD 2019	YTD 2018	% Change
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	0	1	3	0	N/C
ARSON	1	1	9	6	50.0%
ASSAULT - AGGRAVATED	22	10	142	140	1.4%
ASSAULT - SIMPLE	55	43	561	555	1.1%
BRIBERY	0	0	0	0	No Change
BURGLARY - ALL OTHER	1	5	52	44	18.2%
BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL	6	11	138	172	-19.8%
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	32	26	306	321	-4.7%
DRUG OFFENSES	7	12	112	221	-49.3%
EMBEZZLEMENT	1	3	26	25	4.0%
EXTORTION - BLACKMAIL	2	2	12	12	0.0%
FORGERY / COUNTERFEITING	7	10	64	65	-1.5%
FRAUD	42	43	542	608	-10.9%
GAMBLING	0	0	0	0	No Change
HEALTH AND SAFETY	0	0	2	0	N/C
HOMICIDE - JUSTIFIABLE	0	0	0	0	No Change
HOMICIDE - NEGLIGENT	1	0	1	1	0.0%
HOMICIDE - NON-NEGLIGENT	0	0	2	2	0.0%
INTIMIDATION / STALKING	5	11	124	108	14.8%
KIDNAPPING / ABDUCTION	1	1	10	3	233.3%
LARCENY - ALL OTHER	57	88	697	808	-13.7%
LARCENY - FROM AUTO (LFA)	48	37	666	450	48.0%
LARCENY - RETAIL FRAUD	22	26	372	354	5.1%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT / FRAUD	9	13	142	67	111.9%
OBSCENITY	0	0	6	5	20.0%
ROBBERY	5	3	50	44	13.6%
SEX CRIME (VIOLENT)	7	9	103	77	33.8%
SEX OFFENSES - COMMERCIALIZED	0	0	1	1	0.0%
SEX OFFENSES - CSC	0	0	1	1	0.0%
STOLEN PROPERTY	2	0	19	18	5.6%
WEAPONS OFFENSE	2	1	30	30	0.0%
Total	335	356	4,193	4,138	1.3%

Part B Crimes

ACCIDENT - HIT & RUN	7	1	21	8	162.5%
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	18	14	135	365	-63.0%
BURGLARY - ALL OTHER	1	2	14	16	-12.5%
DISORDERLY	0	0	0	1	-100.0%
ESCAPE / FLIGHT	1	1	6	1	500.0%
FAMILY OFFENSE	7	3	41	35	17.1%
FRAUD	2	1	25	36	-30.6%
HEALTH AND SAFETY	0	0	13	28	-53.6%
HOMICIDE - NEGLIGENT	0	0	0	0	No Change
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION	45	54	312	344	-9.3%
MISSING PERSON / RUNAWAY	4	5	44	30	46.7%
OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE	21	17	320	244	31.1%
OBSTRUCTING POLICE	10	4	91	74	23.0%
OUI OF LIQUOR / DRUGS	16	14	134	145	-7.6%
PUBLIC PEACE	14	22	211	255	-17.3%
SEX OFFENSES - OTHER	1	1	18	15	20.0%
TRESPASSING / INVASION OF PRIVACY	6	8	98	59	66.1%
VAGRANCY	0	0	2	3	-33.3%
Total	153	147	1,485	1,659	-10.5%

*N/C represents an increase of "0" which is mathematically "Not-Calculable"
 2019 ARM Monthly Comparison Report ran at 0710 hrs, on 12/11/2019, using
 CrimeView Advanced Reporting Module.

*There may be a slight variation in crime stats due to incomplete or unapproved reports
 at the time report was run. This report does not include "Locked" cases.

**Please note that reports are run for calendar month and that the months being compared
 may have different number of days.

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Report #	Location	Date	Time	Vehicle Movement	Ped In Crosswalk	Ped Injury
19-49866	Prairie St & Aurora St	11/2/2019	12:45 PM	Improper Backing	No *	Yes
19-50460	Washtenaw Ave & Yost St	11/6/2019	11:06 AM	Entering Roadway	No *	Yes
19-50598	Ellsworth Rd & Braeburn Circle	11/6/2019	10:05 PM	Turning Left	Yes **	Yes
19-50741	S State St & S University St	11/7/2019	2:00 PM	Starting Up on Roadway	Yes	Yes
19-50747	Hill St & S Forest St	11/7/2019	5:53 PM	Going Straight	Yes	Yes
19-52125	Plymouth Rd & Broadway St	11/15/2019	7:51 PM	Gong Straight	No	Yes
19-53158	Fuller Rd & Bonisteel Dr	11/20/2019	5:30 PM	Slowing/Stopping on Roadway	Yes	Yes
19-53757	Stone School Rd & Birch Hollow St	11/24/2019	12:05 PM	Overtaking or Passing	No	Yes
* On sidewalk crossing driveway						
** Crossed against pedestrian signal						