



Transportation Project Updates April 2020

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2020 Construction Projects

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 possible filling of sidewalk gaps at this location.

Staff is moving ahead with the proposal to install sidewalk on the north side of Barton Drive from Brede to Pontiac, and at the Barton/Starwick intersection. Resolutions #4 to approve the final special assessment roll for both of these locations, as well as the Public Hearings, are scheduled for the May 4 Council meeting. Construction is currently scheduled to start in mid-June, however staff is working with the contractor towards an earlier start date since public schools are no longer in session for the year and thus would not be impacted by the construction.

Fuller Court/Nixon/Traver Sidewalk Gap Project:

This project includes the filling of sidewalk gaps on Fuller Ct. (south side) from Fuller Road to 2250 Fuller Ct. and on Nixon/Traver (west/north side) from end of existing sidewalk to Logan Elementary.

An administrative hearing for the proposed special assessment was held the evening of February 5. The public hearing date for the special assessment is scheduled for the May 4 Council meeting, along with Resolution #4 to approve the final special assessment roll.

Construction is planned for late summer or fall of 2020.

Huron Street Improvements:

Construction on the north side of Huron, between Division and Main Street, resumed in early March 2020.

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

1. Leading pedestrian intervals (LPis) at signalized intersections between First and Division Streets: MDOT is of the opinion that adequate walk time already exists and noted that adding pedestrian walk time could negatively affect the vehicular operations at the subject intersections. City/DDA staff are following up with



MDOT to discuss in more detail and have learned that MDOT is approving LPs at the First and Ashley Street intersections.

2. Third and Chapin full signal: Approved. MDOT installation planned for spring 2021.
3. Restricted Right Turns: Approved. MDOT installation planned for late summer 2020.
4. Permissive/Protected left turn phase at 5th Avenue: Approved. MDOT installation planned for spring 2021.
5. Non-Rush Hour Parking: Denied.

Jackson Avenue and Washtenaw Avenue Sidewalk Gap Project:

This project includes filling gaps in the sidewalk system on Jackson Avenue (south side) from Westover Avenue to Park Lake Avenue. Also included is 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.

Design is complete and construction is scheduled to begin in May. The cost of the project will be special assessed to the adjacent property owners as it is first-time construction. An Administrative Meeting was held March 12 with the benefitting property owners. Special Assessment Resolution #3, which sets the public hearing date, is scheduled for the April 20 Council meeting. Resolution #4 to approve the final special assessment roll, as well as the Public Hearing, are scheduled for the May 4 Council meeting.

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. The work is currently scheduled for June 2020.

Projects Currently in Design/Planning

People Friendly Streets Initiative:

First Street construction is scheduled to begin in May 2020, with Ashley Street beginning 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). The initial goals are to expand the protected bikeway network, address utility and maintenance needs, advance Carbon Neutrality and Vision Zero, and focus infrastructure investments to support affordable housing development. Design and public engagement are scheduled to begin spring/summer 2020.



Other Updates and Information

Office of Sustainability and Innovations Update:

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. A website for the initiative known as A2Zero can be found at: <https://www.a2zero.org/>. A Town Hall to share the strategies was held on February 22, 2020. Strategies related to mobility focus on reducing the total number of vehicle miles travelled and transitioning remaining vehicle miles travelled to electric vehicles. The draft plan is now available for review on the project website.

Streetlight Implementation:

20 new streetlights were installed so far in 2020. 428 streetlight outages have been addressed by DTE in 2020.

Traffic Calming Program Submittals:

Updates on recent Traffic Calming Program petitions are provided below:

- Fernwood (Lorraine to Packard): The first public engagement meeting was held on March 5, 2020. The second public engagement was put on hold as a result of COVID-19.

Transportation Plan Update:

With the current COVID-19 limitations on public gatherings, the team is looking into strategies to continue public engagement moving forward. Currently, an on-line survey addressing bicycling system elements is in development and will be released shortly. The Project Team is continuing to develop concepts and recommendations which will be publicly vetted later this year. Please [subscribe](#) to receive updates on this project.