



City of Ann Arbor City Administrator's Report July 20, 2021

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

Safety Notes

A2 Be Safe! Coronavirus (COVID-19) update. The City of Ann Arbor has experienced significantly reduced numbers of new COVID-19 cases as has the county. It remains vitally important for everyone to follow the latest public health guidelines, both inside and outside of the workplace, and to get vaccinated when eligible.

The city facilities are open to the public effective July 6. The city has shared the re-opening date via all channels — including Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/TheCityOfAnnArbor>), Twitter (<https://twitter.com/a2gov>), NextDoor and via email (subscribe at http://service.govdelivery.com/service/subscribe.html?code=MIANNA_5).

City staff continue to serve the community and residents can always contact the city's customer service center for assistance Monday–Friday, 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. (except holidays) at 734.794.6320 or via email at customerservice@a2gov.org with questions or concerns.

For the latest COVID-19 health information, please visit www.washtenaw.org/COVID19 or the Centers for Disease Control <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/>. For city related business, individual safety reminders include:

- Please check the [city's meeting calendar for](#) the most up-to-date information on public meetings.
- To pay parking tickets, water bills, property taxes, apply for permits as well as other customer service options, residents and visitors are encouraged to take advantage of online services by visiting www.a2gov.org/services.

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Success Stories

Success. Thank you to staff throughout the organization who have worked and continue to work tirelessly, and those who have gone above and beyond during the COVID-19 pandemic. You are appreciated! The City extends appreciation to the Ann Arbor community for their patience; cooperation with mask wearing and distancing; increased handwashing; support of local businesses; and for getting/planning to get vaccinated all in a united effort to bring the pandemic to an end.

Sustainability & Innovations Corner

- **Public Forum on Reusable Container Pilot** – Did you participate in our reusable container pilot (see below)? If so, we'd love to hear your feedback and suggestions on how we can improve the pilot, scale the program, and reduce plastic waste in our community. Join us July 22nd at 7pm for a virtual town hall and share your thoughts. More details here: <https://www.a2gov.org/pages/calendar.aspx?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D153908725>.
- **A²ZERO Year One Look Back** — To commemorate the first year of A²ZERO, OSI created a document, <http://a2gov.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4977714&GUID=297310D4-DCE6-45E1-ACD0-95819D43361D&Options=ID|Text|&Search=> (PDF), which provides a brief look back at the major activities that unfolded during the first year of the program.
- **Special Sustainability Seminar: Plant-Based Diets.** Join the Office of Sustainability and Innovations on August 18th from 6-7:30pm for an evening exploring plant-based diets. Learn about the health benefits of a plant-based diet and the environmental impacts of animal agriculture, then enjoy a cooking demonstration focused on a delicious and nutritious plant-based meal! Presenters include Dr. Melissa Sunderman; Marc Ramirez; Andrea Wotan, RDN; and chef Jeff Tritten. Register at https://a2gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3qW6TP6uS8Wzr0ZnCj7h4Q
- **A²ZERO Scavenger Hunt.** Spend an afternoon strolling around town learning about some of the sustainability features within our community by taking the A²ZERO Scavenger Hunt (<https://www.a2gov.org/departments/sustainability/Newsletter-Events/a2zero-week/Pages/A2ZERO-Scavenger-Hunt.aspx>).
- **Did you know** - Four local restaurants are working with the City to pilot reusable containers? Known as **Ann Arbor Reduce, Reuse, Return (A2R3)** (<https://www.a2gov.org/departments/sustainability/Newsletter-Events/a2zero-week/Pages/Green-Fare.aspx>), this pilot is helping us explore different pathways to reducing plastic waste in our community. Through the month of July you can participate by ordering from Zingerman's Delicatessen's At Home Menu, or by ordering a vegan dish from El Harissa, the Del Burger from Detroit Street Filling Station, or a vegetarian dish from Miss Kim's.
- **See you at the Farmer's Market on July 28th!** OSI will be staffing a booth from 7am-3pm on Wednesday, July 28th at the Ann Arbor Farmer's Market. Join us to learn more about some of the exciting initiatives underway and to share your ideas.
- **Ann Arbor Solar Stories.** Want to hear more about your friends and neighbors experience with solar? Join us on August 5th for the third Ann Arbor Solar Stories event. More details available here: <https://www.a2gov.org/pages/calendar.aspx?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D153735583>
- **Solar Group Buy Program**-Join your neighbors and community members to learn all about solar and whether it could work for you. Have the chance to come together for group-buy discounts with area installers. Groups are ongoing, contact Julie Roth at Jroth@a2gov.org or see website link for more information. a2gov.org/solar

Council Priorities/Initiatives

Police Monthly Report. The June 2021 AAPD Monthly Comparison Report – Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report (PDF) is attached.

Transportation Commission Monthly Report. The July 2021 Transportation Commission Project Report (PDF) is attached.

Council Resolution Reporting. Staff reported on the following items pursuant to Council direction:

ITEM	TITLE	DUE DATE	STATUS
R-20-285	Resolution to Implement a ‘Rooney Rule’ for Executive and Management Level Hires in the City of Ann Arbor	September 1, 2020	Research ongoing.

Previews

The **July 20 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

Consent Agenda (8). There are eight items on the consent agenda.

Public Hearings (2). There are two (2) public hearings which are listed below and under second readings.

- **Resolution to Approve 300 West Huron Hotel Site Plan and Development Agreement, 300 West Huron (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 0 Nays).** Approval of this resolution will allow for the construction of a new hotel and associated parking, site work, and stormwater improvements.

Ordinances –Second Readings (1)

- **A public hearing and an Ordinance to Amend Section 8.530 of Chapter 105 (Housing: Entry to Show Premises and Time for Rental Agreements) of Title VII (Building Regulations) of the Ann Arbor City Code.** This proposed amendment requires landlord to communicate the terms of a subsequent lease no later than 180 days and gives tenants a right to renew leases for residential premises within 210 days, unless just cause exists to not renew a lease. The ordinance defines the reasons and exceptions for just cause and prohibits a landlord from entering the premises to show them to prospective tenants until 210 days has passed.

Ordinances – First Readings (1)

- **An Ordinance to Amend Section 8:530 of Chapter 105 (Housing: Entry to Show Premises and Time for Rental Agreements) of Title VIII (Building Regulations) of the Ann Arbor City Code (postponed from April 5 and June 7, 2021).** This proposed ordinance amendment increased the period of time that landlords are prohibited from entering leased premises for

the purpose of showing the premises to prospective tenants, and entering into a lease to rent the premises to another tenant for a subsequent lease period, from 70 to 240 days.

Other

July/August Water Quality Matters. The July/August issue of Quality Water Matters underscores the importance of maintaining water infrastructure. Read the issue [online](#). In addition, check out the city's [YouTube Video](#) on the importance of water infrastructure reinvestment.

Washtenaw County Residents Affected by the June 25-26 Flooding May Apply for Federal Disaster Assistance. Washtenaw County homeowners and renters with uninsured or underinsured home damage from the severe storms and flooding of June 25–26, 2021, may register for disaster assistance from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov (or <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4607>) or by calling 1.800.621.3362 (TTY: 800-462-7585). FEMA Helpline services are available seven days a week 7 a.m.–11 p.m. ET. Information is available in English and Spanish.

Please note:

- Individuals must still register with FEMA, even if they reported damage to local officials or spoke to a FEMA representative during the preliminary damage assessments in early July.

If you are having technical issues reaching FEMA, call FEMA's Internet Help Desk at 1.800.745.0243. They are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

For details on this declaration for disaster assistance, visit <https://www.fema.gov/press-release/20210716/washtenaw-wayne-county-residents-register-fema-assistance-now>. For more information about FEMA's individual assistance programs, visit www.fema.gov/assistance/individual.

Ann Arbor's Road Construction Season and Planned 2021 Road, Sidewalk, Utility and Resurfacing Projects. Ann Arbor's 2021 road construction "season" is ongoing with many projects underway and more to come this summer and fall. This year's projects include resurfacing/restoration of nearly 9 miles of roads, 6.2 miles of preventative maintenance and 5,700 feet of new sidewalk construction. All projects are listed online at www.a2gov.org/roadconstruction. Projects and schedules are subject to change. Construction work will cause road and lane closures, so travelers are advised to sign up for email or text alerts, at www.a2gov.org/roads.

August Events with NAP. For anyone wanting to get better acquainted with their community's parks, and to make a difference at the same time, Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation has several opportunities planned for August! Volunteer events are planned at Bandemer, Barton,

Black Pond Woods, Brokaw, Buttonbush and Furstenberg nature areas. Please see the news release, below and online at <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=809>, for all of the details.

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

Streetlight Outage Reporting. Did you know you can help the community be and feel safer by reporting streetlight outages? Simply visit www.a2gov.org/a2fixit (<https://www.a2gov.org/services/pages/report-a-problem.aspx>), or download the A2 Fix It app on your smartphone, to report streetlights that are no longer working. And remember, A2 Fix It isn't just for streetlights. You can use the tool to report potholes and missed cart pickups as well.

Ann Arbor to Celebrate Arbor Day in 2021 with Tree Plantings. The City of Ann Arbor will [plant new trees](#) in the rights of way in front of 40 homes beginning this fall, in celebration of Arbor Day. Residents can submit specific sites for consideration by Sept. 3.



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FROM: Ann Arbor Police Department
SUBJECT: Monthly Comparison Report – Monthly Offense and Pedestrian Crash Report
DATE: July 15, 2021

AAPD Offense Monthly Comparison Report (preliminary and advisory) – June 2021

NIBRS Category	2019	2020	2021	Monthly % change	Previous Year (to-date)	This Year (to-date)	Yearly % change
Aggravated Assault	14	16	20	25.0%	90	95	5.6%
Animal Cruelty	0	0	1	-	2	2	0.0%
Arson	0	0	0	no crimes	3	1	-66.7%
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	16	7	27	285.7%	67	83	23.9%
Counterfeiting/Forgery	7	9	1	-88.9%	35	21	-40.0%
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	39	22	29	31.8%	137	169	23.4%
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	8	3	8	166.7%	30	24	-20.0%
Embezzlement	5	0	1	-	9	5	-44.4%
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	1	-	2	6	200.0%
Fraud Offenses	51	84	22	-73.8%	316	239	-24.4%
Homicide Offenses	0	0	0	no crimes	1	2	100.0%
Intimidation	9	6	10	66.7%	40	60	50.0%
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	0	0	no crimes	3	0	-100.0%
Larceny/Theft Offenses	184	113	118	4.4%	625	575	-8.0%
Motor Vehicle Theft	6	10	12	20.0%	40	41	2.5%
Robbery	2	4	3	-25.0%	20	10	-50.0%
Sex Offenses	7	8	12	50.0%	34	49	44.1%
Simple Assault	55	55	44	-20.0%	264	241	-8.7%
Stolen Property Offenses	2	0	3	-	12	5	-58.3%
Weapon Law Violations	5	3	8	166.7%	17	19	11.8%



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Notes for AAPD Offense Monthly Comparison Report:

- COVID-19 restrictions went into effect on 3/13/2020
- We are using national crime categories, known as NIBRS, for comparison with other cities
- There may be a slight variation in crime stats due to incomplete or unapproved reports at the time report was run.
- Please note that reports are for calendar month and that the months being compared may have different number of days.

AAPD Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report – June 2021

Report #	Location	Date	Time	Vehicle Movement	Ped In Crosswalk	Injury Category
210020425	MAPLE AND WINEWOOD	6/26/2021	4:58 PM	TURNING LEFT	NO	A

Injury Legend:
 K - Fatal Injury (any injury which results in death)
 A - Suspected Serious Injury (Any injury other than fatal which prevents normal activities and generally requires hospitalization)
 B - Suspected Minor Injury (Any minor injury that is evident to others at the scene)
 C - Possible Injury (Any possible injury that is reported or claimed)
 O - No Injury (No indication of injury)



Transportation Project Updates

July 2021

[Subscribe](#) to receive monthly Transportation Project Updates.

Visit a2gov.org/TransportationCommission for additional background.

Contact the Transportation Commission at TransportationCommission@a2gov.org

2021 Construction Projects

Annual Street Resurfacing Project

This suite of projects encompasses the majority of the City's street resurfacing activities and includes some asphalt path resurfacing. The complete list of streets included in the 2021 program is now posted on the [project website](#). Construction is complete on the first phase of the residential street work, which included Baldwin, Brockman, Crestland, Eastover, Ferdon, and St. Francis. Work began last week on the second phase, which includes Canterbury, Chesterfield, Cranbrook, Dorchester, Manchester and Towner. Weather has significantly delayed the first phase of the Packard asphalt path repaving. Presently, this work is anticipated to be complete within the next two weeks.

Geddes Road Watermain

This project consists of a watermain replacement between Windycrest and Earhart. Construction is now underway and is expected to be completed in September.

South Industrial Concrete Pavement Repairs

This project consists of spot repairs of the concrete pavement. The project will include the addition of bike lanes and a road diet in the four-lane segment immediately south of Stimson (conversion from four to three lanes to make room for bike lanes). Construction on the project began May 10 and is expected to be completed by the end of July. More information is available on the [project website](#).

Scio Church Road (Maple to Seventh)

The project includes watermain and stormwater work, resurfacing, installation of bike lanes, new sidewalk, and crosswalks. More information is available on the project [website](#). Some delays in the plan review process with MDOT have been experienced, and the project is currently expected to be bid in early September. Construction will begin in late September. At this time, it is anticipated that some aspects of the work will be completed this year, such as watermain, stormwater, sidewalks, and the concrete paving at the Maple intersection. The remainder of the work, including the resurfacing of the road will then take place in the spring of 2022.

Fuller Court Sidewalk Gap Project

This project includes the filling gaps in the sidewalk system along Fuller Ct. (south side) from 2250 Fuller Ct. to the east edge of the University of Michigan property at the corner of Fuller Road & Fuller Court. Construction began on April 12 and is now substantially complete. The crosswalk at the east end of the project will be installed this week or next through the City's Sidewalk Program.



Sidewalk Gaps

Gaps in the sidewalk system that are expected to be filled in 2021 include (some tentative timelines shown in parentheses):

- Barton Drive (north side from Brede to Pontiac) (Late summer/fall)
- Boardwalk Drive (east side from Eisenhower to Oakbrook) (Late summer/fall)
- Jackson Avenue (south side from Wagner to Park Lake) (August)
- Scio Church Road (north side from Landmark Court to Winsted and Greenview to Seventh) (Late summer/fall)
- Stimson Street (both sides; near State Street) (Late summer/fall)
- Yost and Eli (at frontage of 2609 Yost Avenue) (Fall)
- Manchester (near Washtenaw) (TBD)

The 2021 Sidewalk Gap Program opened bids in late June. This project consists of the Barton, Boardwalk, and Stimson sidewalk gaps listed above. Bids prices were higher than anticipated, so it is possible that some sidewalk work may need to be deferred to a later year to make sure the planned work remains within the available funding from the New Sidewalk Millage.

Ellsworth/Research Park Drive Intersection

The signals and crosswalks have been installed. This project is now complete.

Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) Installations

The crosswalk, streetlights, and RRFBs at Huron Pkwy and Glazier Way are installed and operational. Solar units for the crossing at Baxter/Huron Pkwy are on order and are expected to be installed by the end of September.

Bridge Maintenance Project

This project consists of capital maintenance work on several of the City's bridges, including the Broadway bridges, the Fuller Road bridge (east of Maiden Lane), and the Island Drive bridge over Traver Creek. Construction has been completed on the Island Drive bridge, and is ongoing at the Fuller Road bridge. The resumption of work on the Broadway bridge has been delayed due to material shortages.

Projects Currently in Design/Planning

First & Ashley Street

This project is in the final construction phase. Two-way restoration is expected to occur the week of July 26, 2021

Division Street

This project consists of a two-way protected bike lane on the east side of Division between Packard and Catherine. Design and engineering are underway. Construction is anticipated to begin early September.

**State Street Improvement Project**

The DDA's streetscape portion of the work runs between William and Washington. The design is being refined based on staff and stakeholder input and is in the design development phase. This project is scheduled to begin spring 2022.

Miller/Catherine

This project consists of a two-way protected bike lane on the south side of Miller/Catherine between Division and First Street with consideration for extending to Chapin. Study and Conceptual Design are underway. Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2022.

Huron Parkway/Tuebingen Resurfacing (Nixon to Traver)

This project includes road resurfacing, filling of a sidewalk gap, evaluation and repair of the Traver Creek culvert, and evaluation of the existing pedestrian tunnel. Design work will begin shortly and construction is anticipated in 2022.

Geddes Ave Resurfacing (Observatory to Highland)

This project includes resurfacing, stormwater improvements, and crosswalk upgrades. Design work will begin shortly and construction is anticipated in 2022.

Newport/Sunset Sidewalk Gap Project

This project will construct new sidewalk on the east side of Newport Road from Sunset to Downup Circle and on the north side of Sunset from Newport to Brooks. Design is underway and construction is planned for 2022. The first public engagement effort is anticipated for late this summer. This project will utilize Federal aid money (Surface Transportation Block Grant Program) leveraged by the City's New Sidewalk Millage.

Other Updates and Information**"Healthy Streets" - Transportation opportunities for social distancing**

The resolution to award the construction contract was approved by City Council on June 21, 2021. Advance notification signage for Neighborhood Slow Streets was installed the week of July 5. Concrete work on the pedestrian refuge islands on E. Packard (in preparation of the lane narrowing) was completed in early July. Staff is evaluating if the speed limit on E Packard can be changed but this may not occur until some time after installation. Construction/implementation of healthy streets on arterials/neighborhood streets is expected to commence the week of July 19. A video describing the intent and function of Healthy Streets is currently in production and will be released shortly after implementation. Lastly, the Transportation Commission's Healthy Streets subcommittee will meet on August 12.

Lower Town Mobility Study:

The third public meeting was held June 10, 2021 via Zoom. Alternatives are being refined to incorporate public feedback. More information about the project and engagement opportunities can be found on the [project website](#).



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. The following project is currently being coordinated with MDOT:

- Jackson/Highlake/I-94 East ramp – The signals are operational. Minor adjustments related to detection are still underway but the project is significantly complete.

Office of Sustainability and Innovations (OSI) Update

OSI staff have been planning for a DC Fast Charger installation in the Ann St lot of City Hall. ChargePoint has been selected to provide 4 CPE250c DCFCs modules for the installation, which can charge EVs with up to 125 kW of power. These would be the highest power chargers within the Ann Arbor highway loop, and the only fast chargers located in the downtown area. Two incentive grants/rebates have been received, for \$170,000 in funding support for the project. The remaining funding was requested and granted from City Council on December 7, 2020. The units have been delivered and permit applications have been submitted to the Building Department.

Streetlight Implementation

13 crosswalks have been upgraded with positive contrast lighting (DTE) to date in 2021. 561 streetlight outages were addressed by DTE to date in 2021.

Traffic Calming Program Submittals

The Traffic Calming Team is beginning work on the engagement phase for the next projects in the queue, with the intent to work on three of them concurrently. The next projects in queue are, in order:

- Rosedale (Packard to Redwood) – Petition received 2019-07-02 and did not meet the minimum 50% signature requirement. The petitioner has been aware of this since 2019 and has not obtained the necessary signatures. A notification will be going out by July 19, 2021 to the petitioner and all residents who signed the petition stating that the Rosedale petition does not meet the minimum requirements to continue moving forward in the process and will be moved back in queue.
- Longman-N. Fairview (Dexter to Jackson) – Petition was received 2019-09-09 and meets the requirements to move forward. The project area is starting their engagement process and residents in the affected project area were mailed their Initial Questionnaire (Step 2) on July 12, 2021.
- Northside Ave (Barton to Pontiac Trail) – Petition was received 2019-09-20 and is moving forward in the process. The project area will be starting their engagement process and residents in the affected project area will be mailed their Initial Questionnaire (Step 2) tentatively by the end of July.
- Granger Ave (Packard to State) - Petition was received 2019-10-31 and meets the requirements to move forward. The project will be starting their engagement process and residents in the affected project area were mailed their Initial Questionnaire (Step 2) tentatively by the end of July.



Transportation Plan Update

Staff is currently working on an implementation strategy scope with the intent of hiring a consultant to assist with taking the goals of the “Moving Together Towards Vision Zero” Transportation Plan and putting them into action. The Moving Together Plan document and other related materials can be found on the project website:

www.a2gov.org/visionzero.

Annual Non-Motorized Transportation Progress Report and Count Report

Staff has completed the annual non-motorized progress report and non-motorized count report for calendar year 2020. These reports will be posted on the City’s [Transportation website](#).

Regional Quarterly Transportation Meeting:

Staff from Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), Washtenaw Area Transportation Study (WATS), and the WAVE met on June 24 and discussed the following:

- RAISE Grant – efforts to pursue a federal transportation grant related to transportation and technology;
- AAATA Service Restoration and Proposed fare changes - update public engagement efforts and planned service restoration in August and fare changes in October;
- City of Ypsilanti W. Cross, Hamilton/Huron/I-94 Project – W Cross will be resurfaced and will be put back as is. Design for Hamilton/Huron/I-94 is being finalized. Both projects are scheduled for 2022;
- Wash. Ave. Non-Motorized Path Maintenance under US-23 – discussed a complaint about the condition of the path;
- City of Ann Arbor Update – provided updates on the Moving Together Transportation Plan and Healthy Streets
- Ypsilanti Township Phase II Washtenaw Ave. Sidewalk Infill Update – segments by Dom's Bakery and Shell gas Station @ Huron parkway will be done in 2022/2023. Efforts to count pedestrians for a new midblock crossing between Huron Pkwy and Yost may occur this fall
- WBWC Packard Road Task Force – discussed efforts by WBWC to advocate for bike facilities on Packard between Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor and how Healthy Streets will implement from Eisenhower to City line.
- Uniform Crosswalk Design Guidelines – efforts are still underway to develop uniform crosswalk design guidelines for all jurisdictions in the County (building off Ann Arbor’s work). Will probably meet one last time to finalize;
- WATS - has some additional federal funding; some will go to sidewalk connections to bus stops on Washtenaw.