



## Transportation Project Updates

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**2024 Construction Projects****2023 Street Resurfacing Project**

This project was mostly completed in 2023, however several locations are still to be finished in spring of 2024, including Aberdeen, Burson, Hawthorne, Norfolk, Shannondale, and Suffolk. A complete list of locations can be found on the [project website](#) and on the [project tracking dashboard](#).

**2024 Street Resurfacing Project**

This suite of projects encompasses the majority of the City's Street resurfacing activities and includes some asphalt path resurfacing. Work is scheduled to begin in May and will last into November of 2024. Local resurfacing work in 2024 is scheduled to occur primarily in the Lakewood neighborhood (south of Jackson and west of I-94), with some resurfacing also occurring in the neighborhood south of Jackson, east of Stadium, and north of Liberty. Asphalt path resurfacing is scheduled to occur on the north side of Glazier Way near the Earhart intersection, and on the west side of Earhart Road north of Glazier Way. A complete list of locations will be provided on the [project website](#) and on the [project tracking dashboard once available](#).

**Sidewalk Gaps**

Gaps in the sidewalk system that are expected to be filled in 2024 include:

- 580 Burwood Ave.
- Ellsworth Road (north side, State to Stone School) – Project is substantially complete; however, one gap remains due to a utility conflict. This remaining gap is expected to be completed in the spring of 2024.
- Glendale Circle & Fair Street
- Stone School Road (east side from Packard to Eisenhower)
- Sunnywood & Gralake intersection

**State & Hill Improvements**

Overall, this project consists of resurfacing on Hill Street (Fifth to Church) and State Street (South University to Packard and Hoover to Granger). Also included is some watermain consolidation, and safety improvements along both corridors. The final design will result in a protected bike facility the length of the project and 10.5' travel lanes to facilitate bus operations. More information can be found on the project website. Construction on the State Street portion of the project is completed and is open to traffic. Construction on the Hill Street portion of the project is scheduled to occur in the Spring of 2024.



### **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. The project has been redesigned to meet the requirement of City Council's resolution and the project was rebid. A resolution went to City Council on December 18<sup>th</sup> to approve the construction contract. Construction is scheduled to begin in March of 2024 (if approved by Council).

### **Miller Avenue Improvements**

This project includes watermain replacement, stormwater improvements, road resurfacing, crosswalk improvements, and an All Ages and Abilities bike facility between Chapin and Newport. Staff is planning to expand the limits of the bike facility out to Maple Road and is working out the details for how to implement this. Engagement on the bike and pedestrian elements of the project is expected to occur in the first quarter of 2024. More information can be found on the project website at [url.a2gov.org/millerave](http://url.a2gov.org/millerave). Construction is scheduled to start in June of 2024.

### **Seventh Street & Greenview**

This project consists of watermain replacement and resurfacing on South Seventh Street between Scio Church and Delaware, and on Greenview between Seventh and Stadium Boulevard. The Seventh Street portion of the project includes stormwater improvements in the scope and may include road narrowing, raingardens, sand filters, and/or underground stormwater storage. Greenview between Seventh and Scio Church includes watermain replacement and resurfacing. Greenview between Scio Church and Stadium includes watermain replacement, resurfacing, road narrowing, bumpouts, and additional crosswalks. See the [project webpage](#) for further information. Construction is scheduled for 2024.

### **Projects Currently in Design/Planning**

#### **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. Design is mostly complete; however, construction is being delayed to 2025 due to delays in obtaining the necessary easements.

#### **State Street & North University**

This project includes the next phase of work on State Street (William to South University) and on North University (State to Fletcher). Work includes watermain replacement, stormwater improvements, street resurfacing, sanitary sewer work on Thayer, bike lanes on North University, intersection improvements at the State/South University intersection, and evaluation of crosswalk improvements. Design work is underway, and more information will be shared when available. Construction is presently anticipated in 2025.



### **Nixon Road Reconstruction**

This project, designed several years ago, is scheduled to start the first phase of construction in 2025. The scope of the project includes watermain, sanitary, and storm work, installation of boulevard segments in the roadway, several roundabouts, and bicycle and pedestrian improvements. Project plans are currently being updated and easements are in the process of being acquired. For more information, see the [project webpage](#).

### **Pauline Watermain & Resurfacing**

This project consists of watermain replacement and resurfacing from Seventh Street to Main Street. Design elements will include installation of All Ages & Abilities bike facilities and explore opportunities for traffic calming. Design work will be starting shortly. Construction is anticipated for 2025.

### **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. Design work is scheduled to begin this fall. Construction is expected to begin in 2025.

### **Downtown Area Circulation Study**

The study (started July 2023; anticipated to conclude July 2024) is meant to develop a cohesive transportation vision for downtown building off existing plans and policies (DDA's People Friendly Streets Initiative; Moving Together Towards Vision Zero Transportation Plan; TheRide 2045 Long Range Plan). The plans propose changes to active transportation, transit priority streets, one way to two-way street conversions, and event streets. This study will consider how to balance the needs of multi-modal travel, business activity, and infrastructure demands in the same street corridor as well as network-wide transportation impacts. Stakeholder and community engagements are being planned for Spring 2024.

## **Other Updates and Information**

### **State Trunkline Jurisdiction Transfer Analysis**

Sam Schwartz is finalizing a detailed cost/benefit analysis of taking ownership of the state trunklines that run through the community; namely Washtenaw/Huron/Jackson and North Main. This analysis is documented in a report that will be presented to Transportation Commission in February 2024.

### **Micromobility**

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 parent company, Bird, filed for bankruptcy in December 2023. Staff is monitoring the issue closely, but we are assured by Spin that there are no anticipated impacts to their operations in Ann Arbor during this financial restructuring. Spin's right-of-way use



contract is up for renewal this year and staff anticipates bringing an agenda item on shared micro-mobility to the Transportation Commission in May 2024.

### **MDOT Coordination**

The city has regular coordination with MDOT on State projects within the city. MDOT allows for locally installed improvements on their facilities, subject to their review and approval. The following projects are currently being coordinated with MDOT:

- US-23 Improvement Project – MDOT is undertaking an Environmental Assessment study on US-23 between M-14 and I-94. Alternatives up for consideration include a) rebuilding the existing configuration; b) adding a general-purpose lane in each direction; c) adding a flex lane in each direction; and d) adding high-occupancy vehicle lanes in each direction. MDOT has indicated there will be a public engagement opportunity on February 1, 2024. Check the project website for updates (formal announcement of the 2/1 engagement was not yet published at the time of writing of this report): <https://www.michigan.gov/mdot/projects-studies/studies/traffic-and-environmental-linkages-studies/us-23-improvement-project-study-ann-arbor>

### **Streetlight Implementation**

DTE has reported fixing 667 streetlights so far in 2023.

### **Traffic Calming Program Submittals**

Bird (Newport to Huron River) final polling closed, and it appears there is support for the project. The project is therefore expected to come to Transportation Commission in February. Arella (Stadium to Pauline) and Henry (Golden to Packard) are in final polling until January 15<sup>th</sup> and would be brought to the Transportation Commission at a future meeting if approved by the neighborhood.

### **Carbon Reduction Program Grants**

The City of Ann Arbor was awarded \$1.18M in Carbon Reduction Program Funding for two projects that support the A2Zero and Vision Zero plan implementation. The first is a FY 2024 project that will convert all 4,087 low-efficiency DTE-owned streetlights to LED fixtures that are 1.2 to 3 times more efficient. Staff is currently working with DTE on piloting different LED fixtures at different wattages and different color temperatures before finalizing the order for the upgrade. Public engagement to collect feedback on the different wattage/color temperature options ran from December 8 through January 12. More information is available on the [project website](#).

### **Education and Encouragement**

The Lunch and Learn Series on educating city staff on elements of the plan are continuing into 2024. The next Lunch and Learns will focus on maintenance of traffic with a Vision Zero and Safe Systems Lense. The Michigan Association of Planning is hosting their annual Transportation Bonanza on February 15, and the transportation team will present on our Quick Build project.%