



## Transportation Project Updates June 2020

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### **2020 Construction Projects**

#### **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. Included in the 2020 program are Boardwalk (Eisenhower to north end), Granger (State to Packard), Geddes Ave (Church to Observatory), asphalt path resurfacing on Oakbrook and South Main Street, and a number of residential street resurfacing projects, which will be concentrated in the neighborhood around Dicken Elementary School. A full list of streets is posted on the website at: [a2gov.org/RoadConstruction](https://a2gov.org/RoadConstruction). Construction is currently active in the Dicken neighborhood, on Geddes Ave, and the Oakbrook path. Work is expected to continue into November.

#### **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. Resolution #4 to approve the final special assessment roll for both of these locations were approved by City Council at the May 4 Council meeting. Construction is currently underway and is expected to extend through August.

#### **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 fall of 2020.

#### **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.

Construction has begun on the Washtenaw segment of the project in the week of May 18. The cost of the Jackson Ave portion of the project will be specially assessed to the



adjacent property owners as it is first-time construction. Resolution #4 to approve the final special assessment roll went before Council on May 18 and was postponed to the June 15 meeting.

### **Other Sidewalk Gap Work**

In addition to the sidewalk gap projects referenced above, the following additional locations are planned for 2020, to be done as part of other projects:

- Stimson (both sides) from State Street east – part of Sidewalk Repair Program. Special Assessment Resolutions #2 & 3 are anticipated to go to City Council on July 6
- Boardwalk Drive (2875 & 2775), east side – part of Resurfacing project. Special Assessment Resolution #2 & 3 are anticipated to go to City Council on July 6

### **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 to start around the week of June 22.

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

#### **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. This project was removed from the FY21 budget and has been postponed indefinitely.

### **Other Updates and Information**

#### **“Healthy Streets” - Transportation opportunities for social distancing**

Staff has continued to advance the Healthy Streets initiative consistent with City Council Resolution R-20-158, [“Resolution to Promote Safe Social Distancing Outdoors in Ann Arbor.”](#) Staff will advance 16 neighborhood slow street treatments in June based on streets that have significant pedestrian and/or bicycle traffic, provide logical connections to parks and recreation areas, have gaps in the sidewalk system, are important places where it is desirable to maintain social distancing, and/or have public support.

Based on a Transportation Commission suggestion, the threshold for consideration has been lowered – staff looked for multiple requests but not necessarily 30% support from the neighborhood (as originally identified in the May memo). Additionally, based on suggestions from City Council members, staff will place signs one week in advance of implementing the slow streets treatments in order to a) notify the neighborhood of the coming change; and b) allow for residents to voice concern. If objection is received from



more than 20% of affected neighbors, then the treatment will not be installed or be removed.

For non-residential streets, several different efforts are underway. First, City Council passed Resolution R-20-194, "[Resolution to Approve Downtown Street Closures for Restaurant and Retail Use During the Time of Mandated Physical Distancing.](#)" This resolution was spearheaded by the downtown merchant associations and approved weekend closures on various downtown streets to allow them to be used for social distancing and outdoor dining. Second, City and DDA staff worked together on a series of other suggested lane reconfigurations. Those are expected to be presented to City Council on June 15, 2020. The City's "Healthy Streets" website ([a2gov.org/HealthyStreets](http://a2gov.org/HealthyStreets)) and the DDA's People Friendly Streets website ([peoplefriendlystreets.org/](http://peoplefriendlystreets.org/)) will be kept up to date to reflect the latest updates on the Healthy Streets Initiative.

#### **Office of Sustainability and Innovations Update:**

City Council adopted the [A2Zero Carbon Neutrality Plan on June 1, 2020](#). The effort is now transitioning to implementation and a meeting with implementation partners is scheduled for June 12, 2020. More information about the A2Zero Plan and upcoming events can be found on the project website: [a2zero.org](http://a2zero.org).

#### **Streetlight Implementation:**

27 new streetlights were installed so far in 2020. 583 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 second public meeting was held June 4, 2020 via Zoom. The preliminary plan was reviewed at that time. Modifications are being made as a result of input received before the final poll is sent to the project area later this month.