



## Transportation Project Updates August 2023

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### **2023 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. Work began in July and will last through this Fall; possibly into 2024. Local resurfacing work in 2023 is scheduled to occur in the area bounded by Washtenaw, Geddes Ave, and Huron Parkway, although there will be additional work scheduled with the Road Bond funding outside of that area. Asphalt path resurfacing along segments of Huron Parkway has been completed. A complete list of locations can be found on the [project website](#) and on the [project tracking dashboard](#). Some public engagement work is also underway for Bedford Road (Washtenaw to Londonderry) to discuss reconfiguration of that road, which is currently a boulevard with two-way traffic on each side. More information on this can be found at [www.a2gov.org/Bedford](https://www.a2gov.org/Bedford).

#### **State Street Improvement Project (William to Huron)**

The project scope includes resurfacing, watermain work, non-motorized improvements, and installation of our first curb less street (William to Washington). Phase 1, (William to Liberty) was substantially completed in 2022. Phase 2 has been completed up to Washington. The last block between Washington and Huron is currently underway, with full completion anticipated by Labor Day.

#### **Platt Road (Huron Parkway to Packard)**

This is a federal aid project the consists of resurfacing, watermain replacement work, an all ages and abilities bike facility, and pedestrian improvements. Construction is substantially complete, and the road is currently open to traffic.

#### **Broadway Street (Plymouth to Plymouth)**

This project includes the replacement of an aging watermain as well as resurfacing of the street. The project will also replace the existing speed humps, add crosswalks, and fill sidewalk gaps on the north side of the road at the east end of the project. More information is available on the project webpage at [www.a2gov.org/Broadway](https://www.a2gov.org/Broadway). Construction is currently underway and is scheduled to be completed in August or early September.

#### **Geddes Ave Resurfacing (Observatory to Highland)**

This project includes resurfacing, stormwater improvements, and crosswalk upgrades. Sidewalk and retaining wall work to remove the stairs in the sidewalk near Onondaga has been removed from this project and will be done under a separate contract later this year. Construction is substantially complete, and the road is now open to traffic.

**Earhart Road (US-23 to Geddes Road)**

This project consists of the resurfacing of Earhart Road between Geddes and US-23. The project scope includes the addition of bike lanes, reconfiguration of the lanes north of Glazier Way, and the inclusion of roundabouts. More information is available on the project webpage at [www.a2gov.org/earhart2023](http://www.a2gov.org/earhart2023). Construction is now underway and is anticipated to last through the Fall.

**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 has been completed on the stretch of State Street from South University to Hill Street. After a brief pause for Art Fair, work is now continuing between South University and Hill and between Dewey and Granger. Construction on the Hill Street portion of the project has been postponed until Spring of 2024.

**South Main Street Watermain & Resurfacing**

This project consists of replacement of the watermain and resurfacing of the street from Huron to William. Public engagement is ongoing with the adjacent business owners and the DDA. More details can be found on the project website at [www.a2gov.org/smainwatermain](http://www.a2gov.org/smainwatermain). Construction from William to Main has been completed, and the road is open to traffic from William to Washington (when not closed for on-street dining). The remaining work, which consists of some storm sewer work near the Main/Huron intersection, is underway and is expected to be completed by the end of August.

**Huron Parkway/Glazier Way Capital Preventative Maintenance Project**

The scope of this project includes the application of a cape seal treatment over the existing pavement on Huron Parkway (Geddes to Hubbard) and Glazier Way (Green to Earhart). Construction is now complete.

**Projects Currently in Design/Planning****Seventh Street & Greenview**

This project consists of watermain replacement and resurfacing on South Seventh Street between Scio Church and Greenview, 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. Four public meetings have been held this year, and staff is now working on settling on the final concepts to move into the detailed design phase. See the [project webpage](#) for further information. Construction is scheduled for 2024.



### **Miller Avenue Improvements Project**

This project includes watermain replacement, stormwater improvements, road resurfacing, crosswalk improvements, and an All Ages and Abilities bike facility from Chapin to Newport. Staff is currently looking at expanding the limits of the bike facility out to Maple Road. Design work is underway, and public engagement is anticipated for this Fall. More information will be shared when available. Construction is scheduled for 2024.

### **Downtown Area Circulation Study**

The study 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. The study kicked off in July and will be in a discovery phase until December. The Downtown Street Design Team will function as the Technical Advisory Committee. Stakeholder engagements and an update to the Transportation Commission will be scheduled for the November/December 2023.

### **Other Updates and Information**

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

Sam Schwartz is contracted to assess what the City should consider if it were to approach MDOT about taking ownership of the state trunklines that run through the community; namely Washtenaw/Huron/Jackson and North Main. The study started on January 18, 2022. The study team has conducted interviews and collected asset data for the trunkline corridors. There is a draft Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA) tool prepared that uses USDOT guidance for defining benefits. This tool is being applied to the state trunkline corridors.

#### **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:

Jackson/Huron Crosswalks – City and MDOT staff conducted a field visit on 8/9 to review the latest plans for 4 new crosswalks along Jackson/Huron (@ Vets Park, near Worden Ave, near Virginia Ave, and near Crest/Arbana). The City, with the help of a consultant, hopes to finish design by the end of August. The final plans will then be shared with MDOT for review and approval. Once approval is received from the State, the project will be put out to bid for construction.

#### **Streetlight Implementation**

DTE has reported fixing 332 streetlights so far in 2023.

#### **Traffic Calming Program Submittals**

Granger (Forest to Olivia) was approved by City Council on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Fulmer (Miller to Foss) was approved by City Council on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Baldwin (Packard to Stadium) and



Manchester (Buckingham to Needham) have both received approval from the neighborhoods and are going to the Transportation Commission in August.

### **Transportation Implementation Plan Update**

Speed Management Program Development – Focus group interviews have been conducted and staff are awaiting the final report from SmtihGroup. Initial comments received include strong support for the program and its purpose to slow speeds, provide additional communications on why changes are made and ways for the community to gain knowledge/awareness of the program, ensuring that equity focused corridors do not get overlooked, and applying a system wide approach given crash data would be beneficial.

Mapping Updates - City staff will begin the process of updating maps throughout the Vision Zero plan. The plan calls for updating every 2-5 years. We will be using crash data from the years 2018-2022.

Quick Build Program – Signs and Signals team are making progress on installing the vertical devices paired with the pavement markings. The goal is to have all the elements installed by the end of August. Once the vertical elements are in, Quick Build yard signs will be placed in and around the locations with a QR code that will take people to a survey. Staff are also looking to deploy intercept surveys around these locations with the goal of collecting those responses during September and October.

Quick Build 2023 project is working through the design process with HRC and are looking to be completed in early fall.

### **Bike Corrals Pilot Program**

The permit process has been built. Purchase Orders are underway to purchase the bike racks, we will be looking to purchase up to 10 racks for this pilot program. We are also working in partnership with the DDA to ensure that requests within their service area can add racks.

### **Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant**

We are awaiting clarification from FHWA on items that pertain to our grant award. We are developing potential project that could be used for the quick builds and speed management components. We have been compiling information regarding the near miss analytics component to the grant that would utilize our existing technology.

### **Bike Parking Inventory**

As part of the implementation of the Vision Zero plan, staff are working on developing a bike parking inventory. This work will be done in coordination with the DDA and provide an on the ground assessment of all publicly available bike parking across the city.

**World Car Free Day**

In partnership with the Mayor's Green Fair on September 22, our City will participate in the UN's World Car Free Day. In partnership with OSI and GetDowntown, we will encourage people to ditch their gas-powered single occupancy vehicles and walk, bike, take public transit to the downtown area. We will provide a pledge that people can take and also provide a mini-challenge and prizes for participants. In 2023, the supported challenges reduced 130,000 pounds of Greenhouse Gas emissions and saved over 145,000 vehicle miles traveled.

**Education and Encouragement**

The Lunch and Learn Series on educating city staff on elements of the plan are being developed by Cynthia Redinger and Suzann Flowers. Upcoming trainings will be held on August 23, October 25, and December 13.

**Michigan Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP)**

Cynthia Redinger and Suzann Flowers co-chair the Michigan Chapter of APBP which is a membership organization focused on pedestrian and bicycle planning and development. The next APBP event will be held on Monday, September 18 with a guided bike ride through parts of Detroit. APBP also awarded the City of Detroit the host location for the 2024 National Conference to be held August 12-14.

**Crashes**

The crash report developed by the Police Department for June 2023 is attached to this report. There was a crash on Jackson at the Wyndham Garden Hotel entry drive on July 31<sup>st</sup> at approximately 2:45pm in which a motorcyclist was killed.