



Transportation Project Updates

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2024 Construction Projects

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 began 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 at several other locations (Burwood, Page, Northbrook, and Yost). Work on Northbrook and Yost, as well as the asphalt sidewalk work on Glazier Way and Earhart, has been completed. 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 summer of 2024.
- Glendale Circle & Fair Street
- Page Avenue (Harpst to Esch)
- 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. More information can be found on the [project website](#). The State Street portion of the project was completed in 2023. Construction on the Hill Street portion of the project is underway. The segment of Hill Street from Fifth through State has been paved and is now open to traffic, with the exception of a short length of the eastbound lane near Fifth Ave that is being left unpaved for the University of Michigan's contractor to install a sanitary manhole. The remaining portion of Hill street east of State will be completed in August.

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. Construction is underway and the bridge is currently reduced to one lane in each direction. Construction will continue through the end of 2024, with some work scheduled to be completed in 2025.

**Miller Avenue Improvements**

This project includes watermain replacement, stormwater improvements, road resurfacing between Chapin and Newport. In addition, crosswalk improvements, speed management, and an All Ages and Abilities bike facility will be applied to the entire length of Miller Ave between North First Street and North Maple Road. ARPA funds will be used to install the non-motorized elements of the project. Due to some confusion with the bidding requirements for ARPA projects, it was determined that the project would need to be rebid, which will push the construction of the project entirely into 2025. More details on the 2025 construction schedule will be provided when available.

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. The Seventh Street portion of the project is expected to be completed prior to the end of August, while the overall project is expected to continue into November.

Huron River Drive Culvert Replacement

This project will replace a deteriorated and under-capacity storm culvert beneath Huron River Drive west of Bird Road. While not a transportation-related project per se, the construction will require a full closure of Huron River Drive and detouring of traffic. Construction preparations are scheduled to begin on July 15th.

Projects Currently in Design/Planning**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. The project team is currently developing an informational video on the project, which will be accompanied by “office hours” that will be open to the public. This will be followed by a public meeting in August. More details will be shared when available. For more information, see the [project webpage](#).

Pauline Watermain & Resurfacing

This project encompasses watermain replacement and resurfacing from Seventh Street to Main Street. The design will feature All Ages & Abilities bike facilities and explore opportunities for traffic calming. Design work is currently underway. On-site public engagement sessions were held on May 11th and May 18th. A summary of these meetings, along with the online survey results, will be posted on the project web page once available. The project will also be presented at the Transportation Commission meeting on August 21st. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2025.



Downtown Area Circulation Study

The study will 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). 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 engagement occurred the week of March 11, 2024, and several hundred residents participated. More information, including public engagement summary, is available on the project website: <https://www.a2dda.org/people-friendly-streets/projects/downtown-area-circulation-study/>

Other Updates and Information

State Trunkline Jurisdiction Transfer Analysis

The final draft of the report is complete and provides 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 was presented to Transportation Commission and DDA Board on February 21, 2024. A presentation at a City Council work session took place on June 10, 2024. A draft resolution to negotiate with MDOT is under staff review.

Micro mobility

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, restructured and emerged from bankruptcy in March 2024. The devices will continue to carry the Spin brand, carrying out the same program and use the same W2-based staff. Spin's right-of-way use contract is was renewed by City Council for three months on June 3, 2024 to give additional time for Council to discuss additional safety expectations and what to include in a longer agreement.

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 conducting an environmental assessment on possible changes to US-23 between M-14 and I-94. More information about the project can be found on the project [website](#). MDOT has revised the Purpose and Need and scope of this project. All three freeway expansion alternatives are now excluded. The new scope would replace bridges (Earhart, East Huron River Drive, Packard Ave) with clear space for walking and biking facilities, replace pavement and make smaller changes to the US-23 mainline for safety. Washtenaw Ave interchange will continue to be worked out through the M-17 Planning and Environmental Linkages study. Ann Arbor Township is interested in partnering with City of Ann Arbor and MDOT to design a walking and biking connection for Plymouth Ave.



The MDOT University Region has initiated an Active Transportation Plan update. They have an engagement page and survey available via <https://mdot.altago.site/>. If you are inclined, share your thoughts with them and pass the link on to others who may be interested.

Office of Sustainability and Innovations (OSI) Update

Recent increases in City-owned public EV charging include the installation of public Level 2 EV chargers in various Parks, in conjunction with solar carports. 13 dual port L2 chargers are being installed at the Ann Arbor Senior Center, Huron Hills Golf Course, Leslie Park Golf Course, Fuller Park, and Veteran's Memorial Park.

Streetlight Implementation

DTE has reported fixing 681 streetlights so far in 2024.

Quick Build Program

The final report from the survey can be found [here](#).

Bike Corrals Pilot Program

We have installed one bike parking at Monty's Public House. Additional requests are still being accepted and can be entered through a no-cost permit in the City's permitting portal, [STREAM](#).

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant

The RFP solicitation has closed with two proposals received. After proposal review and scoring, staff are recommending approval of a contract with Sam Schwartz Consulting, which will be brought forth for Council approval at the July 15 Council meeting.

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. All non-DDA District parking facilities have been inventoried. QA/QC is next step. The DDA has released an RFP to update the downtown bike parking strategy. An updated inventory of downtown bike parking facilities is part of the strategy and the City is coordinating with the DDA on data structure.

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 over 4,000 low-efficiency DTE-owned streetlights to higher-efficiency LED fixtures. Staff plans to bring the grant acceptance and contract approval actions before Council in July 2024. More information is available on the [project website](#).

Education and Encouragement

Staff are continuing to educate city staff with their next presentations to be done with the Streets team and Signs and Signals team. Bike to Wherever Day was held on May 15. We had over 400 total participants this year. A new Station Challenge was created and over 60 people participated in this challenge. The event had 20 stations for people to visit by bike and was positively received.