



Transportation Project Updates

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## **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](#). Work continues on the second phase of the local street portion of the 2021 Street Resurfacing Project, which includes Canterbury, Chesterfield, Cranbrook, Dorchester, Manchester and Towner. Last week work was completed on the first phase of the Packard asphalt path repaving. The second phase from Buhr Park to Colony Road is scheduled to begin this week. The resurfacing program had also been working on the reconstruction of Maple Road north of Jackson following the watermain break in late June. That work has been completed and the road is now open to traffic.

### **First & Ashley Street**

This project is in the final construction phase. Two-way restoration began in early August.

### **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 mid-August. Upon completion of the concrete repairs, the Resurfacing program will be scheduling a resurfacing of the asphalt segments of the road at the north and south ends of the road.

### **Fuller Court Sidewalk Gap Project**

This project includes the filling gaps in the sidewalk system along Fuller Court. (south side) from 2250 Fuller Court. to the east edge of the University of Michigan property at the corner of Fuller Road & Fuller Court. Construction is now complete.

### **North Main Street Stormwater Project**

This project is being conducted to replace a storm sewer pipe that previously passed beneath two buildings. Construction is currently underway and is expected to be substantially completed lane closures removed by August 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Crest & Liberty Watermain Project**

This project will be replacing watermain and resurfacing the streets on Crest between Liberty and Buena Vista, and on Liberty from Crest to South Seventh Street. During



construction, Liberty will be closed to through traffic (with on eastbound lane open to local traffic only). Traffic on Liberty will be detoured using Stadium, Pauline, and Seventh Street. Construction is scheduled to start August 13 and be completed in October.

### **Maple & Jackson Emergency Watermain Repair Work**

A 20-inch watermain burst on Maple just north of Jackson in late June and washed away a significant amount of the road in the area west of Veterans Park. Maple was closed between Jackson and Dexter. The watermain was repaired and reconstruction of the road was completed August 7, 2020 and Maple was opened back up to traffic.

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

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

This project is being designed jointly with the Downtown Development Authority. The project scope includes resurfacing, watermain work, non-motorized improvements, and streetscaping (William to 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.

### **Platt Road & Earhart Road**

This is a Federal aid project the consists of the resurfacing of Earhart Road between Geddes and Greenhills Drive; and Platt Road between Huron Parkway and Packard. The project scope includes some watermain work (on Platt), and potential bike lane and pedestrian improvements. Design work on the project is underway and a public engagement meeting is being planned for September. Construction is scheduled for 2022.

### **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 Scio Church. The Seventh Street portion of the project includes stormwater improvements in the scope, which could consist of such things as road narrowing, raingardens, sand filters, and/or underground stormwater storage. Design work on the project is underway and a public engagement meeting is being planned for September. Construction is scheduled for 2022.

### **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 and fill sidewalk gaps at the east end of the project. Design work on the project is underway and a public engagement meeting is being planned for September. Construction is scheduled for 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. This project will utilize Federal aid money (Surface Transportation Block Grant Program) leveraged by the City's New Sidewalk Millage. A virtual public engagement meeting for this project was held on August 11, and a summary of this meeting will be posted shortly on the [project website](#).

### **Other Updates and Information**

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

A series of contracting hurdles have been encountered with the primary contractor as a result of their acquisition by another company and name change which caused delay to the implementation. At the writing of this report, those issues were nearly resolved, and deployment of the Healthy Streets is expected in mid-to-late August.

#### **Lower Town Mobility Study:**

A series of “office hours” are being held in the months of July, August, and September (7/23, 8/6, 8/20, 9/3) to discuss alternatives and final recommendations. A final public meeting will be held in September to discuss the final draft report. A presentation to the Transportation Commission is expected in September or October. 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:

- M-14 – in response to safety concerns and crashes near the Barton interchange, MDOT is conducting a Road Safety Audit on M-14. This fall, MDOT will install advanced queue warning signage for eastbound M-14 when backups occur. Additionally, MDOT will install high friction surface near the Barton interchange, which is also expected to occur this fall.

#### **Streetlight Implementation**

13 crosswalks have been upgraded with positive contrast lighting (DTE) to date in 2021. 642 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:

- Longman-N. Fairview (Dexter to Jackson) – The Initial Questionnaire (Step 2) is complete and it appears there is enough support for the process to proceed.



- Northside Ave (Barton to Pontiac Trail) – The Initial Questionnaire (Step 2) is complete and it appears there is enough support for the process to proceed.
- Granger Ave (Packard to State) - Petition was received 2019-10-31 and meets the requirements to move forward. This project is on hold for the moment as staff processes Longman and Northside.

### **Transportation Plan Update**

Staff has released RFP 21-25 seeking proposals for a Vision Zero Action Plan 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 RFP can be found [here](#).

The Moving Together Plan document and other related materials can be found on the [project website](#).