



City of Ann Arbor City Administrator's Report May 20, 2019

Prepared for Council. Kindly forward questions, comments, or suggestions for input to hlazarus@a2gov.org or shiggins@a2gov.org.

Safety Notes

A2 Be Safe! In Ann Arbor, we stop for pedestrians at crosswalks. The City has an [ordinance](#) that requires all drivers to stop for pedestrians at crosswalks. Please be sure to stop for pedestrians and set an example for other drivers on the road. When driving, make sure to:

- Yield to pedestrians stopped at the curb, curb line or ramp leading to a crosswalk and to pedestrians within a crosswalk when traffic-control signals are not in place or are not in operation.
- Never pass another vehicle that has stopped or is slowing down at a crosswalk.
- Stay alert and reduce speed in areas with crosswalks.
- Scooters and bikes have speeds at the crosswalk greater than those of pedestrians. Although these forms of transportation should not be operated on sidewalks, be alert and exercise extra caution.
- Come to a complete stop if pedestrians are crossing or preparing to cross.
- Wait until pedestrians have crossed at least one lane past the lane you are in before resuming travel.
- Stay out of bike lanes and give bikes 5 feet of distance when passing.

Success Stories

Thank you and farewell to Police Chief Pfannes. On May 24, the City of Ann Arbor will bid farewell to Chief of Police Bob Pfannes. Chief Pfannes is retiring after 21 years with the AAPD, where he held several positions including patrol officer, sergeant and detective lieutenant serving as the commander of the detective section. He also served with the Detroit and Garden City police departments before coming to Ann Arbor and has been teaching at the Western Wayne Regional Police Academy for more than 25 years.

Tree City USA. On April 10, communities from around Michigan gathered in Lansing for the 2018 Tree City USA Awards event. Ann Arbor forestry staff, Tiffany Giacobazzi, urban forestry and natural resources planning coordinator; Matt Waldsmith, forestry supervisor; and Nick Jacob, forestry technician, accepted the city's Tree City USA recertification from the Michigan

Department of Natural Resources, Urban and Community Forestry Coordinator Kevin Sayers. Ann Arbor was also awarded a Growth Award for going above and beyond the Tree City USA standards, by implementing a routine street-tree pruning schedule and significantly increased tree maintenance budget. The Tree City USA Growth Award is awarded to recognize higher levels of tree care by participating Tree City USA communities. The Growth Award highlights innovative programs and projects as well as increased commitment of resources for urban forestry. This marks the city's 38th year as a Tree City USA and fourth time the city has been honored with a Growth Award.

Council Priorities/Initiatives

FY20-21 Budget. City Council held public hearings and resolutions regarding rates and fees were approved at its May 6th meeting. Council will adopt the final budget on May 20th. Council meetings are scheduled at Larcom City Hall, Council Chambers 2nd Floor, 301 E. Huron St. 7 p.m. Meetings will be available to view live in a variety of formats including: Comcast cable channel 16, AT&T UVerse Channel 99 or live [webstream](#). Citizens can also view the meetings later at their convenience via [CTN's Youtube channel](#). More information regarding financial reporting is available on the [budget public process web page](#).

Police Monthly Report. The April 2019 AAPD Monthly Comparison Report – Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report is attached.

Transportation Monthly Project Updates. The May 2019 Transportation Commission Project Report is attached.

Previews

The **May 20 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

Communications from the City Administrator.

Response to Council Resolution R-18-497 – Resolution to Address Crosswalk Improvements and Maintenance – Monthly Report May, 2019.

Council and Mayor Communications. As part of the annual boards and commissions appointment process there are many related confirmations.

Public Hearings. The agenda includes three (3) Public Hearings, which are referenced below and under second readings.

- **PH – 1 - Resolution No. 4 - Confirming the Northside STEAM Safe Routes to School**

Sidewalk Gap Special Assessment Roll

Second Readings. The agenda includes two (2) second readings.

- **An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code), Rezoning of 0.96 Acre from TWP (Township District) to R1C (Single-Family District), Dantzler Property, 2861 Stone School (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 7 Yeas and 0 Nays) (ORD-19-09)**
- **An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code), Rezoning of 0.52 Acre from TWP (Township District) to R1B (Single-Family District), Ganger Property, 2660 Apple Way (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 7 Yeas and 0 Nays)**

Staff New Business.

- **DS – 1 – Resolution No. 4 - Confirming the Northside STEAM Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Gap Special Assessment Roll**
- **DS-2 - Resolution to Approve a Contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the Northside STEAM Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Gap Project (\$415,874.00)**
- **DS – 3 - Resolution to Adopt Ann Arbor City Budget and Related Property Tax Millage Rates for Fiscal Year 2020.** Proposed budget amendments have been publically posted via [Legistar](#).

WIP (Work in Progress)

Police Chief Search. Candidates for the Ann Arbor chief of police position attended a public reception on Wednesday, May 15, interviews with staff and community members on Thursday, May 16, and public interviews at Special Session of City Council held on Friday, May 17. More information on the candidates is available via the [press release](#).

Road Construction Season. Road construction season in Ann Arbor is already underway with much to accomplish in 2019. The City has plans to resurface or restore 12 major streets and 33 local streets, and an additional 40 major and local streets will undergo preventative maintenance. A list of roadways planned for construction this year is available so residents and visitors will know what to expect (and where to avoid if possible). Updates are posted on the City's [road construction project page](#). You can also [subscribe](#)

Council Resolution Reporting. Staff is working on the following item pursuant to Council directions:

ITEM	TITLE	DUE DATE	STATUS
R-18-497	Resolution to Address Crosswalk Improvements and Maintenance	Monthly	Report is included as an Administrator Communication Item on the May 20, 2019 Council Agenda.

Other

Upcoming events with AAFD and AAPD. On Saturday, June 8, 11 a.m.–2 p.m., join the Ann Arbor Police and Fire departments on Fifth Avenue, between Ann and Huron streets, for the [Public Safety Open House](#) (PDF). A live fire demonstration will take place at noon. Free. All are invited!

On Sunday, June 9, at 3 p.m., the puck will drop between the Ann Arbor Police Department and the Ann Arbor Fire Department for the [Battle of the Badges Charity Hockey Game](#) (PDF). The battle takes place at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube, 2121 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor. Admission is \$10 per person. There will be a 50/50 raffle. Purchase a t-shirt for \$20 each. Proceeds benefit the Ann Arbor Firefighters Charities.

Ann Arbor Skatepark Light Up the Park 5th Anniversary Event is June 23. All are invited on Sunday, June 23, 11 a.m.–4 p.m. as the Friends of the Ann Arbor Skatepark, in partnership with City of Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation and GIVE 365, host a free event celebrating the five-year anniversary of the skatepark's grand opening.

This year's event, Light Up The Park, will feature guest athletes including nine-time skateboarding world champion Andy Macdonald, recent Birdhouse Skateboards pro Alec Beck, musician and professional skateboarder Ron Allen, LA Rams running back and skateboarder John Kelly, Midwest hero and nearly pro skater Gabby Rataiczak, and Arizona Skate Rising program manager/skateboarder Janthavy Norton. The day-long event will also include food to purchase, music, skateboarding competitions and a vendor area.

Light Up The Park kicks off of the Friends' Campaign to help fund much-needed lighting for the skatepark. Sponsorship opportunities are available by contacting Friends of the Ann Arbor Skatepark Founder Trevor Staples at trevor@a2skatepark.org or calling 734.223.9837.

Ann Arbor Farmers Market to Host Monthly Events in Celebration of 100th Birthday. This August marks 100 years for the Ann Arbor Farmers Market (AAFM) serving the community with local, fresh food, goods and so much more. There are some great events planned for the community all season long, including guest chef cooking demonstrations, kids activities and a 100th birthday

party Saturday, Aug. 24. But first, here's how you can join the AAFM (315 Detroit St.) in kicking off the season-long celebration in May: <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=578>

June Events & Opportunities with NAP. City of Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation (NAP) works to protect and restore Ann Arbor's natural areas and to foster an environmental ethic among its citizens. This involves conducting plant and animal inventories, ecological monitoring and stewardship projects in Ann Arbor's parks. These tasks are performed by both staff and volunteers. Find more information about NAP at www.a2gov.org/NAP.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Howard S. Lazarus, City Administrator
FROM: Ann Arbor Police Department
SUBJECT: Monthly Comparison Report – Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report
DATE: May 13, 2019

AAPD ARM Monthly Comparison Report – April 2019

Part A Crimes

Crime Category	Apr-2019	YTD 2019	YTD 2018	% Change
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	0	0	0	No Change
ARSON	0	1	2	-50.0%
ASSAULT - AGGRAVATED	8	41	45	-8.9%
ASSAULT - SIMPLE	45	189	154	22.7%
BRIBERY	0	0	0	No Change
BURGLARY - ALL OTHER	8	17	24	-29.2%
BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL	9	24	48	-50.0%
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	23	91	107	-15.0%
DRUG OFFENSES	8	34	73	-53.4%
EMBEZZLEMENT	1	7	6	16.7%
EXTORTION - BLACKMAIL	1	4	3	33.3%
FORGERY / COUNTERFEITING	1	10	7	42.9%
FRAUD	33	176	249	-29.3%
GAMBLING	0	0	0	No Change
HOMICIDE - JUSTIFIABLE	0	0	0	No Change
HOMICIDE - NEGLIGENT	0	0	1	-100.0%
HOMICIDE - NON-NEGLIGENT	0	1	0	N/C
INTIMIDATION / STALKING	12	53	32	65.6%
KIDNAPPING / ABDUCTION	1	2	3	-33.3%
LARCENY - ALL OTHER	54	194	239	-18.8%
LARCENY - FROM AUTO (LFA)	105	212	115	84.3%
LARCENY - RETAIL FRAUD	42	149	124	20.2%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT / FRAUD	8	29	11	163.6%
OBSCENITY	1	4	1	300.0%
ROBBERY	5	13	9	44.4%
SEX CRIME (VIOLENT)	15	32	23	39.1%
SEX OFFENSES - COMMERCIALIZED	0	0	1	-100.0%
SEX OFFENSES - CSC	0	0	1	-100.0%
STOLEN PROPERTY	0	5	4	25.0%
WEAPONS OFFENSE	0	10	11	-9.1%
Total	380	1,298	1,293	0.4%

*N/C represents an increase of "0" which is mathematically "Not-Calculable"

Report ran on 05/13/2019 using CrimeView Advanced Reporting Module.

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**Please note that reports are run for calendar month and that the months being compared may have different number of days.

Part B Crimes

ACCIDENT - HIT & RUN	1	5	2	150.0%
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	7	23	179	-87.2%
BURGLARY - ALL OTHER	1	2	3	-33.3%
DISORDERLY	0	0	0	No Change
ESCAPE / FLIGHT	1	4	0	N/C
FAMILY OFFENSE	1	9	14	-35.7%
FRAUD	3	10	5	100.0%
HEALTH AND SAFETY	5	8	6	33.3%
HOMICIDE - NEGLIGENT	0	0	0	No Change
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION	5	10	29	-65.5%
MISSING PERSON / RUNAWAY	4	16	10	60.0%
OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE	31	107	81	32.1%
OBSTRUCTING POLICE	9	42	28	50.0%
OUI OF LIQUOR / DRUGS	4	49	60	-18.3%
PUBLIC PEACE	20	64	76	-15.8%
SEX OFFENSES - OTHER	1	6	5	20.0%
TRESPASSING / INVASION OF PRIVACY	11	37	19	94.7%
VAGRANCY	0	0	1	-100.0%
Total	104	392	518	-24.3%

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AAPD Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report

Report #	Location	Date	Time	Vehicle Movement	Ped In Crosswalk	Ped Injury
19-14551	E Huron St & N Fourth Ave	4/12/2019	1:41 PM	Turning Right	Yes	Possible
19-16073	S University & E University	4/22/2019	7:19 PM	Going Straight	Yes	No
19-17121	E Kingsley & N Division	4/29/2019	3:15 PM	Preparing to Turn	Yes	Possible



Transportation Project Updates May 2019

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2018 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. Most of the work included in this year's project was completed, however work on one residential street (Wynnstone Dr.) was unable to be completed this year and will be deferred to the spring. Repaving of some asphalt paths along Ann Arbor-Saline Road has also been deferred to the spring. A full list of streets that were included in this project can be found at: a2gov.org/RoadConstruction.

Scio Church (Main to Seventh):

Road resurfacing project including: filling the sidewalk gap on the south side of the road; addition of a sidewalk on the north side of the road adjacent to the Pioneer High School property; crosswalk improvements at the Scio Church/Seventh intersection; a midblock crossing at Chaucer; narrowing of the existing pavement to provide a traffic calming effect; a reduced impervious surface; and additional space for stormwater management features. Various delays occurred during the construction of this project, preventing it from being completed in the Fall of 2018. Work on this project has resumed and is scheduled to be completed in early June.

Public engagement was held in March 2019 to solicit feedback on design alternatives for the S. Seventh Street/Scio Church (& S. Seventh Street/Stadium Boulevard) intersection. A public information session was held on April 25, 2019 to share results of the public engagement and review plans and next steps for the intersections. Based on public feedback and engineering considerations, the intersection redesign includes an island on Seventh Street south of Scio Church. The engagement results and plans are available at a2gov.org/seventh and a2gov.org/scio.

Fifth Avenue (Kingsley to Catherine):

Road reconstruction project including watermain replacement, stormwater management improvements, ADA ramp replacement, crosswalk improvements, and streetscape improvements. The project was designed as a joint effort between the City and the DDA. Early onset of cold weather and some issues with materials delayed this project. Concrete work has been completed, and temporary pavement has been placed. Remaining work (brick placement and final asphalt paving) has resumed and is currently scheduled to be completed by mid-July.



2019 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. Major road projects included in this year's program include: Stone School Road (Eisenhower to I-94); Traverwood Drive (Huron Parkway to Plymouth); Platt Road (Washtenaw to Huron Parkway); State Street (Stimpson to Oakbrook – concrete repairs); Fuller Road asphalt path at Huron High; as well as additional capital preventative maintenance treatments on several other major streets. A full list of streets included in this project can be found on the website at: a2gov.org/roadconstruction. Construction is scheduled to begin in May 2019.

Annual Sidewalk Repair Program:

An annual project to repair sidewalks throughout the City. Further information on the program and a list of 2019 target areas can be found at a2gov.org/sidewalks. Construction has begun on this project and is scheduled to go through October.

North Seventh Street (Huron to Miller):

Staff held a series of public meetings and an online input opportunity to gather initial feedback at the end of July and early August. This effort was followed with a postcard survey to properties along N. Seventh Street to determine sentiments about the potential loss of parking to accommodate buffered bicycle lanes. There was overwhelming support among the neighborhood to keep the on-street parking and staff will advance Concept #1 (keep on street parking; add buffered bike lane on southbound lane and a sharrow on the northbound lane). The striping for this project is anticipated to occur late this summer.

Crosswalk Improvements

City staff was directed by Council to report on several crosswalk improvement areas as outlined in Resolution R-18-497:

- [Crosswalk Design Guidelines](#) took effect January 15, 2019;
- A listing of significant pedestrian improvements completed in 2016, 2017 and 2018 was reported to Council in early February 2019 and documented hundreds of improvements across the City over the past three years;
- A listing of improvements planned for 2019 was reported to Council in early February 2019;
- An inventory of significant pedestrian crosswalks and a high level assessment of their consistency with the crosswalk design guidelines was reported to Council in early February 2019;

As part of the budget process, staff has prepared a high-level cost estimate to bring crosswalks into compliance with the crosswalk design guidelines. This was shared with City Council on April 15:

<http://a2gov.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=7145540&GUID=BBB45B79-CFBE-41EE-8BD0-745E82B6CDEC>. The second monthly progress report of upgrades to existing crosswalks will be shared with City Council in May 2019.

**School Safety Improvements:**

A list of priority items identified by the A2 Safe Transport group has been shared with the Transportation Safety Committee (TSC). City and Ann Arbor Public Schools staff identified work to be implemented in FY18 & 19. This will be considered to be the Tier 3 School Safety improvements. Implementation of the Tier 3 items will be accomplished through a combination of City crews and utilizing existing construction contracts, such as the Annual Sidewalk Repair Program. A listing of upcoming Tier 3 School Safety Improvements was provided on page 7 and 8 of the [2018 Work Plan](#). Approximately 60% of the improvements were completed in 2018, and the remainder will be completed in 2019. Per the listing compiled for City Council as discussed above, school safety improvements were made at 101 locations over the past three years.

RRFB Installations:

The City has plans to install RRFBs during the 2019 construction season at the following locations:

- Green Road @ Greenbrier (holdover from 2018)
- Geddes Road – east of Earhart
- North Maple – near Circle Dr.
- North Maple – between Pamela and Sequoia
- South Maple – between Bens St. and Russell St.
- Eisenhower Pkwy @ Plaza Drive (HSIP Grant)
- Huron Street – near Thayer (likely a HAWK signal instead – dependent on MDOT approval)

The City is also hopeful that it can proceed to install additional RRFBs at the following locations this year at the following locations:

- South Main at Fieldcrest
- S. Industrial at Rosewood St.
- S. Industrial at Jewett Ave
- S. Industrial at Astor Ave
- S. Industrial at The Ride building

North Maple Road Restriping and Crosswalks:

Based on the results of the analysis by City Engineering staff, the conversion to a three-lane section of this portion of North Maple was determined feasible. This conversion was completed in June 2018 following the completion of the surface treatment work. Staff will continue to monitor how the conversion is working.

The City held a public workshop on December 13 to solicit feedback on desired locations for crosswalks along Maple between Dexter and Miller. Additionally, an online map-based survey which allows residents to identify suggested locations for crosswalks is currently available until the end of March. About 30 people attended the workshop and their input will be used to guide the design and location of crosswalks. Lastly, a webpage was created for North Maple to provide background of the project as well as



project updates: a2gov.org/NorthMaple. These crosswalks are anticipated to be completed this year.

Allen Creek Berm Opening:

The necessary easements to construct this project have now been obtained and the project is moving forward. The project is expected to be in MDOT's July bidletting, and construction is anticipated to start late summer or early Fall. Work will likely extend into the spring of 2020 for final completion.

Dhu Varren Sidewalk Gaps:

Filling sidewalk gaps on the north side of Dhu Varren Road from Omlesaad to the west property line of the Nixon Farms development, utilizing Federal aid. This project previously included a sidewalk gap on the west side of Nixon Road from Traver to the south property line of the Nixon Farms development. However, this portion of the project was removed for consideration along with the Nixon Road Corridor design (see above). This project is currently in the design phase. A public meeting was held Wednesday, April 3rd. During this meeting, the City provided a description of the proposed work, and information about the cost estimates and special assessments. A summary of the meeting will be posted when available on the project website at: <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/engineering/Pages/Dhu-Varren-Road-Sidewalk-Project.aspx>. Construction is scheduled for late in the 2019 construction season.

Ann Arbor STEAM Safe Routes to School Project

Working with City staff, the STEAM Safe Routes to School Committee applied for grant funding through the State's Safe Routes to School Program. Part of that grant includes an infrastructure portion, which would fill various sidewalk gaps throughout the neighborhood around STEAM (Northside).

Public meetings were held in June and October 2018 and City Council discussed the project at three Council meeting in November and December – all of which resulted in design revisions (more detail is available on the project website [here](#)).

The first Resolution for the special assessment was passed on December 17, was brought back for reconsideration on January 7, 2019, and passed again.

Final plans were submitted to MDOT in late February for final review and bidding. Construction is expected to start in the June of 2019 after the end of the AAPS school year. The final special assessment resolution and approval of the City-State Agreement is currently scheduled to go before Council on May 20th.

Hoover/Hill/Greene Improvements:

Limits of this project include Hoover (Main to State); Greene Street (Hill to Keech); and Hill Street (Fifth Ave to Greene). The scope of the project includes replacement of water main in some areas, resurfacing of the streets, improvements to the Hoover/Greene intersection, and filling the gap in the bike lanes. Construction began on May 6th and is scheduled to be completed in November.



Southside Interceptor Sanitary Diversion: While not a transportation project per se, this project will have a significant impact on traffic, as it will be closing Fuller Street at Glen Ave in order to perform some major sanitary sewer work. Work is scheduled to begin May 6th and be completed by the end of August.

Huron Street Improvements:

DDA improvements on Huron Street (Third Street to Division Street). Physical improvements include new sidewalks, permeable pavers, street and pedestrian lighting, landscaping, and trees. Construction began in April and is scheduled to be completed in November. A DTE gas main replacement is also underway from Fourth Avenue to Thayer.

MDOT provided some response regarding the requested transportation and safety elements, approving a permissive-protected left turn signal at 5th Avenue and denying non-rush hour parking. The DDA and City Transportation staff continue to coordinate with MDOT for approval of a full signal to replace the Hawk signal at Third and Huron, restricted right turn on red along the corridor, and leading pedestrian intervals.

William Street Improvements:

DDA and City improvements on William Street (Fourth Street to State Street). The project includes advisory bike lanes from 4th Street to First Street and a two-way protected bike lane from First Street to State Street. The project also addresses street resurfacing and watermain consolidation within the project limits. Construction is scheduled to begin May 13th, 2019.

DDA Annual Bike Parking Installations

[Seasonal on-street bike racks](#) have been installed at the following locations:

- 100 S. 4th Avenue near Blom Meadworks
- 113 E. Liberty Street near Spencer
- 336 S. State Street near Bivouac
- 217 N. Main Street near Heidelberg
- 100 S. Main Street near Workantile
- 200 W. Liberty near Bill's Beer Garden
- 415 N Fourth Avenue, near Kerrytown Concert House

Additional racks have been ordered to expand the program this season. The DDA will soon begin evaluating for annual bike parking repairs and additions. If you have suggested locations or other feedback, please contact Amber Miller, DDA Capital Projects Manager at amiller@a2dda.org.

Projects Currently in Design/Planning

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 traffic signal is warranted at this location. This project is moving forward for construction this summer. Final details regarding the design and funding sources are still being worked out between AAATA and the City.

Jackson Avenue Crosswalk:

The City is planning for a crosswalk installation on Jackson Avenue near Weber's Inn. The crosswalk would include the installation of an RRFB. Because one leg of this crossing is owned by MDOT, the City prepared plans for submittal to MDOT to obtain permission to install the crosswalk in MDOT's right-of-way. MDOT denied this application, citing that in their analysis, an enhanced crosswalk was not warranted. The City continues to appeal this decision.

Nixon Road Corridor Improvements Design:

As directed by City Council, staff is beginning the design of the corridor improvements recommended by the Corridor Improvement Study conducted by OHM Advisors (a2gov.org/Nixon). The design of this project is being undertaken by Wade Trim Associates and is expected to continue through late summer of 2019. The Transportation Commission received a presentation about the project in August 2018.

This project is currently limited to the engineering design of the corridor. Construction of the first phase of the project is currently shown in the CIP for 2025.

Road Diets:

Staff evaluated the feasibility of lane conversions of several segments of roadway and presented the findings to the Transportation Commission in February 2019. Staff has prepared resolutions for City Council's consideration on June 3, 2019 for the following locations:

- Earhart Rd (from US23 to South Waldenwood) – the project entails: reducing the number of vehicular travel lanes from four to two; adding roundabouts at the intersections of Earhart/Glazier and Earhart/Waldenwoods/Greenhills; and adding a buffered bicycle lanes and improved crosswalks. A public meeting was held on April 11 and an online survey was available from April 12 to April 29. More information is available at www.a2gov.org/earhart;
- Green Road (from Burbank Dr to Plymouth Rd) – the project entails: reducing the number of and narrowing the vehicular travel lanes; and adding bicycle lanes. A public meeting was held May 9 and an online survey was available from May 9 to May 24; and
- Traverwood Drive (from Huron Parkway to Plymouth Rd) – the project entails: reducing the number of and narrowing the vehicular; adding a bicycle lane; and adding on-street parking A public meeting was held May 9 and an online survey was available from May 9 to May 24.

Other locations evaluated by staff include:

- South Main (Madison to Stadium)
- South Industrial (Stadium to 800 feet south of Stimson)



- Platt Road (Packard to Canterbury)
- West Oakbrook Drive (Ann Arbor-Saline to S. Main)

Fuller Road Crosswalk/Sidewalk Extension:

After months of contemplation of several factors including public input, engineering modifications, and alternatives evaluation, Council passed Resolution [R-19-118](#), which directed staff to leave the crosswalk at the existing location, widen the road, and install a pedestrian island. Staff is currently working on a schedule to implement the option directed by Council.

Washtenaw/Pittsfield Crosswalk:

Designs and cost estimates for this project were recently drafted and are under review by MDOT. The project is expected to move forward in 2019.

People Friendly Streets Initiative

The William and Huron Street projects are in the construction phase. The project team is continuing detailed design for First and Ashley Streets, planned for construction in 2020. Learn more at peoplefriendlystreets.org

Ann/Ashley Parking Structure Expansion

The DDA Board is pursuing a 3 story/400 space expansion of the Ann/Ashley Parking Structure. The goal is to encourage development of surface parking lots west of Main Street. In addition to vehicle parking spaces, the project includes expanded bike parking, LED lighting, stormwater infiltration, and added capacity for electric vehicle charging stations.

Other Updates and Information**Ann Arbor Station:**

AECOM continues work on the revised environmental review. FRA has completed its review of the draft Final Environmental Assessment (EA). AECOM is reviewing FRA's feedback and will develop a revised project schedule for the next steps in the planning process. The revised Final Environmental Assessment is being drafted to incorporate responses to earlier public and agency comments. Once the revised Final EA is approved by FRA a public review period will be scheduled. For additional background please visit 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. Proposals are currently under review for the design of the N. Main Street project. Additionally, the City is working with MDOT to improve the mid-block crossing on Huron near Thayer.

**Traffic Calming Program Submittals:**

The updated Traffic Calming Program, approved by City Council on November 19, 2018, will be used for the petitions currently under consideration.

Updates on recent Traffic Calming Program petitions are provided below:

- Scio Church Service Drive (Seventh to Chaucer): Project meetings with the neighborhood occurred on February 21, 2019 and March 21, 2019. Polling revealed support for the project and the resolution for approval is going to City Council for approval on June 3, 2019.
- Crest (Liberty to Buena Vista): A petition for Traffic Calming was received and the process will commence upon completion of the Scio Church Service Drive project.
- Fernwood (Lorraine to Packard): A petition for Traffic Calming was received and is currently being reviewed.

Transportation Plan update:

Four focus groups have been convened with community stakeholders who had expressed interest in participating. Technical/Steering and Community Advisory Stakeholder meetings are to be scheduled later this month. Surveys went out to committee nominees to ascertain their availability for scheduling purposes. An initial Walkshop, a walking review of street conditions, is to be scheduled with the project team in late May. The Team is also preparing to host a pop-up event during the Mayor's Green Fair in early June. Updates for the Commission will be scheduled as the project advances.

Lower Town Mobility Study:

This study is planned to be conducted in response to the request from City Council to review and update previous studies of vehicular, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian movement leading to and traveling through the Lower Town area. The Request for Proposals process is complete and City Council was presented a consultant contract on November 19, 2018 and January 21, 2019, but postponed action. The contract was not approved by City Council on February 19, 2019. However, staff was directed by Council on March 4, 2019 to include the Lower Town Area Study in the budget process.

Quiet Zone/Train Horn Noise:

The technical report indicating what is needed to implement a FRA compliant Quiet Zone was released for public review via an online survey. As of the drafting of this update over 530 responses have been received. A summary and proposed next steps will be prepared once the survey feedback is compiled and evaluated.

Crosswalk Streetlight Implementation:

City Council lifted the moratorium on the installation of street lights and budgeted funding for implementation over the past few years. To deal with the backlog of requests for streetlights, City staff developed a prioritization model criteria to determine how to implement the lights with the potential for the greatest impact. The evaluation criteria were centered on crosswalks and included additional consideration of: the



history of crashes; crash potential; proximity to transit stops; City vs. DTE system addition; proximity to activity generators/destinations; current lighting levels; street classification; and public requests/desire. It is anticipated that 25 to 40 locations will be able to be implemented with this funding in the coming year – 10 City locations; 4 DTE locations; and 5 other locations (as part of other projects) have been completed this fiscal year. It should also be noted that all crosswalk lighting is installed to provide positive contrast lighting to the pedestrian when in the crosswalk. City Council was provided an update on this streetlight implementation at their meeting on September 4, 2018.

ArborBike – Planning is underway for relaunch of the ArborBike system in the next month. AAATA is overseeing the Contractor on behalf of the bikeshare partnership that includes the City, the AAATA, the UM and AADDA. Currently, Shift Transit (the operator) is working to secure approvals for dock locations..

Speed Reduction Committee Recommendations:

Staff will begin the process to define metrics on how best to measure progress to achieve the recommendations set forth in the Speed Reduction Committee Recommendations. In the interim, this section is meant to provide an update on which projects align with the recommendations.

1. Dedicated Funding and Staff –A new transportation engineer started in March 2019 and the tentative budget for FY 2020 identifies a new senior transportation engineer with an emphasis on multi-modal safety.
2. Road Design – Adopt City Policy of Using Safe Systems to Design Roadways – Work to update the City’s street design standards (known as the “orange book”) have begun. The Transportation Plan Update may also provide suggestions on the hierarchy of needs for the City’s roads..
3. Increase Enforcement Efforts – Staff are currently contemplating how to best coordinate efforts between the Police Department and the Engineering Department. Efforts currently underway that can feed into this initiative include: the Driver Behavior Study, analysis of data collected from the speed reader signs, and integrating other speed data collected as part of other efforts.
4. Expanded and Sustained Public Outreach Campaigns – recent campaigns include the recent “In Ann Arbor, we stop for pedestrians at crosswalks. Period.”; City staff and DDA staff are also strategizing on an outreach campaign that would accompany the ribbon cutting of the William Street cycle track. Outreach has been conducted on Seventh/Scio and Seventh/Stadium intersections, Earhart Green and Traverwood lane reduction, pavement preservation project, N. Maple crosswalks, Scio Church service drive traffic calming.
5. Amend the Traffic Calming Program – the modified update to the Traffic Calming Program was adopted by City Council on November 19, 2018.
6. Lobby for speed changes on state-owned roads, starting with Washtenaw Avenue – communication was shared with MDOT about concerns raised at the intersection of Washtenaw and Hill. Preliminary discussions have also been had with Traverse City, Grand Rapids and Detroit about statewide initiatives that can assist cities improve the safety of roadways within their jurisdiction.



7. Create a Vision Zero Task Force – The Transportation Commission passed a resolution of support for a Vision Zero Task Force at their July meeting. The Transportation Plan update (detailed above) will have a focus of Vision Zero and will set the vision for Ann Arbor’s future transportation network. The steering committee for this initiative could serve the intent of the Vision Zero Task Force.

Office of Sustainability and Innovations Update:

The City’s Green Fleets Team (GFT) has been reviewing low-use vehicles (defined as using less than 200 gallons of fuel each year) in the fleet for possible removal, including meeting with vehicle sponsors to hear why their low-use vehicles should stay in the fleet. The GFT is also exploring adding in a carshare option to the fleet like Maven or Zipcar. Lastly, the GFT is planning internal outreach to staff about how to reserve and use pool vehicles such as the new Chevy Bolt pool car.

The Electric Vehicle (EV) Readiness Subcommittee of the Energy Commission continues to meet to learn about the options for an EV Readiness Ordinance through our zoning code. The Subcommittee is currently learning about what is in ordinances passed by other cities for the residential, commercial, and multifamily sectors. We are also hoping to recruit a member of the Transportation Commission and the Planning Commission to join this sub-committee so we can ensure alignment across priority areas within the City.

Staff is leading the development of a grant proposal for Ann Arbor and a group of other cities to visit Los Angeles to learn more about their groundbreaking low-income EV carsharing program, BlueLA.

Upcoming Sustainability Forums:

- March 21 - Climate Change 201
- April 18- Racial Equity in Washtenaw County

Save the date – the 19th Annual Ann Arbor Green Fair is scheduled for Friday, June 14 from 6-9pm on Main Street. More details will be coming shortly. To learn more, sponsor a booth, or sponsor the event, please contact Christine Schopieray (cschopieray@a2gov.org)