



Transportation Project Updates November 2020

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2020 Construction Projects

Allen Creek Berm Opening:

This tunnel will provide safe, convenient and legal access to the Argo Cascades for the first time in over one hundred years. The construction is now substantially complete and the tunnel is open to the public. More information is available on the [project website](#).

Annual Sidewalk Repair Program:

This program is an annual project to repair sidewalks throughout the City. Further information on the program and a list of 2020 target areas can be found at a2gov.org/Sidewalks. Construction began the last week of April, starting in the downtown area. Work is expected to continue through mid-November.

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. A full list of streets is posted on the website at: a2gov.org/RoadConstruction. Construction is currently active in the Dicken & Lawton neighborhoods and on Granger Ave. Work on Granger, Geddes Ave, Boardwalk, the Oakbrook, and South Main asphalt paths have been completed. Work on the overall project is expected to be completed in mid to late 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 filling of sidewalk gaps at this location. Construction on this project is now complete.

Ellsworth/Research Park Drive Intersection:

Directional boring for underground utilities and signal connections occurred the week of November 9, 2020. The steel poles and mast arms are on order and are expected to be delivered in the coming months. The work is expected to continue into the winter.

Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) Installations:

The following RRFB installations are planned for 2020:

- Huron Parkway at Glazier Way – construction delayed to spring of 2021 due to delay in streetlight installation
- Huron Parkway at Baxter Rd – construction delayed to spring of 2021 due to delay in streetlight installation
- Note: additional locations may be identified

**Fuller Court Sidewalk Gap Project:**

This project includes the filling of sidewalk gaps on Fuller Ct. (south side) from Fuller Road to 2250 Fuller Ct. Construction is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2021.

Projects Currently in Design/Planning**Scio Church Road (Maple to Seventh):**

The project includes some watermain and stormwater work, resurfacing, installation of bike lanes, new sidewalk, and crosswalks. More information is available on the project [website](#). This project is scheduled for construction in 2021. Staff is proposing on-street parking removal on the north side of Scio Church and buffered bike lane installation. The Transportation Commission voted to support this installation at their October 21 meeting, and it will come before City Council on November 16. Construction is scheduled for the spring of 2021.

Sidewalk Gaps

On the November 3rd ballot, voters approved the New Sidewalk Millage, which will be the primary funding source for sidewalk gap filling projects going forward. Staff is currently working on a plan to schedule the first round of projects, primarily from those that have already been designed and were previously postponed. Funding from the millage will not be available until after July 1, 2021, so the first round of projects is expected to be constructed in the second half of 2021.

Other Updates and Information**Street Millage and New Sidewalk Millage:**

Both millages were approved by voters on November 3. The New Sidewalk Millage goes into effect in 2021 (see "Sidewalk Gaps" above), and the Street, Bridge, and Sidewalk Millage goes into effect in 2022.

"Healthy Streets" - Transportation opportunities for social distancing

The different aspects of Healthy Streets are being removed during the month of November. The arterial lane reconfigurations were taken down the first week of November as the 90 day pilot duration and a report on these deployments will be shared with City Council and the Transportation Commission in December. The neighborhood slow streets program deployments were taken down the second week of November. The downtown street closures to support businesses is currently approved through November 30.

Lower Town Mobility Study:

The project team is hosting the second virtual public meeting for the project on November 19, 2020 at 6pm. This meeting will include a presentation on existing conditions followed by small workgroup breakout sessions to generate ideas about the future of mobility in the Lower Town Area. More information about the project and engagement opportunities can be found on the [project website](#).

**Office of Sustainability and Innovations (OSI) Update:**

Staff recently presented at a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Operations Meeting with DDA staff to advocate for the addition of 100+ L2 electric vehicle chargers within DDA garages. In addition, staff continue to work to transition the City's vehicle fleet to electric. In the coming months, we'll be meeting with major vehicle manufacturers to discuss an initiative to scale EV ownership in the community. In addition, staff are preparing an electric vehicle readiness ordinance for presentation to City Council in early winter. This ordinance will ensure that new developments and major renovations are equipped with the electrical equipment necessary to support a transition to EVs. More details on all of these programs will be available on our EV webpage as the program evolves.

Sic Transit Cycles has joined the Office's bicycle discount program. In July, OSI launched a discount program with local e-bike shop, Human Electric Hybrids (HEH). HEH chose to discount two models of electric bikes to support alternative transportation in Ann Arbor. Since that time, two more vendors have joined the program, Arbor Vacuums and Sic THIS ISSUE 1. Welcome 2. Program Updates 3. Upcoming Events 4. Special Announcements GET INVOLVED Learn more and get involved at www.a2gov.org/sustainability or by sending a note to sustainability@a2gov.org ISSUE 2 Transit Cycles. Arbor Vacuums discounted their entire line of IZIP e-bikes. Sic Transit has chosen to discount a "Commuter Package" of helmet, bike lock, and lights by 15%. For more information or to join this program, visit our website.

Lastly, OSI hosted a transportation power hour on November 12, 2020 to discuss electric vehicles.

Traffic Calming Program Submittals:

Updates on recent Traffic Calming Program petitions are provided below:

- City Council approved the Fernwood Traffic calming project as well as funding to implement the devices. Construction is now complete.
- Polling for the final draft traffic calming concept on Glenwood Road (Override to Washtenaw) is complete. The proposal received sufficient support from the project area polling process and has met the criteria to be considered at these upcoming meetings:
 - Transportation Commission to consider a recommendation – December 16, 2020
 - City Council to consider a resolution for construction approval – January 19, 2021

Transportation Plan Update:

The Project Team reviewed the draft plan with the Technical Advisory Committee on October 21, 2020 and the Community Advisory Committee on October 22, 2020. There was a virtual public meeting on October 29, 2020. The comments received are being reviewed and are being incorporated into the plan as feasible. A final draft will be



reviewed with the Transportation Commission on November 18, 2020. Once this round of plan review meetings is complete, the plan will be prepared for county and adjacent community review as it advances to adoption this winter. More information about the Plan, and upcoming public engagement opportunities, can be found on the project [website](#). Please subscribe to receive updates on this project.