



Transportation Project Updates February 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. 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 is being planned along segments of Huron Parkway. Once a complete list of locations has been determined, it will be posted on the [project website](#) and on the [project tracking dashboard](#)

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. A final public meeting was held on December 14, 2022. A presentation to the Transportation Commission will be given in February 2023. Information from this meeting is available on the project webpage at www.a2gov.org/earhart2023.

E. Medical Center Drive Bridge

This project is to perform preventive maintenance of the bridge leading to the hospital campus. At the University's request and cost, the bridge is proposed to also add a vehicular travel lane. Award of the construction contract went to City Council on January 23rd. A substitute Resolution was submitted to replace the contract award that would direct staff to continue working with UM to widen the bridge further to add additional pedestrian/non-motorized infrastructure to the bridge. This resolution was postponed to the February 21st meeting. At this point it is anticipated that construction on the bridge will not occur in 2023.

South Main Street Watermain & Resurfacing

This project consists of replacement of the watermain and resurfacing of the street from Huron to William. Public engagement has been underway with the adjacent business owners and the DDA. The construction contract was awarded by Council on January 23rd. Construction is scheduled to begin in late February/early March. More details can be found on the project website at www.a2gov.org/smmainwatermain.



Other Updates and Information

State Trunkline Jurisdiction Transfer Analysis

On December 5, 2022, City Council awarded the contract to Sam Schwartz to assess what the City should be 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 is conducting interviews and collecting asset data for the trunkline corridors.

Micromobility

The City and the University of Michigan have an Agreement with Spin to have up to 400 dock less vehicles in the form of scooters available for public use. The City is working with Spin to add up to 100 e-bikes to the pool of dock less vehicles as an additional shared use service. This new e-bike service is scheduled to roll out Spring 2023, pending Council approval.

Streetlight Implementation

1316 streetlight outages have been addressed to date by DTE in 2022. For 2023, DTE has reported fixing 109 streetlights so far. Additionally, work is now finished on streetlight maintenance which paints, replaces, or performs other preventive maintenance work on existing City-owned streetlights to ensure operability.

Traffic Calming Program Submittals

Granger (State to Packard) had its second meeting on 2/8/23. Granger (Forest to Olivia) will have its first meeting on 2/16/23; and Fulmer (Miller to Foss) will have its first meeting on 2/23/23. Baldwin (Packard to Stadium) have also kicked off and initial questionnaires were sent out and are currently being evaluated. Manchester (Buckingham to Needham) and Grandview (Jackson to Dexter) will kick off shortly.

The Traffic Calming Subcommittee will have its next meeting on 2/21/23.

Transportation Implementation Plan Update

The next meeting of the Vision Zero Implementation Committee will be held on February 27, 2023.

Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant

The USDOT announced that the City of Ann Arbor was awarded a \$3.8M Supplemental Action Plan grant “to build upon the existing safety action plan to conduct a speed management study and pursue quick-build projects.” Staff expects to get more information from USDOT when we enter into the grant acceptance process. More information about the program is available at: <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A>.

Education and Encouragement

Staff are working with partners for upcoming activities such as Bike Month, and the Commuter Challenge. One exciting developing has been the creation of a Vision Zero



Lunch and Learn series that will be held throughout 2023. This city staff focused series will help units across the city learn about the goals and objectives of the plan and how important their unit is in achieving success.

Raymond Hess, Suzann Flowers, and Cynthia Redinger were invited to be presenters in the Michigan Association of Planning's Transportation Bonanza virtual conference, to take place on February 23.

Conquer the Cold Challenge Runs Jan 10 to Feb 10, 2023

The City of Ann Arbor participated in the Conquer the Cold Challenge and as of Jan 31, the City Team has 31 participants, and had logged over 500 trips, burned 18,510 miles, and saved 2,605 pounds of greenhouse gas emissions. The challenge ends on Feb 10.

Suzann Flowers and Cynthia Redinger, co-chairs of the Michigan Chapter of the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals, will be hosting their first Chapter-to-Chapter exchange with the Missouri/Kansas Chapter this spring and are eager to welcome new members to the Michigan Chapter if you are interested.