



## Transportation Project Updates April 2025

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### **Transportation Planning Studies & Initiatives**

Interviews will take place the first two weeks of April and the selection committee will make a decision on selection recommendation by Friday, April 11.

#### **State Trunkline Jurisdiction Transfer**

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. The City Administrator sent MDOT a letter on December 20, 2024, to officially open discussions of a transfer. MDOT has received and acknowledged this letter. The City and MDOT will begin regular meetings to discuss the transfer beginning in April 2025.

#### **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 rights-of-way use contract was renewed by City Council for three months on June 3, 2024, and administratively extended another three months on September 9, 2024, December 13, 2024, and March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025, to give additional time for Council to discuss additional safety expectations and what to include in a longer agreement. City Attorney's office has drafted an updated agreement to have ready for approval before the end of June 2025.

#### **Road Safety Audit in Ann, Catherine, Glen and Zina Pitcher Area**

The contract with SEMCOG has been fully executed and the scheduling of the kickoff meeting will take place in April. The evaluation of the intersections will be done during the month of April to account for University of Michigan students. The preliminary findings meeting will take place in early May with the project team.

### **Design Projects**

#### **Other Sidewalk Gap Projects in Design**

The following sidewalk gap filling projects are currently beginning the design and public engagement process:

- Brockman & Crestland (both sides; Packard to Ferdon): The next public meeting for this project is scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Malletts Creek Library. Further information can be found on the [web page](#). Construction is scheduled for 2026.



- **Apple/Pear Area:** This project includes filling various sidewalk gaps at the locations listed below. Design work is just beginning, and more information will be provided once available.
  - Apple Street (Pontiac to Pear)
  - Pear Street (John A. Woods to Traver)
  - John A Woods Drive (Pontiac to Pear)
- **Dexter Ave (Maple to Ironwood):** Sidewalk will be installed on the north side of the road (due to budget constraints). A public meeting/walkthrough was held on October 5<sup>th</sup> to introduce area residents to the project. A question & answers document resulting from that meeting has been posted on the [web page](#). Construction is scheduled for 2026.

### **Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant – Speed Management & Quick Build**

Staff submitted National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) clearance document in January 2025 to FHWA Michigan Division offices. Staff are still awaiting a decision from FHWA. Preliminary designs for the potential suite of roadways is currently paused while NEPA is still pending. The Near Miss Evaluation contract with UMTRI was approved by City Council on the April 7, 2025, agenda. The projects website has been moved to the new [A2Engage site](#).

### **North University (State to Fletcher)**

Work includes watermain replacement, stormwater improvements, street resurfacing, sanitary sewer work on Thayer, bike lanes on North University, and evaluation of crosswalk improvements. Design work is underway, and more information will be shared when available. Construction is presently anticipated to occur in 2026. A presentation to the Transportation Commission is tentatively scheduled for June.

### **Packard Street (Main to State)**

This is a Federal aid project scheduled for construction in 2026. The project includes watermain replacement and road resurfacing. Additional features include bike and pedestrian improvements. A presentation to the Transportation Commission is tentatively scheduled for May.

## **Construction Projects**

### **2025 Street Resurfacing Project**

This suite of projects encompasses the majority of the City's Street resurfacing activities and includes some asphalt path resurfacing. A complete list of locations completed this year can be found on the [project website](#) and on the [project tracking dashboard](#). Construction is underway and will continue into the Fall.

### **Sidewalk Gaps**

- **Independence Blvd. (south side from Harpst to Esch)** - Construction of this project will be done in conjunction with the resurfacing of Independence Blvd. More information can be found on the [project website](#).
- **Sequoia Pkwy (south side from Kuehnle to Dellwood)**
- **Whitewood St.** - (east side from Norwood to end of gap) – This work will be done in association with the Pittsfield Village project.

**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. RRFB's along Miller are funded by HSIP (highway safety improvement program) fund. The construction of RRFBs will be coordinated with the Miller Avenue project. Construction is underway and is expected to continue into November 2025.

**State Street (William to South University)**

Work includes watermain replacement, stormwater improvements, street resurfacing, protected bike lanes, intersection improvements at the State/South University intersection, crosswalk improvements, and the addition of a transit-only lane in the northbound direction. The project will also incorporate a transit-only lane in the northbound direction. Design work is underway. Construction is scheduled to begin in early May 2025.

**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. An informational video and Q&A document can be found on the [project webpage](#). Construction phasing is currently anticipated as follows:

- Phase 1 (May 2025-August 2025): Huron Parkway to Bluett
- Phase 2 (May 2026-August 2026): Full closure of Nixon from Bluett to Argonne
- Phase 3 (August 2026-November 2026): Part-width closure from Argonne to Green

**Pauline Watermain & Resurfacing**

This project consists of watermain replacement and resurfacing from Seventh Street to Main Street. Design elements include installation of All Ages & Abilities bike facilities and raised crosswalks, raised intersection and speed tables for speed management. More information can be found on the project [web page](#). Construction is underway and is anticipated to be completed in August.

**Pittsfield Village Improvements**

This project encompasses a large area around Pittsfield Boulevard, Whitewood Street, and Pinecrest Avenue. The project scope includes watermain replacement, storm improvements, sanitary sewer improvements, and road resurfacing. Construction is underway and is expected to continue into November of 2025. Phase 2 of the project will then resume in the spring of 2026. For more information, see the [project webpage](#).

**Fifth Avenue (William to Madison) Resurfacing**

This project will complete a small segment of watermain upsizing (from Jefferson to Packard) and then resurface the entire stretch. The project will also complete a link of the proposed all ages and abilities network by connecting cycling facilities south of Madison with the William Street cycle-track through standard and contra-flow bike lanes. Construction is underway and is expected to extend to early July.

**2025 Miscellaneous Utilities Project**

Project locations include Glastonbury, Weldon, Harding & Fifth Ave. There are no proposed changes to Glastonbury or Weldon. On Fifth Avenue, the addition of bicycle facilities is covered by the Fifth Avenue Resurfacing Project description above. Staff is moving forward with the installation of an all-way stop and a realignment of the crosswalk at the intersection of Harding & Wallingford to reduce pedestrian crossing distance and improve safety. More information can be found on the [project webpage](#).

**Recent Southbound Lane Closure on Packard Road between Marlborough Drive and Pine Valley Boulevard**

The lane closure was from March 24 to March 28. Staff received input regarding insufficient maintenance of traffic for pedestrians in the work zone. Staff will closely review maintenance of traffic plans and the placement of temporary traffic control devices for users of all modes.

**Traffic Safety Corridor – Packard**

Staff are preparing for sign procurement and installation. Enhanced Enforcement of Bicycle Lane Ordinances and Identification of Engineering Solutions to Prevent Obstruction of Designated Bicycle Lanes, City Council passed resolution R-25-053. Staff members from AAPD and Public Services areas are working on responses and recommendations at this time.

**Streetlight LED Conversion Project**

The City of Ann Arbor was awarded Carbon Reduction Program Fund to convert over 4,000 low-efficiency DTE-owned streetlights to higher-efficiency LED fixtures. MDOT has approved force account work for this project. A City-MDOT grant agreement is under review. The City is setting up administrative and inspection support in anticipation of construction this year.

**UM Smart Intersections Project**

On January 1, 2021, the University of Michigan received a \$9.95 Million grant from the US Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment (ATCMTD) program. The project will deploy a network of smart intersections in Ann Arbor where vehicles and infrastructure interact in a connected environment using state of the art technology. The U-M has hired Integral Blue as main contractor to perform device installation. The majority of sites are located along Ellsworth, Fuller, Maple and W. Stadium. The first application is expected to be transit signal priority. More information is available on the award announcement [webpage](#).

**Streetlight Implementation**

As of the most recent report on March 18, 2025, DTE has completed repairs on 285 streetlights in 2025.

**Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program**

- Manchester (Buckingham – Needham) constructed in 2024; pavement markings to be installed as soon as weather permits in spring 2025
- Bird (Newport – W Huron River Drive) construction expected in 2025
- Henry (Golden – Packard) construction expected in 2025



- Arella (Stadium – Pauline) construction expected in 2025
- Mershon (Scio Church – Delaware) construction expected in 2025
- Worden (Jackson – Dexter) construction expected in 2025
- Traver (Barton – John A Woods) construction currently on hold, to be scheduled with Traver Water Main & Resurfacing project

Neighborhood traffic calming petitions received and to be evaluated

- Carmel St (Easy St to Towner Blvd), in engagement phase
- Brandywine Dr (Yost Blvd to Packard), in engagement phase
- Doty Ave (Arborview Blvd to Dexter Ave), in engagement phase
- Neighborhood approach for Redwood Ave (Springbrook St to Platt) & Rosedale St (St. Aubin Ave to Redwood Ave) & Springbrook St (St. Aubin Ave to Redwood Ave), engagement is anticipated to begin in late Fall 2025
- S. Revena Blvd (Abbott to South end of S. Revena Blvd)
- Neighborhood approach for Frederick Dr (Green to Middleton) & Middleton Dr (Frederick to Frederick)
- Shadowwood Dr (Ellsworth to Braeburn)
- Olivia Ave (Wells to Cambridge)
- W. Washington St (3rd to 7th)
- W. Hoover Ave (Fifth to Main)
- Hampshire Rd (Canterbury to Chesterfield)
- Davis Ave (Hutchins to Edgewood)
- Montclair Pl (Gardner to Stadium)
- Ferdon Rd (Stadium Blvd to Washtenaw Rd)
- N. Revena Blvd (Arborview to Linwood)

### **Education and Encouragement**

Bike to Wherever Day will be May 14, 2025, in Ann Arbor. City staff are partnering with Walk Bike Washtenaw and getDowntown for this event.

### **Signalized Intersections with FYA (flash yellow arrow) Indication**

Locations where pedestrian service cancels FYA

- Huron & Seventh
- Manchester/Sheridan & Washtenaw
- Eisenhower & Stone School
- Scio Church & Seventh
- Broadway & Maiden/Moore
- Main & Stadium
- Packard & Platt
- I-94 (E/B) & Jackson
- Depot & Main
- Ellsworth & Research
- Ellsworth & Varsity
- Ellsworth & Stone School
- Braeburn & Ellsworth



- Geddes & Huron Pkwy
- Ann Arbor Saline & Eisenhower
- Eisenhower & Industrial
- Barton & Plymouth

Locations where pedestrian service is concurrent with FYA

- Fifth & Huron (no push button)
- Division & Huron (no push button)
- E. Medical & Observatory (no push button)
- Pauline & Seventh (no push button)
- Brockman & Stadium (need controller firmware version 5.7)
- St. Francis & Stadium (need controller firmware version 5.7)
- Fuller & Glen (no push button)
- E Medical & E Hospital (need U-M approval)
- Huron Pkwy & Huron River Dr. (pending change in the week of April 14)