



Transportation Project Updates

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2024 Construction Projects

2024 Street Resurfacing Project

This suite of projects encompasses the majority of the City's Street resurfacing activities and includes some asphalt path resurfacing. Work began in May and will last into November of 2024. Construction work is substantially complete, and all streets are open to traffic. A complete list of locations completed this year can be found on the [project website](#) and on the [project tracking dashboard](#).

Sidewalk Gaps

Gaps in the sidewalk system that are expected to be filled in 2024 include:

- 580 Burwood Ave. – Complete
- Ellsworth Road (north side, State to Stone School) – Project is substantially complete; however, one gap remains due to a utility conflict. This remaining gap is expected to be completed in the Fall of 2024. - Complete
- Glendale Circle & Fair Street – Complete
- Page Avenue (Harpst to Esch) – Complete
- Stone School Road (east side from Packard to Eisenhower) – Complete
- Sunnywood & Gralake intersection – Complete

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. ARPA funds will be used to install the non-motorized elements of the project. Due to some confusion with the bidding requirements for ARPA projects, it was determined that the project would need to be rebid. The revamped project has now been rebid, and construction is anticipated to begin in spring of 2025.

Projects Currently in Design/Planning

South Main Street Sidewalk Gap

This project will construct new sidewalk on the east side of South Main Street between Stadium Boulevard and Ann Arbor-Saline Road. The project will utilize Federal Aid funds, with the local share funded by the Sidewalk Gap Millage and the University of Michigan. The sidewalk adjacent to the Arbor on Main (fka Valhalla) is expected to be completed by the proposed development. Design is mostly complete, and construction is presently anticipated for 2025, pending easement acquisition.



Other Sidewalk Gap Projects in Design

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

- Independence (south side from Victoria to Essex): Public engagement phase anticipated for Fall 2024. Construction scheduled for 2025. More information can be found on the [project website](#).
- Barton Drive (north side from M-14 to Brede): Public Meeting/Walkthrough was held on October 1st to introduce area residents to the project. A question & answers document resulting from that meeting has been posted on the [web page](#). Construction scheduled in 2026.
- Brockman & Crestland (both sides; Packard to Ferdon): Public Meeting/Walkthrough was held on October 3rd to introduce area residents to the project. A question & answers document resulting from that meeting has been posted on the [web page](#). Construction scheduled in 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 one side or the other (due to budget constraints through this project). A public meeting/walkthrough was held on October 5th 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.

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, and crosswalk improvements. The project will also incorporate a transit-only lane in the northbound direction. Design work is underway. Construction is scheduled for 2025.

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.

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 vide and Q&A document can be found on the [project webpage](#). Construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2025 and extend through 2026.



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. Staff received feedback regarding alternative intersection design at the intersection of Harding & Wallingford and has scheduled a neighborhood meeting for the project on November 14th. More information can be found on the [project website](#).

Downtown Area Circulation Study

The study will develop a cohesive transportation vision for downtown building off existing plans and policies (DDA's People Friendly Streets Initiative; Moving Together Towards Vision Zero Transportation Plan; TheRide 2045 Long Range Plan). This study will consider how to balance the needs of multi-modal travel, business activity, and infrastructure demands in the same street corridor as well as network-wide transportation impacts. Stakeholder and community engagement occurred the week of March 11, 2024, and several hundred residents participated. A second round of all-day community engagement was on October 23rd. The DACS team will return to the Transportation Commission to present post-engagement results. More information, including public engagement summary, is available on the project website:

<https://www.a2dda.org/people-friendly-streets/projects/downtown-area-circulation-study/>

Other Updates and Information

MDOT Coordination

The city has regular coordination with MDOT on State projects within the city. MDOT allows for locally installed improvements on their facilities, subject to their review and approval. The following projects are currently being coordinated with MDOT:

- US-23 Improvement Project: MDOT is conducting an environmental assessment on possible changes to US-23 between M-14 and I-94. More information about the project can be found on the project [website](#). MDOT has revised the Purpose and Need and scope of this project. All three freeway expansion alternatives are now excluded. The new scope would replace bridges (Earhart, East Huron River Drive, Packard Ave) with clear space for walking and biking facilities, replace pavement and make smaller changes to the US-23 mainline for safety. Washtenaw Ave interchange will continue to be worked out through the M-17 Planning and Environmental Linkages study. Ann Arbor Township is interested in partnering with City of Ann Arbor and MDOT to design a walking and biking connection for Plymouth Ave. Alternatives for the US-23/M-17 (Washtenaw Ave) interchange are under consideration. MDOT will hold an open house for the interchange alternatives in late October or early November

The MDOT University Region has initiated an Active Transportation Plan update. They have an engagement page available via <https://mdot.altago.site/>. A public survey on the project website and closed at the end of October.



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, Field installation is expected to be completed in fall 2024. The first application is expected to be transit signal priority. The project team plans to present an update to the Transportation Commission in December 2024. More information is available on the award announcement [webpage](#).

Streetlight Implementation

DTE has reported fixing 1062 streetlights so far in 2024.

Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program

- Manchester (Buckingham – Needham) construction in 2024
- 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 2026
- Traver (Barton – John A Woods) construction currently on hold, to be scheduled with Traver Water Main & Resurfacing project
- Worden (Jackson – Dexter) construction expected in 2026

Neighborhood traffic calming petitions received and to be evaluated

- Carmel St (Easy St to Towner Blvd), evaluation to begin in 2024
- Brandywine Dr (Yost Blvd to Packard), evaluation to begin in 2024
- Doty Ave (Arborview Blvd to Dexter Ave), evaluation to begin in 2024
- 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)
- S. Revena Blvd (Abbott to South end of S. Revena Blvd)
- Neighborhood approach for Frederick Dr (Green to Middleton) & Middleton Dr (Frederick to Frederick)
- Shadowood 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)



Bike Corrals Pilot Program

Participants have been sent a reminder for the limited maintenance requirement of the program. The program will be evaluated in the spring of 2025.

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant

The Near Miss task will have a request for proposals posted on November 13. The Quick Build and Speed Management tasks are project location selection, public engagement plan development, and NEPA package development.

Education and Encouragement

Bike to Wherever Day will be May 14, 2025, in Ann Arbor.

Grant Application

- CMAQ (congestion mitigation and air quality) FY2027-2029: Staff submitted two applications for the construction of roundabouts at two intersections, Dhu Varren & Pontiac Trail and Moore/Longshore & Pontiac Trail.
- Carbon Reduction Program FY2027-2029: Staff submitted three applications, including Division Street bike lane extension between Kingsley and Broadway Bridge, Broadway & Maiden/Moore intersection, and Ann/Catherine / Glen/Zina Pitcher.

Signalized Intersections with FYA (flash yellow arrow) Indication (no change in October)

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

Locations where pedestrian service is concurrent with FYA

- Fifth & Huron
- Division & Huron
- E. Medical & Observatory
- Pauline & Seventh
- Brockman & Stadium
- Barton & Plymouth
- St. Francis & Stadium
- Maple & Pauline



- Eisenhower & Industrial
- Ann Arbor Saline & Eisenhower
- Fuller & Glen
- E Medical & E Hospital
- Geddes & Huron Pkwy
- Huron Pkwy & Huron River Dr.