



## Transportation Project Updates January 2025

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### **2025 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](#).

#### **Independence Boulevard Sidewalk Gap**

This project will construct sidewalk on the south side of Independence between Harpst and Esch. A public meeting is scheduled for January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Malletts Creek Branch of the Ann Arbor Public Library. Construction of this project will be done in conjunction with the resurfacing of Independence Blvd. More information can be found on the [project website](#).

#### **Asphalt Path Resurfacing/Replacement**

At the following locations in 2025, existing asphalt sidewalks will be either resurface or replaced with concrete:

- Chaucer Drive cut-through to Village Oaks Court
- Eisenhower Parkway – south side from Stone School to Packard
- Ember Way cut-through to Packard
- Geddes Avenue – north side between Awixa and Huntington
- Newport Road – east side Lowell to Holyoke
- Pontiac Trail – east side near Brookside
- E. Stadium Blvd. – south side near Washtenaw
- State Street – east side, KMS Drive to Ellsworth

#### **FY2025 Crosswalk Improvements**

Staff is working on the design to install RRFB at five crosswalks.

- Stone School at Birch Hollow
- Stone School at Pheasant Run
- Stone School at Champagne
- Beakes at N Fifth
- Scio Church at Chaucer

#### **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.

**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 on the southern portion of the project limits is expected to begin in the spring of 2025 and the overall project will extend through 2026.

**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. On-site public engagement opportunities were held on May 11<sup>th</sup> and May 18<sup>th</sup>. A summary of these meetings, and the results of the online survey, have been posted on the project [web page](#). Staff proposed to eliminate on-street parking on the north side of Pauline in order to create space for the bike facilities. The removal of parking was approved by City Council on Sep. 16<sup>th</sup>. Construction is anticipated for 2025.

**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. Design work is underway, and construction is expected to begin in 2025 and run through 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 planned for 2025.

**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 held a neighborhood meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup> regarding modifying the intersection of Harding & Wallingford to reduce pedestrian crossing distance and eliminate excess pavement. An in-person public meeting will be scheduled in February 2025. More information can be found on the [project website](#).



### **Projects Currently in Design/Planning**

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

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

- Barton Drive (north side from M-14 to Brede): Public Meeting/Walkthrough was held on October 1<sup>st</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.
- Brockman & Crestland (both sides; Packard to Ferdon): Public Meeting/Walkthrough was held on October 3<sup>rd</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.
- 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 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**

The Near Miss Analytics task Request for Proposals is due January 7, 2025. Staff are currently reviewing two proposals received. For the Quick Build and Speed Management task, the consulting team is preparing for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document submission, which is a key step in moving toward design, this submission is anticipated to take place January 10, 2025 to FHWA Michigan Division offices.

#### **North Main Street Transportation Study**

Staff are finalizing the preparation of a Request for Proposals for a North Main Street Transportation Study. The RFP is anticipated to be posted publicly in early January, with proposals due back by February 14, 2025.

**Downtown Area Circulation Study**

The study will develop a cohesive transportation vision for downtown building off existing plans and policies. This study considers 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. A draft study report is being prepared with anticipated completion in Spring 2025. Near-term implementations include traffic signal removal at the intersection of Ashley & Liberty and Liberty & Thompson, and Washington Street Bicycle Boulevard. Other recommendations are at planning level and will require further study and engineering design prior to implementation. More information, including public engagement summary, is available on the project website:

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

**State Trunkline Jurisdiction Transfer Analysis**

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. This analysis was presented to Transportation Commission and DDA Board on February 21, 2024. A presentation at a City Council work session took place on June 10, 2024. A resolution directing the City Administrator to negotiate with MDOT transfer of ownership to the City was passed on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Staff held a meeting with MDOT to review the process. The City Administrator sent MDOT a letter to official open discussions of a transfer that MDOT has received and acknowledged

**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 parent company, Bird, filed for bankruptcy in December 2023, restructured and emerged from bankruptcy in March 2024. The devices will continue to carry the Spin brand, carrying out the same program and use the same W2-based staff. Spin's right-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, and December 13, 2024, to give additional time for Council to discuss additional safety expectations and what to include in a longer agreement.

**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:

- Right-of-way Construction permit application for sign installation as part of Ann Arbor Traffic Safety Corridors. Staff submitted permit application for segments of Jackson Avenue and Washtenaw Avenue. Comment review meeting is being scheduled for late January.

**Quiet Zone Study & Design**

The U-M is working with the City, MDOT and FRA on Quiet Zone study and design. Diagnostic study team review is scheduled for January 2025. All at-grade crossings from Summit Street to State Street are included in the field meeting.



### **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 have been completed in fall 2024. The first application is expected to be transit signal priority. More information is available on the award announcement [webpage](#).

OSI recently launched a Commercial EV Charger Discount program to distribute free and discounted EV Chargers at commercial sites and Multi Unit Dwellings (MUDs). Applications are being collected and more information can be accessed on the [project webpage](#).

The City was recently notified of its Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Program Round 1B award. This is an award of ~\$2.8 Million to help the City design and install dozens more public EV charge ports in Ann Arbor.

### **Streetlight Implementation**

DTE has reported fixing 24 streetlights so far in 2025.

### **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)

**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. Staff brought the grant acceptance and contract approval actions before Council, which approved the resolution on August 8. The project cleared NEPA and MDOT forwarded the obligation request to FHWA in September. More information is available on the [project website](#).

**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

**Locations where pedestrian service is concurrent with FYA**

- Fifth & Huron
- Division & Huron
- E. Medical & Observatory
- Pauline & Seventh (no push button)
- Brockman & Stadium
- Barton & Plymouth
- St. Francis & Stadium
- Eisenhower & Industrial
- Ann Arbor Saline & Eisenhower
- Fuller & Glen (no push button)
- E Medical & E Hospital
- Geddes & Huron Pkwy
- Huron Pkwy & Huron River Dr.