



Transportation Project Updates April 2024

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2024 Construction Projects

2023 Street Resurfacing Project

This project was mostly completed in 2023, however several locations are still to be finished in spring of 2024, including Aberdeen, Burson, Hawthorne, Norfolk, Shannondale, and Suffolk. A complete list of locations can be found on the [project website](#) and on the [project tracking dashboard](#).

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 is scheduled to begin in May and will last into November of 2024. Local resurfacing work in 2024 is scheduled to occur primarily in the Lakewood neighborhood (south of Jackson and west of I-94), with some resurfacing also occurring at several other locations (Burwood, Page, Northbrook, and Yost). Asphalt path resurfacing is scheduled to occur on the north side of Glazier Way near the Earhart intersection, and on the west side of Earhart Road north of Glazier Way. A complete list of locations will be provided on the [project website](#) and on the [project tracking dashboard once available](#).

Sidewalk Gaps

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

- 580 Burwood Ave.
- 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 spring of 2024.
- Glendale Circle & Fair Street
- Page Avenue (Harpst to Esch)
- Stone School Road (east side from Packard to Eisenhower)
- Sunnywood & Galake intersection

State & Hill Improvements

Overall, this project consists of resurfacing on Hill Street (Fifth to Church) and State Street (South University to Packard and Hoover to Granger). Also included is some watermain consolidation, and safety improvements along both corridors. More information can be found on the project website. Construction on the State Street portion of the project is completed and is open to traffic. Construction on the Hill Street portion of the project is underway is scheduled to be completed in August.



E. Medical Center Drive Bridge

This project is to perform preventive maintenance of the bridge leading to the hospital campus and add a vehicular travel lane. The project has been redesigned to meet the requirement of City Council's resolution and the project was rebid. A resolution went to City Council on December 18th to approve the construction contract. Construction is underway and schedule to continue through the end of 2024.

Miller Avenue Improvements

This project includes watermain replacement, stormwater improvements, road resurfacing, crosswalk improvements, speed management, and an All Ages and Abilities bike facility between Chapin and Newport. Staff is planning to expand the limits of the bike facility out to Maple Road. The project was presented to the Transportation Commission in February and community engagement on the bike and pedestrian elements occurred in March 2024. More information can be found on the project website at url.a2gov.org/millerave. Construction is scheduled to start in June of 2024, and will likely be done in two phases, spanning into 2025.

Seventh Street & Greenview

This project consists of watermain replacement and resurfacing on South Seventh Street between Scio Church and Delaware, and on Greenview between Seventh and Stadium Boulevard. The Seventh Street portion of the project includes stormwater improvements in the scope and may include road narrowing, raingardens, sand filters, and/or underground stormwater storage. Greenview between Seventh and Scio Church includes watermain replacement and resurfacing. Greenview between Scio Church and Stadium includes watermain replacement, resurfacing, road narrowing, bumpouts, and additional crosswalks. See the [project webpage](#) for further information. Construction is scheduled to begin in late April, likely on the South Seventh portion of the project.

Projects Currently in Design/Planning

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. Construction is expected to begin in 2025.

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. City Council, at the recommendation of the Transportation Commission, passed Resolution R-23-386 "Resolution to Restore Community Connections with Continuous, Comfortable Walking



and Biking Facilities Across US-23." Preliminary indications from MDOT indicate a willingness to add non-motorized connections across US-23 in response to this resolution (though vehicular capacity adding alternatives are still under consideration). Additionally, Council passed Resolution R-24-091 "Resolution in Support of TheRide's Proposal to Explore Alternative Options on the US-23 Corridor [Project](#)." More information about the project can be found on the project [website](#).

Streetlight Implementation

DTE has reported fixing 438 streetlights so far in 2024.

Traffic Calming Program Submittals

Bird (Newport to Huron River), Arella (Stadium to Pauline), and Henry (Golden to Packard) are all going to City Council in June. The next three petitions have kicked off: Mershon (Scio Church to Delaware) had its first meeting on March 21st 6-7:30pm. Worden (Jackson to Dexter) had its first meeting on April 3rd 6-7:30pm; and Traver. (Barton to John A Woods) had its first meeting on April 4th 6-7:30pm.

Quick Build Program

The 2023 Quick Build Program survey has now closed and had 243 responses collected. A summary report will be made available in early May.

2023 Annual Snapshot

This story map provides updates and progress on the Moving Together Towards Vision Zero transportation plan. The story map can be viewed online at the City's Vision Zero website: <https://a2gov.org/visionzero>.

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant

The RFP for grant coordinator was posted on April 1 and will close on May 13, this work is focused on grant administration, Quick Builds and Speed Management. The Near Miss Analytics is also moving forward as staff finalizes a contract with a consulting firm to assist in the development of RFP documents for vendors and provide oversight of the program.

Unified Development Code MTIA amendments

In summer 2023, Planning and Transportation staff prepared a [diagnosis and commentary](#) on three sections in the Unified Development Code (UDC, Chapter 55 of City Code, www.a2gov.org/udc addressing transportation impact analyses for potential amendments to clarify and improve. The sections establish the Criteria for Review of a Traffic Impact Analysis, specify when and what methodology is used in a Transportation Impact Analysis, and provide the standards for site plan approval. The Planning Commission's Ordinance Revisions Committee recommended moving forward with changes to the methodology only. Amendments were then drafted to amend requirements and references from "traffic" and "traffic impact analysis" to "transportation" and "multimodal transportation impact analysis." Specifically, the submittal requirements are changed from the 2010 Institute of Transportation Engineers' Transportation Impact Analysis to the 2023 version for Multimodal Transportation Impact Analysis. As staff has been advising applicants for quite some time on preparing MTIA's in pre-submittal meetings and written



reviews, these staff-initiated amendments are helpful updates and will bring immediate clarity to development review customers.

The [Planning Commission](#) held a public hearing on the ordinance to amend the UDC on December 19, 2023 and [City Council](#) passed the first reading of the [ordinance](#) on April 1, 2024. A public hearing and approval are scheduled for May 6 and if approved the changes will take effect a few weeks later.

When staff time and resources allow, additional amendments may be prepared to change, update, or clarify the other sections to address compliance thresholds and mitigation measures based on the results of MTIA's.

Education and Encouragement

The Lunch and Learn Series on educating city staff on elements of the plan are continuing into 2024. The upcoming topics will focus on Maintenance of Traffic during construction for bicyclists.

Save the Date – May 15, 2024, will be the next Bike to Wherever Day.

TheRide Update

Work continues to progress on implementation plans for expanded services promised with the approval of a millage in 2022. Information on these services will be made available for public review and feedback in late October 2023. Services are expected to start in Spring and Summer 2024.