



City of Ann Arbor City Administrator's Report December 20, 2021

Prepared for City Council. Kindly forward questions, comments, or suggestions for input to mdohoney@a2gov.org, jfournier@a2gov.org, or shiggins@a2gov.org.

Safety Notes

A2 Be Safe! Coronavirus (COVID-19) update. It remains vitally important for everyone to follow the latest public health guidelines, both inside and outside of the workplace, and to get vaccinated when eligible.

City facilities are open to the public. Effective August 9th, face masks are required in indoor city facilities in shared spaces and common areas. The city will continue to share updated information via all channels — including Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/TheCityOfAnnArbor>), Twitter (<https://twitter.com/a2gov>), NextDoor and via email (subscribe at http://service.govdelivery.com/service/subscribe.html?code=MIANNA_5).

City staff continue to serve the community and residents can always contact the city's customer service center for assistance Monday–Friday, 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. (except holidays) at 734.794.6320 or via email at customerservice@a2gov.org with questions or concerns.

For the latest COVID-19 health information, please visit www.washtenaw.org/COVID19 or the Centers for Disease Control <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/>. For city related business, individual safety reminders include:

- Please check the [city's meeting calendar for](#) the most up-to-date information on public meetings.
- To pay parking tickets, water bills, property taxes, apply for permits as well as other customer service options, residents and visitors are encouraged to take advantage of online services by visiting www.a2gov.org/services.

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Success Stories

Success. Thank you to staff throughout the organization who have worked and continue to work tirelessly, and those who have gone above and beyond during the COVID-19 pandemic. You are appreciated! The City extends appreciation to the Ann Arbor community for their patience; cooperation with mask wearing and distancing; increased handwashing; support of local businesses; and for getting/planning to get vaccinated all in a united effort to bring the pandemic to an end.

Ann Arbor Ann Arbor named Gold-level Bicycle Friendly Community by League of American Bicyclists. The League of American Bicyclists has named Ann Arbor a Gold-level Bicycle Friendly Community! The Gold-level BFC award recognizes Ann Arbor's commitment to improving conditions for all people who bike through investments in bike education programs, regular bike events that promote and encourage people to choose biking, pro-bike policies, and bike infrastructure. Please see the news release, below and online at <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=843>, for details.

Sustainability & Innovations Corner

- **Solarize.** If you have been thinking about installing solar at your home, winter is a great season to research and make informed decisions. OSI's Solarize program is a great resource to help you navigate the terrain. For details, please refer to the web page: <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/sustainability/Sustainability-Me/Families-Individuals/Pages/Ann-Arbor-Solarize.aspx>
- **2030 District and Solar Faithful.** Have you been searching for a way to bring your faith-based community into the climate conversation? Check out the sources put together by **HoW** (Houses of Worship) by going to this website: <https://www.2030districts.org/annarbor/ann-arbor-houses-worship>
- **A²ZERO Ambassadors.** The City of Ann Arbor Office of Sustainability has begun to accept applications for its 3rd Cohort of A²ZERO Ambassadors which will launch in February of 2022. The program which is modeled after the 7 strategies of the ambitious A²ZERO Carbon Neutrality Plan, lasts approximately 12 weeks. If you would like to more information about the A²ZERO Ambassadors go to <https://tinyurl.com/vny6vcwd> or email Galen Hardy at ghardy@a2gov.org
- **Congratulations are in order!** The City of Ann Arbor would like to congratulate Julie Roth-Senior Energy Analyst for the Office of Sustainability and Innovations for receiving the Sierra Club of Huron Valley's GEORGE SEXTON PUBLIC SERVANT OF THE EARTH AWARD-Recognizing the contribution of local government employees and commission members whose efforts have helped protect our local environment. "Julie has made A²ZERO a reality through the Solarize program."
- **Resident Race to Zero Energy Challenge. (formerly the Biggest Loser):** The Resident Race to Zero Energy Challenge is a home energy competition run in partnership with the [GreenHome Institute](#). From February 1st through December 31st, 2022, participants will reduce their water and electric bills through a variety of efficiency improvements – and the household with the largest reduction in energy usage will win \$500. Other prizes will also be available, based on improvements in Home Energy Score, decreases in water usage, and more. For more information, see: [The Resident Race to Zero Energy Challenge](#).
- **Resident Race to Zero Waste Challenge.** We are excited to announce that we are partnering with [Live Zero Waste](#) to host a city wide zero waste challenge! From February 6th through the 12th, 2022 participants will be encouraged to live a zero-waste lifestyle and attend daily educational webinars. As a part of the challenge participants will have

the opportunity to win prizes through a drawing at the end of the week. For more information, see: [The Resident Race to Zero Waste Challenge](#).

- **Sustainable Holiday Gift Ideas.** Look for locally made gifts- reduce your carbon footprint, supports local business. (Wednesday/Saturday Farmer's Market/Sunday Artisan Market).

Buy secondhand. Patagonia and REI both have websites for used clothing and gear.

Reusable beeswax food wraps and sandwich bags

Reusable water bottle or travel mug

Wool dryer balls as an alternative to dryer sheets

Choose gifts made from recycled sources

Knit, crochet or felt hats, scarves, headbands or hand warmers

Forego traditional wrapping paper and instead consider a fun alternative

<https://learn.eartheasy.com/guides/gift-wrapping-alternatives/>

Baked goods-cookies, quick breads, candied pecans

Organic soaps & lotions, beeswax lip balm

Coupons- sidewalk shoveling, pet sitting, babysitting, coffee dates, bookstore visits

Seed packets and a pot to start them in (trade heirloom seeds!)

- **Winter Is Coming.** As the temperature cools, the Office of Sustainability and Innovations wants to extend warm wishes to our fellow staff around the city and elevate a few easy techniques and resources you can utilize this winter to keep warm and reduce energy costs. We hope you find the enclosed useful but always feel free to reach out to sustainability@a2gov.org, or stop by the 5th floor of City Hall to ask questions and pick up an Energy kit, complete with weather stripping foam, LED lightbulbs, and a low-flow shower head to kick start your savings!
- **Sustaining Ann Arbor Together.** The City administers a grant program for residents to advance community-wide sustainability, known as the Sustaining Ann Arbor Together (SA²T) grant program. SA²T is currently accepting applications for this year's grant program. Successful applicants can receive up to \$10,000 to advance social or environmental sustainability in the community. Learn more at www.a2gov.org/sa2t.

Council Priorities/Initiatives

Police Monthly Report. The November 2021 AAPD Monthly Comparison Report – Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report (PDF) is attached.

Transportation Commission Monthly Report. The December 2021 Transportation Commission Project Report (PDF) is attached.

Previews

The **December 20 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

Consent Agenda (6). There are six items on the consent agenda.

Public Hearings (6). There are six public hearings listed below and under second readings.

- **A public hearing and Resolution to Approve Mill Creek Townhomes Site Plan, 3002 Chelsea Circle (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 0 Nays).** Approval of this resolution will allow for the construction of 102 apartments in four buildings, and demolishing and rebuilding the community center.

Ordinances – Second Readings (5)

- **An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code), Zoning of 32.6 Acres from R3 (Townhouse Dwelling) to R4B (Multiple-Family Dwelling), Mill Creek Townhomes Rezoning, 3002 Chelsea Circle, (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 0 Nays) (ORD-21-34).** Approval of this resolution will zone a 32.6-acre site from R3 (Townhouse Dwelling) to R4B (Multiple-Family Dwelling) to allow new apartment buildings to be constructed as infill development at an existing townhouse community.
- **An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code), Rezoning of 0.61 Acres from PUD (Planned Unit Development District) to PUD (Planned Unit Development District), Casa Dominicks Development PUD Zoning and Supplemental Regulations, 800, 812, 814 Monroe, 705 Oakland, 700, and 706 Tappan (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 0 Yeas and 8 Nays) (ORD-21-35).** Approval of this ordinance will modify the zoning of this property PUD (Planned Unit Development) to allow the petitioner to delay closure of a curb cut as specified in the approved Supplemental Regulations.
- **An Ordinance to Amend Sections 2:25, 2:26, and 2:38 of Chapter 27 (Water Service) of Title II of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor.** The purpose of the proposed code amendment is to clarify Public Services Area Administrator’s authority to provide an option for water utility customers to opt-out of the current requirement that water meters be equipped with an automatic remote meter reading device and ensure the access provision is consistent with constitutional requirements. An opt-out of the automatic remote meter reading device will require installation of a water meter that allows for manual reads by staff subject to additional fees and charges for installation, ongoing manual reads and other administrative costs. The ordinance amendment also clarifies that a failure to allow installation, repair or replacement of an automatic remote meter reading device is a code violation which may subject a customer to a monthly surcharge and discontinuance of water service.

For more than 15 years, the city had made use of Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI). AMI provides increased meter reading accuracy, improved billing, opportunity for enhanced customer services, and reduced operating costs over other metering technologies. The AMI technology uses radio frequency transmitting devices which are connected to the water meter by wire and transmits meter readings wirelessly to the city. These devices are known as meter transmitter units and are located inside the home or building near the water meter.

Details of the AMI opt-out policy, which will be added to the Public Services Area Rules and Regulations pursuant to Section 2:31, will be presented to Council with the second reading of the ordinance amendment.

- **An Ordinance to Repeal and Replace Chapter 113 (Regulation of Use of Model Glues) of Title IX (Police Regulations) of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor.** This ordinance will be reviewed for changes under the Criminal Ordinance Reform Project 2021-22. Proposed changes include:
 - Adding the already existing penalty to the chapter for better understanding
 - Altering pronouns to use gender neutral language
 - Updating the list of commonly inhaled glues. The prior list is from 1966 and does not include substances found in more modern day stores.
 - Emphasizing that one is expressly prohibited from operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicating agent even if the substance was legally ingestedThis ordinance, along with all other amended ordinances in the Reform Project are scheduled to go into effect on April 15th, 2022. This will afford time for the training of sworn and unsworn police department employees, the recalibration of our hand held ticket devices, and coordination with our local court system in an efficient manner.
- **An Ordinance to Repeal and Replace Chapter 115 (Weapons and Explosives) of Title IX (Police Regulations) of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor.** This ordinance will be reviewed for changes under the Criminal Ordinance Reform Project 2021-22. Proposed changes include:
 - Adding the already existing penalty to the chapter for better understanding
 - Altering pronouns to use gender neutral language
 - Amends language to include the forfeiture of a firearm if used in the commission of the violation of the listed ordinance.
 - Repeals one out of date ordinance.
 - Amends 9:275 to comport with state law
 - Updates the fireworks ordinance to include Indigenous Peoples Day and Juneteenth Holidays
 - Updates sections to include the International Fire Code (IFC) definitions, which were previously adopted by the Ann Arbor Fire Department.

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Ordinances – First Readings (2).

- **An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code) Zoning of .4 Acres from TWP (Township District) to R1B (Single-Family Dwelling District), 559 Riverview Drive**

(CPC Recommendation: Approval - 9 Yeas and 0 Nays). Approval of this resolution will zone this .4-acre parcel from TWP to R1B to allow access to City utilities. The site was recently annexed in the City, effective October, 2020 as notified by the Secretary of State to the City Clerk.

- **An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 14 (Purchasing, Contracting and Selling Procedure) of Title 1 of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor.** On November 2, 2021, Ann Arbor voters approved Proposals A, C, and D, amending Charter Sections 14.2 and 14.3. These Charter amendments authorize passage of a City ordinance to regulate emergency procurement and increase the limit for City Administrator purchasing, and also require the City to award contracts to the bidder that provides the best value to the City. This ordinance amends Chapter 14 of the City Code to implement these voter-authorized changes. The ordinance also includes technical amendments, including deletions of now-unnecessary definitions, revisions to address inconsistent language and terminology, removal of gendered language, and other clarifications.

Other

City Schedule Notes. Have a safe and happy holiday season. Please note the following schedule notes for Ann Arbor.

Thursday, Dec. 23, and Friday, Dec. 24: City municipal offices are closed to observe Christmas Eve and Christmas day. Trash/recycling will be collected as usual, without delay, both Thursday and Friday.

Thursday, Dec. 30, and Friday, Dec. 31: City municipal offices are closed for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Trash/recycling will be collected as usual, without delay, both Thursday and Friday.

When the holidays are over, and you're trying to figure out what to do with all the wrapping paper, gift bags and other "leftovers," check out Recycle Ann Arbor's Holiday Zero Waste guide for tips and information. Find it at <https://www.recycleannarbor.org/news/holiday-zero-waste-guide>. Later this month, watch the city website, <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/trash-recycling/Pages/Christmas-Tree-Disposal-.aspx>, and social media for updated information about Christmas tree disposal dates and locations for the 2021/2022 holiday.

City Shares Drop-off Locations for Christmas Tree Disposal. The City of Ann Arbor will again provide drop-off locations for free disposal of Christmas trees, Monday, Dec. 13, 2021-Monday, Jan. 17, 2022, since trees are not collected curbside at residences. Please see the news release, below and online at <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=844>, for details.

Monthly Winter Curbside Collection of Compost to Begin Jan. 3. Winter Is Coming. As the temperature cools, the Office of Sustainability and Innovations wants to extend warm wishes to our fellow staff around the city and elevate a few easy techniques and resources you can utilize this winter to keep warm and reduce energy costs. We hope you find the enclosed useful but always feel free to reach out to sustainability@a2gov.org, or stop by the 5th floor of City Hall to ask questions and pick up an Energy kit, complete with weather stripping foam, LED lightbulbs, and a low-flow shower head to kick start your savings!

If you or anyone you know is struggling with high energy bills or unexpected furnace failure please see below for some resources.

December Events with NAP. City of Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation (NAP) works to protect and restore Ann Arbor’s natural areas and to foster an environmental ethic among its citizens. This involves conducting plant and animal inventories, ecological monitoring and stewardship projects in Ann Arbor parks. These tasks are performed by both staff and volunteers. For more information about NAP, visit www.a2gov.org/NAP. Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation has events and opportunities planned year round, including in December! Please see the schedule, below and online at <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=838>, for details.

Streetlight Outage Reporting. Did you know you can help the community be and feel safer by reporting streetlight outages? Simply visit www.a2gov.org/a2fixit (<https://www.a2gov.org/services/pages/report-a-problem.aspx>), or download the A2 Fix It app on your smartphone, to report streetlights that are no longer working. And remember, A2 Fix It isn’t just for streetlights. You can use the tool to report potholes and missed cart pickups as well.



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FROM: Ann Arbor Police Department
SUBJECT: Monthly Comparison Report – Monthly Offense and Pedestrian Crash Report
DATE: December 9, 2021

AAPD Offense Monthly Comparison Report (preliminary and advisory) – November 2021

NIBRS Category	2019	2020	2021	Monthly % change	Previous Year (to-date)	This Year (to-date)	Yearly % change
Aggravated Assault	23	17	20	17.6%	172	208	20.9%
Animal Cruelty	0	0	0	no crimes	5	3	-40.0%
Arson	1	1	0	-100.0%	4	5	25.0%
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	7	12	16	33.3%	148	175	18.2%
Counterfeiting/Forgery	9	8	0	-100.0%	55	27	-50.9%
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	32	31	29	-6.5%	330	350	6.1%
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	7	3	9	200.0%	53	66	24.5%
Embezzlement	1	0	1	-	7	9	28.6%
Extortion/Blackmail	2	1	0	-100.0%	10	9	-10.0%
Fraud Offenses	54	32	39	21.9%	517	405	-21.7%
Homicide Offenses	1	0	0	no crimes	1	2	100.0%
Intimidation	5	8	2	-75.0%	87	91	4.6%
Kidnapping/Abduction	1	0	0	no crimes	3	0	-100.0%
Larceny/Theft Offenses	130	125	124	-0.8%	1293	1342	3.8%
Motor Vehicle Theft	11	11	6	-45.5%	73	86	17.8%
Robbery	5	3	4	33.3%	35	29	-17.1%
Sex Offenses	6	5	7	40.0%	61	73	19.7%
Simple Assault	57	36	47	30.6%	481	502	4.4%
Stolen Property Offenses	3	3	2	-33.3%	27	8	-70.4%
Weapon Law Violations	2	2	3	50.0%	30	37	23.3%



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Notes for AAPD Offense Monthly Comparison Report:

- COVID-19 restrictions went into effect on 3/13/2020
- We are using national crime categories, known as NIBRS, for comparison with other cities
- There may be a slight variation in crime stats due to incomplete or unapproved reports at the time report was run.
- Please note that reports are for calendar month and that the months being compared may have different number of days.

AAPD Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report – November 2021

Report #	Location	Date	Time	Vehicle Movement	Ped In Crosswalk	Injury Category
210042441	Huron and Arbana	11/16/2021	3:15 PM	Going straight	No	A/B
210042864	Hill and State	11/19/2021	6:37 PM	Going straight	yes	unk ped. fled scene
210043211	Miller and Newport	11/22/2021	8:45 AM	Going straight	yes	A

Injury Legend:
K - Fatal Injury (any injury which results in death)
A - Suspected Serious Injury (Any injury other than fatal which prevents normal activities and generally requires hospitalization)
B - Suspected Minor Injury (Any minor injury that is evident to others at the scene)
C - Possible Injury (Any possible injury that is reported or claimed)
O - No Injury (No indication of injury)



Transportation Project Updates

December 2021

[Subscribe](#) to receive monthly Transportation Project Updates.

Visit a2gov.org/TransportationCommission for additional background.

Contact the Transportation Commission at TransportationCommission@a2gov.org

2021 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. The complete list of streets included in the 2021 program is posted on the [project website](#). Work on this project has been substantially completed, with the exception of the sidewalk construction at Yost & Eli (see below).

Plymouth Road Phase 2 (Murfin to lower Broadway)

This project is a preventative maintenance project (partial depth milling & repaving), very similar in scope to the work that was just completed further east on Plymouth. Work on this project has been completed and the road is now open to traffic.

Sidewalk Gaps

Gaps in the sidewalk system that are expected to be filled in 2021 include (some tentative timelines shown in parentheses):

- Barton Drive (north side from Brede to Pontiac) – Substantially completed, however the new crosswalk will remain closed until the streetlights can be installed.
- Boardwalk Drive (east side from Eisenhower to Oakbrook) (postponed to spring 2022)
- Jackson Avenue (south side from Wagner to Park Lake) – Completed
- Scio Church Road (north side from Landmark Court to Winsted and Greenview to Seventh) (Delayed to spring 2022)
- Stimson Street (both sides; near State Street) – Completed
- Crestland Drive (near Pattengill Elementary) – completed as part of the Annual Resurfacing Program
- Yost and Eli (at frontage of 2609 Yost Avenue) (postponed to spring 2022)
- Manchester (near Washtenaw) - Completed.

Crest & Liberty Watermain Project

This project will replace watermain and resurface the streets on Crest between Liberty and Buena Vista, and on Liberty from Crest to South Seventh Street. Construction has been completed and the roads are open to traffic.

**Division Street**

This Downtown Development Authority (DDA)-led project consists of a two-way protected bike lane on the east side of Division between Packard and Catherine. Construction began mid-October and is anticipated to be complete late December.

William Street Bikeway Enhancements.

The William Street Bikeway was constructed using a flexible and cost/material-lite approach, with the understanding that we would learn from the City's first separated bike lanes. Since installation, staff have observed steady use and compared maintenance, such as street sweeping and snow plowing, to the curb-protected First Street Bikeway. The DDA is now able to make permanent changes to William Street focused on replacing delineators from Thompson to First Street with separation. Moveable planters east of Thompson will be replaced with a removable curb to maintain flexibility during the Ann Arbor Art Fair. Intersection improvements at Fifth and Division and a raised bus stop are also included in this project. Construction began the week of November 4, 2021. Installing a curb will ease daily maintenance for street sweeping and snow plowing and save time and money in the long run. Delineator posts are being salvaged for replacement and reuse in other areas.

Projects Currently in Design/Planning**Seventh Street & Greenview**

This project consists of watermain replacement and resurfacing on South Seventh Street between Scio Church and Greenview, and on Greenview between Seventh and Scio Church. The Seventh Street portion of the project includes stormwater improvements in the scope, which could consist of such things as road narrowing, raingardens, sand filters, and/or underground stormwater storage. Design work on the project is underway, and construction is scheduled for 2022. A public engagement meeting is being planned for early January. More information will be provided to the Transportation Commission when available.

Broadway Street (Plymouth to Plymouth)

This project includes the replacement of an aging watermain as well as resurfacing of the street. The project will also replace the existing speed humps and fill sidewalk gaps on the north side of the road at the east end of the project. Design work on the project is underway and a public engagement meeting is being planned for January. Construction is scheduled for 2022.

Geddes Ave Resurfacing (Observatory to Highland)

This project includes resurfacing, stormwater improvements, and crosswalk upgrades. Design work is underway, and construction is anticipated in 2022.



Other Sidewalk Gap Projects

A tentative list of sidewalk gap infill projects for 2022, in addition to the ones spilling over from 2021 listed above, includes:

- Broadway (north/west side from Broadview Ln to Plymouth)
- Ellsworth Road (north side, State to Stone School)
- Hiscock Street (east side, near Summit)
- Hutchins & Prescott (near Stadium)
- Nixon/Traver (Westbury to Logan Elementary)
- 2231 Platt
- Russell Street (with first time paving project)
- 1121 Saunders Crescent
- 2878 South Main Street
- Tuebingen Parkway (Lancashire to Traver)
- Winchell, Brockman, Frieze loop

Other Updates and Information

MDOT Coordination

The City has regular coordination with MDOT on State projects within the City. MDOT allows for local installed improvements on their facilities, subject to their review. The following project is currently being coordinated with MDOT:

- Huron/Jackson Crossings – After field visits to determine feasibility, City staff has identified 4 locations for possible crosswalks along Huron and Jackson as follows:
 - Huron @ Crest
 - Jackson @ Virginia
 - Jackson @ Worden
 - Jackson @ Vets ParkAdditionally, MDOT has agreed to look at the intersection configuration of the Huron/Jackson/Dexter split with possible inclusion of a new crosswalk at the eastern leg of the intersection.
- Huron/Seventh Intersection – MDOT has planned for a traffic signal modernization project at this intersection. Mitigation measures including the prohibition of southbound left turn from Seventh to Huron, and the addition of permissive-protected left turn phasing for northbound Seventh will be installed by this modernization project. The next steps for the project will be signal design by an MDOT consultant, contractor bid letting and construction. Design is anticipated to start this month and is expected to be complete in May 2022. Bid letting is expected to be in August 2022 followed by construction.
- I-94 Operational Study – City staff recently learned that MDOT released the "[I-94 Operations Study: Ann Arbor-Saline Road to US-23](#)." City staff is still reviewing the report and will follow-up with MDOT on next steps..



HSIP Award for Countdown Pedestrian Signals

The City was awarded federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) from MDOT in the amount of \$19,963.80 (total project cost = \$22,182) for federal fiscal year 2023. The project will install countdown pedestrian signals at certain locations at State/Hill, Packard/Hill, Plymouth/Traverwood, Plymouth/Broadway, Plymouth/Maiden/Moore, Broadway/Swift.

Streetlight Implementation

19 crosswalks have been upgraded with positive contrast lighting (DTE) to date in 2021. 1291 streetlight outages were addressed by DTE to date in 2021. Additionally, work continues on streetlight maintenance which paints, replaces, or performs other preventive maintenance work on existing City-owned streetlights to ensure operability.

Traffic Calming Program Submittals

The Traffic Calming Team is beginning work on the engagement phase for the next projects in the queue, with the intent to work on three of them concurrently. The next projects in queue are, in order:

- Longman-N. Fairview (Dexter to Jackson) – Final polling was sent to residents and are due back to the City by November 30, 2021. Due to postal delays, extra time is being afforded to receive responses. If supported by the neighborhood, staff anticipates bringing this item to the Transportation Commission in January 2022.
- Northside Ave (Barton to Pontiac Trail) – Final polling will go out shortly and will be due in early January. If supported by the neighborhood, staff anticipates bringing this item to the Transportation Commission in January 2022.

Transportation Plan Update

City Council awarded the contract to Sam Schwartz, LLC to develop a Vision Zero Transportation Plan Implementation Strategy, Major Streets Traffic Calming program, and pedestrian safety communications at its October 18, 2021, meeting. The contract is fully signed and the project kick-off meeting was held on November 30th. Work is now underway in defining short- and long-term improvements including development of Quick Build improvements for installation in 2022. The project team and staff are developing the Community Engagement Plan that will include the overall project engagement program and framework for the Vision Zero Implementation Committee. The Moving Together Towards Vision Zero Plan document and other related materials can be found on the [project website](#).

Bicycle Friendly Community Designation

The League of American Bicyclists has a “Bicycle [Friendly Community](#)” program which “provides advocates and change makers with a roadmap and hands-on assistance to build places more welcoming to people who bike.” This program awards designations to communities based on the extent of support for cycling in that community. On December 8, 2021, the League announced that the City of Ann Arbor was upgraded



from a silver community to a gold community. There are 497 recognized bicycle friendly communities, but only 35 gold level designations.

Winter Sidewalk Maintenance

Included in the December 2021 Transportation Commission packet is a memo shared with City Council about the different options for winter sidewalk maintenance. The memo reflects recommendations made by the Transportation Commission at their September meeting.

American Rescue Plan Funding Recommendation

The City is the recipient of \$24.2 million in federal COVID relief funds through the program known as “American Rescue Plan” (ARP). City Council directed staff to propose recommendations on how to prioritize the use of these funds. Included in the December 2021 Transportation Commission packet is a memo shared with City Council about the proposed use of ARP funds – note: the total dollar amount of recommended projects exceeds the amount of funding available by \$16.9M. Among the proposals are two transportation projects: Miller-Catherine Bike Facility (\$4M); and Vision Zero Plan Implementation (\$9.5M). City staff is currently working on an engagement strategy which is expected to launch in early 2022 to vet these ideas and get input from the community.