

To: City of Ann Arbor Transportation Commission
From: Jamie Hodges
Subject: Healthy Streets
Date: Sunday, September 5, 2021

The healthy street initiative that has been approved for Jewett and Rosewood needs to remain. We need your help to support this. This cut through is causing property values to decrease. Who wants to live on Jewett where the cars race through and with no sidewalks available for pedestrians. Jewett and Rosewood are not designed to take this kind of traffic.

People, especially from Georgetown Subdivision, need to slow down.

Give this neighborhood sidewalks and better roads and we can turn them into a "Packard type road". Now it is just scary to walk the streets, especially with children.

Thank you
Jamie Hodges

Jamie Hodges,

Thank you for your message and bringing this issue to our attention. You are correct to observe that the boundaries for the Jewett and Rosewood Healthy Streets deployments have shifted around a bit. This was due in part to comments we received from other members of the community that indicated we can't block off the portions of the streets which provide access to businesses. This put us in bit of a predicament because you shouldn't install a closure on a street mid-block (as it makes it difficult for cars to turn around) which is why the boundary was shifted to Page. However, we received additional concerns similar to what you have raised and are pushing the barricades to where the businesses end and the residences begin on both Jewett and Rosewood. Because this has been a bit of a moving target, the contractor may have not kept up with our latest direction and we'll see to it that it gets moved to where I described.

As to the sidewalk gaps on Jewett and Page (and other streets in your neighborhood), we are aware of these gaps. The next few years of sidewalk gap filling projects are already programmed but you can improve your neighborhood's standing by submitting a petition (more info on <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/engineering/Pages/New-Sidewalks-FAQ.aspx> under "How can residents initiate getting a new sidewalk installed where none currently exists?")

I hope this explanation helps. If you have any additional questions about Healthy Streets, feel free to reach out to me or Eli Cooper (ecooper@a2gov.org).

Cheers,
Raymond