



Transportation Project Updates
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2023 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. Local resurfacing work in 2023 is scheduled to occur in the area bounded by Washtenaw, Geddes Ave, and Huron Parkway, although there will be additional work scheduled with the Road Bond funding outside of that area. Asphalt path resurfacing is being planned along segments of Huron Parkway. A complete list of locations has been determined, it will be posted on the [project website](#) and on the [project tracking dashboard](#). Work is scheduled to begin in June, last through the Fall, and possibly into 2024.

Scio Church Road (Maple to Seventh)

The project includes watermain and stormwater work, resurfacing, installation of bike lanes, new sidewalk, and crosswalks. More information is available on the project [website](#). Construction is currently underway and is expected to be completed in July.

Geddes Ave Resurfacing (Observatory to Highland)

This project includes resurfacing, stormwater improvements, and crosswalk upgrades. Sidewalk and retaining wall work to remove the stairs in the sidewalk near Onondaga has been removed from this project and will be done under a separate contract later this year. Construction is currently underway and is expected to be completed in early July.

South Main Street Watermain & Resurfacing

This project consists of replacement of the watermain and resurfacing of the street from Huron to William. Public engagement is ongoing with the adjacent business owners and the DDA. More details can be found on the project website at www.a2gov.org/smmainwatermain. Construction on Phase 1 (William to Liberty) is now complete, and work is progressing on Phase 2 (Liberty to Huron). The current phase is expected to be completed prior to Art Fair.

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 and may include road narrowing, raingardens, sand filters, and/or underground stormwater storage. The first public meeting for the redesign work was held on April 25th. See the [project webpage](#) for further information. Construction is scheduled for 2024.

Greenview (Stadium to Scio Church) Watermain Project

This project includes resurfacing as well as watermain replacement. Given that the street is somewhat wider than necessary and is a cut-through between Stadium and Scio Church, staff will be exploring ways to calm traffic and include an All Ages and Abilities bike facility. An initial



public meeting was held for this project on March 16th. A second public meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 7th. See the [project website](#). Construction is scheduled for 2024.

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:

- Intersection of Huron St and Seventh St – MDOT has a traffic signal modernization project at this intersection. Improvement items include accessible pedestrian signals and northbound Seventh Street left turn signals. Construction is expected in fall 2023. Conflicting pavement markings were removed permanently by a contractor on May 9th (following efforts by staff to spray paint over these markings)
- Intersection of Huron St and Fourth Ave – MDOT has a traffic signal modernization project at this intersection. The project currently is at the design stage. Construction is expected in fall 2024.
- Intersection of Geddes Ave and Washtenaw Ave – MDOT has a traffic signal modernization project at this intersection. The project currently is at the design stage. Construction is expected in fall 2024.

Streetlight Implementation

DTE has reported fixing 209 streetlights so far in 2023.

Traffic Calming Program Submittals

Granger (State to Packard) has gained final approval from the neighborhood and is scheduled to go to the Transportation Commission in May and City Council in June. Granger (Forest to Olivia) had its second meeting on 4/12/23; and Fulmer (Miller to Foss) had its second meeting on 5/3/23. Baldwin (Packard to Stadium) had its first meeting on 3/20/23. Manchester (Buckingham to Needham) had its first meeting on 4/27/23. Grandview (Jackson to Dexter) had its first meeting on 5/11/23.

The Traffic Calming Subcommittee had its latest meeting on 5/2/23 and finalized their recommendation. This draft resolution will be brought to the Transportation Commission for their consideration at their May meeting.

Transportation Implementation Plan Update

The Vision Zero Implementation Subcommittee will hold their next meeting on June 26 with discussion centering around final products developed by the Sam Schwartz team and if the Subcommittee should continue to meet.

Speed Management Program Development – Staff are working with Sam Schwartz in the development of small group interviews. The invitation postcards will go out in May and interviews will take place during the month of July.

Annual Snapshot – The Annual Snapshot is available for 2022 and can be found at <https://a2gov.org/visionzero>.



Education and Encouragement

Bike to Work Day will be Friday May 19 from 7-10am. Staff are working with partners for upcoming activities such as Bike Month and the Commuter Challenge.

Commuter Challenge is underway and will run May 1-May 31. There is still time to join a team and help reduce your greenhouse gas emissions during this challenge!

One exciting development has been the creation of a Vision Zero Lunch and Learn series that will be held throughout 2023; the third installment of this training will be held on Wednesday June 21. This city staff focused series will help units across the city learn about the goals and objectives of the plan and how important their unit is in achieving success.

Additionally, staff launched the #MyA2Commute challenge through social media for the public to share how they get to work.

Staff will participate in the African American Festival on Saturday June 3. Helmets and bike lights will be given away. A bicycle obstacle course will be available to help people who want to bike more learn the rules of the road in a safe way.

League of American Bicyclists (LAB) Safe Cycling Course

The Transportation team hosted a two-part LAB Cycling Safe Cycling course on May 9 and May 16 from Noon to 5pm. Seven people attended this training including City staff members and members from the public. Future trainings are expected to be offered and anyone interested in such trainings should contact Suzann Flowers. This training is a pre-requisite for anyone wishing to become a LAB League Cycling Instructor.

Michigan Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP)

Cynthia Redinger and Suzann Flowers co-chair the Michigan Chapter of APBP which is a membership organization focused on pedestrian and bicycle planning and development. The Chapter will hold a bike ride event on Monday May 22 in the City of Detroit in partnership with the Detroit Greenways Coalition.

Crashes

The crash report developed by the Police Department for March 2023 is attached to this report. Future reports will be shared when available.

Packard Speed Limit

Vehicular travel lanes were narrowed, and bicycle lanes were installed between Eisenhower and US23. These changes resulted in a slower observed speed limit which enabled the city to reduce the posted speed limit to 35mph. This change took effect on 5/10/23 when new signage was installed. This installation was complimented in the short term with conspicuity flags and advanced notification with message board signs to alert drivers to the change.

No Turn on Red

The installation of signage for No Turn on Red downtown is complete. As the Commission may recall, this was an initiative brought forward by the Transportation Commission and approved by City Council last year.