



City of Ann Arbor City Administrator's Report November 18, 2019

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

Safety Notes

Don't slip up this winter. Every year as the snow starts to fall, the city experiences an uptick in injuries related to slips and falls on snow and ice. Be prepared in advance for slippery winter conditions.

To protect yourself from slips and falls in cold weather, think, "I AM A PENGUIN." Yes, you are a PENGUIN! When walking in cold weather, try to maintain a low center of gravity, walk small, and walk like a penguin. **A2 Be Safe!**

Success Stories

Election Day. Thank you to the City Clerk's Office and all who participated and volunteered in the November 4 special election. The special election was an exceptional success, and test-drove several innovations to ensure they are street-ready for what promises to be a very congested election road in 2020. In addition to implementing the new no-reason absentee voting and same day registration requirements, our election crew added selfie stations and externally launched a new Wait Time application. Making voting easy and fun is why the City Clerk's team are the truest Defenders of Democracy!

Veterans Day Snow. Monday, November 11th saw a snowfall of almost a foot. Combined with icy conditions, driving conditions were hazardous. Public Works crews did an exceptional job of keeping our streets navigable under difficult conditions. Remember that crews prioritize removal on arterials and school routes. Residential street clearing follows the solid waste collection schedule, so on some occasions there may be a perceived delay in coming to your neighborhood.

Sustainability & Innovations Corner

Carbon Neutrality Summit: OSI, in partnership with community stakeholders, held a Carbon Neutrality Summit on Nov. 13 at Cobblestone Farm. The event was well attended and we appreciate your valued feedback. A report of the feedback will be available shortly and will be posted on the website: www.a2zero.org; the City's continually emerging website to help coordinate our carbon neutrality work.

Public Power Hour. OSI is inviting residents to learn more about improving the energy efficiency of their homes along with information on solar panels at a free Energy Efficiency Power Hour. Residents can find out how to make their homes more comfortable, reduce the cost of energy bills, and help address climate change. There will also be a raffle for a free energy efficiency audit at each event. The event takes place Tuesday, Dec. 3, 7 p.m. at the Ann Arbor District Library, Westgate Branch. Presenters at the event will include:

- Ann Arbor Energy Commission members, presenting on energy efficiency opportunities.
- DTE, presenting on their community energy efficiency programs.
- Michigan Saves, presenting on their competitive energy efficiency financing options.
- Energy efficiency contractors will also be present for those who want to learn more about increasing the energy efficiency of their homes.

Snacks and a children’s area will be provided, so feel free to bring the whole family!

Council Priorities/Initiatives

Transportation Commission Monthly Report. The November 2019 Transportation Commission Project Report is attached.

Police Monthly Report. The October 2019 AAPD Monthly Comparison Report – Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report is attached.

Council Resolution Reporting. Staff is working on the following items pursuant to Council direction:

ITEM	TITLE	DUE DATE	STATUS
R-18-497	Resolution to Address Crosswalk Improvements and Maintenance	Monthly	Included as a written communication from the City Administrator on the November 18 Council Agenda

Previews

The **November 18 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

Administrator Communications.

Consent Agenda. There are 21 items on the consent agenda.

Public Hearings. The agenda includes four (4) Public Hearings, which are referenced below and under second readings.

- **Resolution to Approve The Vic Village South Site Plan and Development Agreement, 1100 South University Avenue (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 9 Yeas and 0 Nays).** Approval of this resolution will allow for the construction of The Vic Village South, a 12-story mixed use building on the north side of the 1000 block of South University Avenue.

Ordinances - Second Readings.

- **A public hearing and An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Zoning), Zoning of 0.106 Acre from TWP (Township District) to R1C (Single-Family Dwelling District), 2625 Valley Drive (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 9 Yeas and 0 Nays).** Approval of this ordinance will zone this .106 acre parcel from TWP to R1C to allow access to City utilities for the construction of a new single-family home. The site was recently annexed into the city, effective on May 17, 2019 as notified by the Secretary of State to the City Clerk.
- **A public hearing and An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Zoning), Zoning of 0.6 Acre from TWP (Township District) to R1B (Single-Family Dwelling District), 595 Riverview Drive (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 9 Yeas and 0 Nays).** Approval of this ordinance will zone this .6 acre parcel from TWP to R1B to allow access to City utilities. The site was recently annexed into the City, effective on May 21, 2019 as notified by the Secretary of State to the City Clerk.
- **A public Hearing and An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Zoning), Zoning of 0.48 Acre from TWP (Township District) to R1B (Single-Family Dwelling District) Payne Rezoning, 245 Orchard Hills Drive (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 9 Yeas and 0 Nays) (Ordinance No. ORD-19-38).** Approval of this ordinance will zone this .48 acre parcel from TWP to R1B to allow access to City utilities. This site was recently annexed into the City, effective on July 9, 2019 as notified by the Secretary of State to the City Clerk.

Ordinances – First Readings.

- **An Ordinance to Amend Section 7.34 of Chapter 77 (Fees and Bonds Required) of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor.** The City’s fee schedule for going out of business permits is currently set at \$115.00. However, PA 39 of 1961 sets the maximum fee for these local permits at \$50.00. This proposed amendment will bring the City’s permit fees in line with state statute.

Other

Vision Zero Open House. On Wednesday, Nov. 20, from 5-7 p.m., in the lobby of Larcom City Hall, located at 301 E. Huron, the city will hold a [Moving Together Towards Vision Zero](#) Open House. This event will share information about where we are in the process of building the city’s new transportation plan as well as the core values the community has identified thus far. In addition, the city will share findings from the existing conditions analysis and [recent bicycle survey](#). Visitors will have the opportunity to provide input on the future priorities for a low-stress bike network as well as key corridors in the city.

Ann Arbor is Developing a Smart City Strategic Plan. Public meetings are scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 20 and 21. The City of Ann Arbor is in the process of developing

a strategic plan as it continues to design and build a holistic and robust infrastructure to support Smart City initiatives. A solid Smart City foundation will enable the city to connect to a variety of systems to the city network and allow for remote monitoring and capture of data that can be used to make intelligent business decisions. Smart lighting, smart water meters, smart parking, autonomous vehicles, traffic monitoring, public safety and environmental monitoring are just some examples where Smart City concepts can be applied to improve our community.

The city is currently in the analysis and assessment phase of Smart City planning. Public meetings are scheduled to explain what it means to be a Smart City as well as to gather feedback from the community that will assist in strategy development. Meetings will take place: 6–8 p.m. —

- Wednesday, Nov. 20 at Cobblestone Farm, 2781 Packard St., Ann Arbor, 48108.
- Thursday, Nov. 21 at Ann Arbor STEAM at Northside, 912 Barton Drive, Ann Arbor, 48105.

There will be a brief presentation on core elements of a Smart City, Smart City case studies, group dialogue and brainstorming activities, followed by a general question-and-answer session.

Technology continues to evolve at a very fast pace, and the city has been actively planning and building a sustainable and equitable foundation to accommodate Smart City initiatives for many years to come. The Smart City Strategic Plan will formalize the vision, goals, objectives and guidance needed to maintain and improve an innovative and vibrant community.

Those unable to attend a meeting can share feedback and questions with City of Ann Arbor Information Technology Director Tom Shewchuk at tshewchuck@a2gov.org.

Washtenaw County Warming Centers for Winter Months. Effective Monday, November 11, 2019, any individuals seeking emergency shelter during the upcoming cold winter months can find a safe and warm place to sleep each night at the Delonis Center (312 W Huron St, Ann Arbor, MI 48103) and partnering religious congregations throughout Washtenaw County. Shelter will be available following the Center’s nightly, open-to-the-public, 5pm dinner. In addition to providing beds and meals, individuals will be able available to access a wide variety of services including case management, medical care, and assistance finding safe, permanent housing. Winter shelter is operated by the **Shelter Association of Washtenaw County (SAWC)**, and financially supported by Washtenaw County, the City of Ann Arbor, and SAWC itself.

Compost Season ends on Friday, Dec. 13. Take advantage of weekly curbside compost pickup, which includes yard waste bags and compost carts. Collection ends on Friday, Dec. 13, 2019. Compost carts may be purchased for a one-time charge of \$25 from the Customer Service and Payment Center, located at Larcom City Hall, 301 E. Huron, open weekdays 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. You can reach customer service at 734.794.6320.

Compost carts may not exceed 224 pounds for the 64-gallon, or 336 pounds for the 96-gallon size. Yard waste bags may not exceed 50 pounds. Carts and bags exceeding these limits will not be serviced.

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's parks. These tasks are performed by both staff and volunteers. Volunteer opportunities coming up in November are listed below.

If participating in stewardship workdays, please wear long pants and closed-toe shoes. All participants must complete a release form, and all minors should be accompanied by a guardian. Tools, snacks and know-how provided.

For more information about NAP, visit www.a2gov.org/NAP.

Housing and Affordability in Ann Arbor: Community Discussions Planned to Discuss Redevelopment of Two Vacant City Lots. What is affordable housing? Where should it be located? Why is it needed? How should it be developed? Because affordable housing is a complex topic, answers to these questions can vary depending on who is asked.

The city is beginning a public engagement process to assist in developing a shared understanding and language about affordable housing, and its relationship to jobs, development, growth and planning, by creating a framework for discussing or evaluating these issues. Specifically, issues will be discussed in the context of redevelopment of two key publicly owned sites in downtown Ann Arbor, as part of a larger context of housing and affordability in our city: vacant city-owned lots at 350 S. Fifth Ave. and 415 W. Washington St.

From Thursday, Dec. 5-Monday, Dec. 9, the city will host five, four-hour community discussions regarding the redevelopment of vacant lots at 350 S. Fifth Ave. and 415 W. Washington St. These honest and interactive conversations will be part of a larger context of housing and affordability discussions in Ann Arbor.

All people who live, work and/or spend significant time in Ann Arbor are invited to attend one of the below open-house style sessions. Weekend, day and evening options have been included to expand feedback opportunities from all.

Housing + Affordability: Community Discussion Dates

- **Thursday Dec. 5** at the Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority, 150 S 5th Ave, Suite 301, 5 p.m.-9 p.m.
- **Friday, Dec. 6** at the Downtown Ann Arbor Library, 3rd Floor Freespace, 12 noon-4 p.m.
- **Saturday, Dec. 7** at the Ann Arbor YMCA, Michigan Room, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **Sunday, Dec. 8** at Cirq, 210 S 1st St, 12 noon-4 p.m.
- **Monday, Dec. 9** at the Downtown Ann Arbor Library, 3rd Floor Freespace, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

“These community discussions are intended to encourage candid and open conversations,” said Derek Delacourt, City of Ann Arbor community services administrator. “Our goal is the co-

creation of solutions and development concepts for these two properties in order to assist City Council in understanding community sentiment regarding reuse of these sites.”

Those unable to attend a discussion can share feedback via the [project webpage](#) or email questions to Delacourt at ddelacourt@a2gov.org. Staff will be working to provide more feedback opportunities, including an online survey, in the near future.

Applications Accepted Through December 6 for Ready Ann Arbor Preparedness Training. The Ann Arbor Police and Fire departments have scheduled the next Ready Ann Arbor Community Preparedness Training for early 2020; and applications to attend are now being accepted, using the link below. This two-day program will take place Saturdays, Jan. 25 and Feb. 1, 2020, 8 a.m.– 3 p.m. Participants selected into the program will be required to attend both days of training.

Modeled after the Department of Homeland Security's Ready campaign, Ready Ann Arbor will aim to educate and empower the public to prepare for, respond to and mitigate emergencies, including natural and manmade disasters, while promoting preparedness through public involvement. The topics covered during Ready Ann Arbor training will include crime prevention, hands-only CPR, personal safety, basic first aid, active shooter response training, home fire safety, an overview of resources in the community and how to use a fire extinguisher.

Ann Arbor residents, ages 18 years and older, interested in applying to attend the Ready Ann Arbor training can find the application on the police department website, on the “Community Engagement – Programs” page, at the following link: www.a2gov.org/departments/police/community-engagement/Pages/Programs.aspx. The deadline to apply to participate is Friday, Dec. 6, 2019. The class is limited to 25 people.

If you have questions, please contact Ann Arbor Police Service Specialist Susan Casey at 734.794.6900, ext. 49526, or scasey@a2gov.org. A background check will be conducted on all applicants; applicants will then be notified if accepted into the program.

Ann Arbor Citizens Academy Applications to participate are due by 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019. There are two components to the application process. All applicants must complete and submit an online form. The second step is a photo scavenger hunt. Details and the submission information are available on the A2CA website. Each component can be completed at different times.

A2CA is designed to give an overview of the city government for adult residents of the city of Ann Arbor. Therefore, applicants who are under 18 years of age will not be considered. Preference will be given to residents of the city of Ann Arbor over nonresidents. Applicants will be notified by Dec. 17, 2019. The first class begins Wednesday, Jan. 22.

For more information, visit www.a2gov.org/A2CA or contact the A2CA coordinator, Kelly Beattie, via email at KBeattie@a2gov.org.

Water Meter Upgrades Set to Begin this Winter. The City of Ann Arbor will begin installation of upgraded water meters in Ann Arbor homes and businesses beginning in January 2020. This two-year project will replace approximately 26,500 meters, which are coming to the end of their useful life, with newer equipment that uses the latest metering technology and longer battery life. Once installed, these upgraded meters will provide more accurate readings.

To accomplish this task, the city has contracted with Utility Metering Solutions (UMS), whose professional staff will perform the upgrades. All UMS staff have undergone background checks and will carry identification and drive marked vehicles. The project will be carried out by sectioning the city into work areas with occupants and property owners receiving detailed scheduling instructions and work details by mail. In addition to the upgrade, the city will be conducting inspections to verify drinking water service line material, to comply with Michigan's new Lead and Copper Rule (www.a2gov.org/LCR), as well as examinations of cross-connection/backflow prevention devices that help protect drinking water. For more information, and a video explaining the work, please visit www.a2gov.org/meterupgrade.



Transportation Project Updates November 2019

Subscribe to receive monthly Transportation Project Updates by visiting a2gov.org/TransportationCommission.

2018 Construction Projects

Fifth Avenue (Kingsley to Catherine):

The construction is now substantially complete, and the road is open to traffic. Due to a shortage of the bricks that were specified for the project, some of the temporary bricks are currently being replaced. Other than a few punch list items, this work is now complete.

2019 Construction Projects

Allen Creek Berm Opening:

The necessary easements to construct this project have now been obtained and the project is moving forward. The project was included in MDOT's September bidletting and four bids were received. The low bid for the project was approximately 33% over the Engineer's estimate, which has been attributed to the uniqueness of the project and the inherent risk. Therefore, the City plans to accept this bid and move forward with the project as planned. Construction is anticipated to start in the winter/spring of 2020 and to be completed by the fall of 2020.

Annual Sidewalk Repair Program:

This program is an annual project to repair sidewalks throughout the City. Further information on the program and a list of 2019 target areas can be found at a2gov.org/Sidewalks. Construction for the 2019 program is now complete.

Annual Street Resurfacing Project:

This suite of projects encompasses the majority of the City's street resurfacing activities, including several major and multiple local streets. Work is currently finishing up for the year. A full list of streets that were completed as part of the 2019 project can be found on the website at: a2gov.org/RoadConstruction.

Crosswalk Improvements:

City staff was directed by Council to report on several crosswalk improvement areas as outlined in Resolution R-18-497:

- [Crosswalk Design Guidelines](#) took effect January 15, 2019;
- A listing of significant pedestrian improvements completed in 2016, 2017 and 2018 was reported to Council in early February 2019 and documented hundreds of improvements across the City over the past three years;
- A listing of improvements planned for 2019 was reported to Council in early February 2019;



- An inventory of significant pedestrian crosswalks and a high level assessment of their consistency with the crosswalk design guidelines was reported to Council in early February 2019;

As part of the budget process, staff has prepared a high-level cost estimate to bring crosswalks into compliance with the crosswalk design guidelines. This was [shared with City Council on April 15](#).

The eighth monthly progress report of upgrades to existing crosswalks will be shared with City Council in November 2019 and includes the following updates. This is a running list and new/changed language is *italicized*:

- The crosswalk signage at Stadium Blvd. and Edgewood Ave. in front of Pioneer High School was completely rebuilt to include overhead Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs);
- School “reduced speed when flashing” zone signs were installed on Fuller Rd. and Huron Parkway around Huron High School;
- *A new pedestrian refuge island was installed on Fuller Rd. at the pedestrian crossing near Gallup Park which serves Huron High School*
- School “reduced speed when flashing” zone signs were installed on Seventh Street, Stadium Boulevard, and Main Street around Pioneer High School
- School “reduced speed when flashing” zone signs were installed on Stadium Boulevard around Tappan Middle School.
- School “reduced speed when flashing” zone signs were installed on Plymouth Road around the Michigan Islamic Academy.
- School “reduced speed when flashing” zone signs were installed on Industrial Hwy around the Central Academy.
- The school zone signs on Platt Road south of Redwood Ave were replaced and upgraded;
- Bumpouts were installed on Runnymede Blvd and Waltham/Warwick by Dicken Elementary.
- A new crosswalk was installed on Dicken Dr. to connect to the school pathway to Dicken Elementary.
- Preventive maintenance was done on all RRFBs in the City.
- A pedestrian refuge island was installed on S. Seventh Street at the Scio Church Service Dr.
- A new crosswalk was installed across Scio Church Rd. just west of Chaucer Dr.
- A new raised crosswalk was installed as part of the traffic calming project on the Scio Church Rd. service drive just west of Chaucer Dr.
- 102 in-road crosswalk signs (R1-6A) were deployed at 47 locations; 64 damaged signs were replaced.
- *R1-6A signs that were removed along Liberty Street and Seventh Street due to construction have been reinstalled.*
- Pedestrian crossing signs (W11-2 assembly) were upgraded at 3 locations.
- Installed a new crosswalk on Galake Ave. near Lakewood Elementary school entrance.



- Installed a new crosswalk at Liberty St. and Dartmoor Rd.
- New RRFBs were installed at S. Main St. and Fieldcrest St.
- New RRFBs were installed at Green Rd. and Green Brier Blvd. *and the crosswalk was relocated*
- New RRFBs were installed on Geddes Rd. outside of Concordia University
- *A new crosswalk was installed with pedestrian crossing signs on Earhart Rd. north of Geddes Rd.*
- *A new crosswalk and RRFBs were installed on N. Maple Rd. outside the Peace Neighborhood Center*
- *A new crosswalk and RRFBs were installed on N. Maple Rd. outside the Alano Club*
- *A new crosswalk and RRFBs were installed on N. Maple Rd. near Walter Dr.*
- *A new crosswalk and RRFBs were installed on Eisenhower Pkwy. at Plaza Rd.*
- *A new crosswalk and RRFBs were installed on S. Maple Rd. near Bens Dr.*
- *New RRFBs were installed on Eisenhower Pkwy. at Plaza Rd.*
- *A damaged RRFB on Stadium Blvd near Ferdon Rd was replaced*
- *A new pedestrian signal was installed on Washtenaw Ave. at Pittsfield Blvd.*
- *New pedestrian crossing signs were added on Dhu Varren Rd. at Carrot Way*
- *New pedestrian crossing signs were added on Dhu Varren Rd. at Olson Park*
- *New crosswalks and R1-6A signs were installed on Fifth Ave. by Kerrytown as part of DDA's project.*
- *New school crossing signs were installed on Green Rd at Burbank Dr/Gettysburg Rd.*
- *New pedestrian crossing signs were installed on Hoover Ave and Division St.*
- *A demonstration bumpout was installed at Fifth Ave. and Beakes St.*

In addition to the improvements listed above, 31 streetlights were installed: 13 City locations; 13 DTE locations; and 5 locations as part of other projects. Additionally, DTE serviced 739 streetlight outages since April 1, 2019.

Hoover/Hill/Greene Improvements:

Limits of this project include Hoover (Main to State); Greene Street (Hill to Keech); and Hill Street (Fifth Ave to Greene). The scope of the project includes replacement of water main in some areas, resurfacing of the streets, improvements to the Hoover/Greene intersection, and filling the gap in the bike lanes. Construction began on May 6 and is now substantially complete.

Huron Street Improvements:

DDA improvements on Huron Street (Third Street to Division Street). Physical improvements include new sidewalks, permeable pavers, street and pedestrian lighting, landscaping, and trees. Construction began in April and is scheduled to wrap up in November. To avoid leaving closures and barricades up during the winter months, work between 5th Avenue and Main Street on the north side of the street is being deferred to spring 2020. A DTE gas main replacement project is complete.



MDOT provided some response regarding the requested transportation and safety elements:

1. Overall Signal Pedestrian Timing: MDOT is of the opinion that adequate walk time already exists at all of the signals. City/DDA staff will follow up to discuss in more detail.
2. Third and Chapin full signal: MDOT is waiting for school to be back in session to conduct a field review at this location and finalize the study.
3. Restricted Right Turns: Approved, MDOT will install the signs this fall.
4. Permissive/Protected left turn phase at 5th Avenue: Approved, MDOT will install in 2020.
5. Non-Rush Hour Parking: Denied.

North Seventh Street (Huron to Miller):

Staff held a series of public meetings and an online input opportunity to gather initial feedback at the end of July and early August. This effort was followed with a postcard survey to properties along N. Seventh Street to determine sentiments about the potential loss of parking to accommodate buffered bicycle lanes. There was overwhelming support among the neighborhood to keep the on-street parking and staff will advance Concept #1 (keep on street parking; add buffered bike lane on southbound lane and a sharrow on the northbound lane). The striping for this project is anticipated to occur spring 2020.

School Safety Improvements:

A list of priority items identified by the A2 Safe Transport group has been shared with the Transportation Safety Committee (TSC). City and Ann Arbor Public Schools staff identified work to be implemented in FY18 & 19. This was considered to be the Tier 3 School Safety improvements. A listing of Tier 3 School Safety Improvements was provided on page 7 and 8 of the [2018 Work Plan](#). Tier 3 work has now been completed.

William Street Improvements:

DDA and City improvements on William Street (Fourth Street to State Street). The project includes advisory bike lanes from Fourth Street to First Street and a two-way protected bike lane from First Street to State Street. The project also addresses street resurfacing and watermain consolidation within the project limits. A public celebration was held on October 27 to celebrate the opening of the first segment, from State Street to 4th Avenue. Watermain and resurfacing work continues to open the segment west of 4th Avenue. Given the temperatures, some pavement markings will be temporarily applied and refreshed in the spring.

In addition, educational resources have been developed and can be found at <http://www.peoplefriendlystreets.org/educational-resources/>

Projects Currently in Design/Planning

Ann/Ashley Parking Structure Expansion:



The project was approved by Planning Commission in May, 2019. The bond needed to construct the project was not supported by City Council in October 2019. As a result, the proposed 3 story/400 space expansion will not move forward at this time.

Barton Drive (M-14 to Pontiac):

The City is starting design on this project, the scope of which includes street resurfacing, watermain improvements, new sidewalk construction, and intersection reconfiguration at the Chandler intersection. Also included in the project is the reconfiguration of the Barton/Starwick intersection, and the possible filling of sidewalk gaps at this location. A public meeting was held September 19 to introduce the project to the public, gain feedback on project scope, and to help inform the design process. More information will be posted on the website at: a2gov.org/BartonDrive.

At this time, the City is planning to proceed with the sidewalk improvements that were included in the original project scope, and not add the additional sidewalk construction at the west end of the project. Staff has also proposed removing on-street parking on the eastern portion of the project in order to install bike lanes. The Transportation Commission approved the parking removal, and recommended Council approval at their October meeting. A resolution to approve the removal of on-street parking is scheduled to appear before Council on November 18.

Ellsworth/Research Park Drive Intersection:

City and AAATA staff continue to address pedestrian crossing issues related to access to transit service and the location of bus stops along Ellsworth Rd. It has been determined that a signal is warranted at this location. The City and AAATA have executed an agreement. Construction is expected in the spring of 2020.

Hollywood Drive (Maple to Allison):

This project consists of the first time paving of a gravel street, which was petitioned by residents in 2017 and subsequently included in the Capital Improvements Plan. The current scope of the project includes paving the street, installation of sidewalks, construction of curb and gutter where necessary, and stormwater improvements consistent with the City's Green Streets policy. An initial public meeting was held on October 2. More information will be posted on the project website at: a2gov.org/Hollywood.

Scio Church Road (Maple to Seventh):

This project is a federal aid project scheduled for construction in 2021. The current scope of the project includes street resurfacing, bike lanes, crosswalks, filling of sidewalk gaps, and some minor watermain work. An initial public meeting for this project is being scheduled for January 2020.

Sidewalk Gap Projects:

There are sidewalk gap projects scheduled for multiple locations in 2020, which include:

- Jackson Avenue (south side) from Wagner to Park Lake



- Washtenaw Ave Service Drive from Huron Parkway to Pittsfield
- Fuller Ct. (south side) from Fuller Road to 2250 Fuller Ct.
- Nixon/Traver (west/north side) from end of existing sidewalk to Logan Elementary
- Stimson (both sides) from State Street east

The design phase for these projects is just getting underway. More information will be provided on these projects once it becomes available.

Nixon Road Corridor Improvements Design:

As directed by City Council, staff is beginning the design of the corridor improvements recommended by the Corridor Improvement Study conducted by OHM Advisors (a2gov.org/Nixon). The design of this project is being undertaken by Wade Trim Associates and is expected to continue through fall of 2019. The Transportation Commission received a presentation about the project in August 2018.

This project is currently limited to the engineering design of the corridor. Construction of the first phase of the project is currently shown in the CIP for 2025. Council passed a budget amendment indicating a desire to explore moving the first phase of construction up to 2021. A report is due to Council in February of 2020 that will outline updated costs, funding sources, and impacts of moving the project forward.

People Friendly Streets Initiative:

The William and Huron Street projects are in the construction phase. The DDA Board approved a [final design](#) for First and Ashley Streets, planned for construction in 2020. Learn more at peoplefriendlystreets.org

Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) Installations:

Completed RRFBs are reported above in the Crosswalk Improvement section. The City is also hopeful that it can proceed to install additional RRFBs at the following locations this year:

- S. Industrial at Rosewood St.
- S. Industrial at Jewett Ave
- S. Industrial at Astor Ave
- S. Industrial at The Ride building

Road Diets:

Staff evaluated the feasibility of lane conversions of several segments of roadway and presented the findings to the Transportation Commission in February 2019. Among those up for consideration (in addition to those already voted on by Council) were:

- South Industrial (Stadium to 800 feet south of Stimson) – staff will work on an engagement strategy over the winter.
- Platt Road (Packard to Canterbury) – analyzed and found to be not viable
- West Oakbrook Drive (Ann Arbor-Saline to S. Main) – staff will work on an engagement strategy over the winter.



Other Updates and Information

Ann Arbor Station:

The draft Final Environmental Assessment (EA) incorporating responses to earlier public and agency comments was submitted to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) on September 6, 2019. Staff received FRA comments on the document on November 8, 2019. City, MDOT and AECOM staff are reviewing FRA's comments. Once the comments are addressed, the document will be forwarded to FRA's legal office for review prior to release for public review and comment. Once the revised Final EA is approved by FRA a public review period will be scheduled. For additional background please visit the [project website](#).

ArborBike:

Planning remains underway for relaunch of the ArborBike system. AAATA is overseeing the Contractor on behalf of the bikeshare partnership that includes the City, the AAATA, the UM and AADDA. Shift Transit (the operator) is working on final revisions to bikeshare dock drawings to secure City approvals for dock locations. City of Ann Arbor staff are working to finalize the license agreement for right-of-way occupancy.

Crosswalk Streetlight Implementation: raymond

It is anticipated that 25 to 40 locations will be able to be implemented with this funding in the coming year – 10 City locations; 11 DTE locations; and 5 other locations (as part of other projects) have been completed this fiscal year. It should also be noted that all crosswalk lighting is installed to provide positive contrast lighting to the pedestrian when in the crosswalk.

Lower Town Mobility Study:

This study is planned to be conducted in response to the request from City Council to review and update previous studies of vehicular, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian movement leading to and traveling through the Lower Town area. The project kicked-off in October and the consultant is beginning to collect data.

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. Some projects currently being coordinated with MDOT include:

- N. Main St. - MDOT is expected to kick-off engineering in the fall with public input in Spring 2020
- I-94 Operations study – MDOT held a public meeting on November 7, 2019.
- Jackson Ave. - The City is planning for a crosswalk installation on Jackson Avenue near Weber's Inn. The crosswalk would include the installation of an RRFB. Because one leg of this crossing is owned by MDOT, the City prepared plans for submittal to MDOT to obtain permission to install the crosswalk in MDOT's right-of-way. MDOT denied this application, citing that in their analysis,



an enhanced crosswalk was not warranted. The City continues to appeal this decision.

- Huron and Thayer crosswalk - MDOT has agreed to a pedestrian hybrid beacon (aka HAWK) at this location and the City is currently working with MDOT on the implementation timeline.

Office of Sustainability and Innovations Update:

One year into the implementation of the new Green Fleets policy, the City's Green Fleets Team (GFT) will be soon making suggestions to revise the policy. The GFT is also researching plug-in and hybrid options for patrol vehicles for AAPD. The Office of Sustainability and Innovations (OSI) continues to work with Finance and the City Administrator to find funds to electrify the City's fleet as soon as possible. The Electric Vehicle Readiness Subcommittee of the Energy Commission is working with Planning staff to finalize draft recommendations for the new electric vehicle parking and charging ordinance.

Ann Arbor Public Schools have won a [grant from the state to buy four electric buses for their fleet](#). The City is thrilled that Ann Arbor school kids will soon be having green commutes to school. There are talks about how to best utilize the school buses during an emergency. One thought is to pair them with solar at emergency centers for off-grid solar power. The buses could also be used as mobile cooling centers during hot weather.

City Council passed a [resolution in support of creating a plan to achieve Ann Arbor community-wide climate neutrality by 2030](#) at their November 4, 2019 meeting.

Speed Reduction Committee Recommendations:

Staff will begin the process to define metrics on how best to measure progress to achieve the recommendations set forth in the Speed Reduction Committee Recommendations. In the interim, this section is meant to provide an update on which projects align with the recommendations.

1. Dedicated Funding and Staff –A new transportation engineer started in March 2019 and the approved budget for FY 2020 identifies a new senior transportation engineer. Recruitment for this position will begin shortly
2. Road Design – Adopt City Policy of Using Safe Systems to Design Roadways – Work to update the City's street design standards (known as the "orange book") have begun. The Transportation Plan Update may also provide suggestions on the hierarchy of needs for the City's roads.
3. Increase Enforcement Efforts – Staff are currently contemplating how to best coordinate efforts between the Police Department and the Engineering Department. Efforts currently underway that can feed into this initiative include: the Driver Behavior Study, analysis of data collected from the speed reader signs, and integrating other speed data collected as part of other efforts.
4. Expanded and Sustained Public Outreach Campaigns –Outreach is ongoing on the Transportation Plan Update and the Crest Avenue Traffic Calming project.



The City will also be running dozens of employees through an intensive public outreach training in February and March.

5. Amend the Traffic Calming Program – Complete.
6. Lobby for speed changes on state-owned roads, starting with Washtenaw Avenue – communication was shared with MDOT about concerns raised at the intersection of Washtenaw and Hill.
7. Create a Vision Zero Task Force – The Transportation Commission passed a resolution of support for a Vision Zero Task Force. The Transportation Plan update (detailed above) has a focus of Vision Zero and is establishing a vision for Ann Arbor's future transportation network. The Community Advisory Committee for the plan update is serving as a Vision Zero Task Force.

Traffic Calming Program Submittals:

Updates on recent Traffic Calming Program petitions are provided below:

- Crest (Liberty to Buena Vista; and Buena Vista to Washington): Polling of the final design concepts for the two project areas went out in October and are due back November 15, 2019.
- Fernwood (Lorraine to Packard): The petition qualifies and staff is currently developing the project schedule.
- Glenwood (Override to Washtenaw): A petition for Traffic Calming was received and is currently being reviewed.
- Rosedale (Redwood to Packard): A petition for Traffic Calming was received and is currently being reviewed.
- Longman (Dexter to Jackson): A petition for Traffic Calming was received and is currently being reviewed.
- Northside (Barton to Pontiac): A petition for Traffic Calming was received and is currently being reviewed.
- Granger (State to Packard): A petition for Traffic Calming was received and is currently being reviewed.

Transportation Plan update:

A second Open House is scheduled on November 20, 2019, in the City Hall lobby prior to the November Transportation Commission meeting. The meeting will include an opportunity for public review of work to-date and comment on new materials. The meeting announcement is posted on the project website. The project team hosted an event for community input on Tuesday, October 15 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. at the [Peace Neighborhood Center](#), located at 1111 North Maple in Ann Arbor. Similar to the outreach at the Mayor's Green Fair in July, the project team was present to inform people of what is happening, the plan update process and gather feedback on how people choose to get around Ann Arbor as well as the challenges they face in doing so. Technical analysis of the transportation data continues. A presentation to the Transportation Commission will be provided on November 20. Additional information is available on the project website: a2gov.org/A2MovingTogether. Those interested in receiving project updates can [subscribe](#) for email notifications.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Howard S. Lazarus, City Administrator
FROM: Ann Arbor Police Department
SUBJECT: Monthly Comparison Report – Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report
DATE: November 14, 2019

AAPD ARM Monthly Comparison Report – October 2019

Part A Crimes

Crime Category	Oct-2019	Sep-2019	YTD 2019	YTD 2018	% Change
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	1	0	3	0	N/C
ARSON	1	1	8	5	60.0%
ASSAULT - AGGRAVATED	10	10	118	123	-4.1%
ASSAULT - SIMPLE	43	55	505	499	1.2%
BRIBERY	0	0	0	0	No Change
BURGLARY - ALL OTHER	4	5	50	42	19.0%
BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL	11	21	132	149	-11.4%
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	26	31	273	293	-6.8%
DRUG OFFENSES	12	9	105	207	-49.3%
EMBEZZLEMENT	1	2	23	20	15.0%
EXTORTION - BLACKMAIL	2	1	10	10	0.0%
FORGERY / COUNTERFEITING	9	9	56	60	-6.7%
FRAUD	32	48	488	565	-13.6%
GAMBLING	0	0	0	0	No Change
HEALTH AND SAFETY	0	1	2	0	N/C
HOMICIDE - JUSTIFIABLE	0	0	0	0	No Change
HOMICIDE - NEGLIGENT	0	0	0	1	-100.0%
HOMICIDE - NON-NEGLIGENT	0	0	1	2	-50.0%
INTIMIDATION / STALKING	10	9	117	97	20.6%
KIDNAPPING / ABDUCTION	1	0	8	3	166.7%
LARCENY - ALL OTHER	86	78	635	748	-15.1%
LARCENY - FROM AUTO (LFA)	36	51	617	373	65.4%
LARCENY - RETAIL FRAUD	26	18	350	315	11.1%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT / FRAUD	13	13	133	57	133.3%
OBSCENITY	0	0	6	5	20.0%
ROBBERY	3	8	45	41	9.8%
SEX CRIME (VIOLENT)	9	11	94	68	38.2%
SEX OFFENSES - COMMERCIALIZED	0	0	1	1	0.0%
SEX OFFENSES - CSC	0	0	1	1	0.0%
STOLEN PROPERTY	0	1	17	15	13.3%
WEAPONS OFFENSE	1	1	28	26	7.7%
Total	337	383	3,826	3,726	2.7%

Part B Crimes

Crime Category	Oct-2019	Sep-2019	YTD 2019	YTD 2018	% Change
ACCIDENT - HIT & RUN	1	2	13	6	116.7%
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	14	41	115	353	-67.4%
BURGLARY - ALL OTHER	2	3	13	13	0.0%
DISORDERLY	0	0	0	1	-100.0%
ESCAPE / FLIGHT	1	0	5	1	400.0%
FAMILY OFFENSE	3	2	33	31	6.5%
FRAUD	0	2	21	34	-38.2%
HEALTH AND SAFETY	0	0	13	27	-51.9%
HOMICIDE - NEGLIGENT	0	0	0	0	No Change
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION	54	85	267	279	-4.3%
MISSING PERSON / RUNAWAY	5	4	40	29	37.9%
OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE	17	19	299	218	37.2%
OBSTRUCTING POLICE	4	8	81	69	17.4%
OUI OF LIQUOR / DRUGS	13	11	117	132	-11.4%
PUBLIC PEACE	22	33	197	227	-13.2%
SEX OFFENSES - OTHER	1	1	17	15	13.3%
TRESPASSING / INVASION OF PRIVACY	8	3	91	51	78.4%
VAGRANCY	0	0	2	3	-33.3%
Total	145	214	1,324	1,489	-11.1%

*There may be a slight variation in crime stats due to incomplete or unapproved reports at the time report was run. This report does not include "Locked" cases.

**Please note that reports are run for calendar month and that the months being compared may have different number of days.

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Report #	Location	Date	Time	Vehicle Movement	Ped In Crosswalk	Ped Injury
19-44272	Thompson St & Packard Rd	10/2/2019	9:15 PM	Turning Left	Yes	Yes
19-44902	Main St & Ann St	10/6/2019	12:21 AM	Going Straight	No	Yes
19-47272	Maynard St & William St	10/19/2019	9:28 PM	Backing	Yes	Yes
19-48623	Pauline St & S Seventh St	10/26/2019	6:53 PM	Turning Left	Yes	Yes
19-48644	Washtenaw Ave & N University Ave	10/26/2019	6:50 PM	Turning Left	Unk	No
19-48692	Fourth Ave & Packard Rd	10/26/2019	11:32 PM	Turning Left	Yes	Yes
19-49277	Maiden Ln & Maiden Ct	10/30/2019	7:54 AM	Going Straight	Yes	Yes
19-49474	Fourth Ave & Huron St	10/31/2019	12:16 PM	Turning Left	Yes	Yes
19-50220	E University Ave & Hill St	10/31/2019	7:45 PM	Turning Left	Yes	Yes