



Transportation Project Updates May 2021

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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 now posted on the [project website](#). Construction is scheduled to start the week of May 17 on the first phase of the residential street work, which includes Baldwin, Brockman, Crestland, Eastover, Ferdon, and St. Francis. The contractor will also start work shortly on the repaving of the asphalt paths along Packard in early June.

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. The scope of this project includes the addition of buffered bike lanes in both directions. This project utilizes Federal funding, and construction is currently anticipated to start in August.

Geddes Road Watermain

This project consists of a watermain replacement between Windycrest and Earhart. No changes to the road configuration are anticipated. Due to the limited work space, the road will be open to local traffic only during construction. Through traffic will be detoured using Huron Parkway, Glazier Way, and Earhart. Construction is scheduled to begin in early June.

South Industrial Concrete Pavement Repairs

This project consists of spot repairs of the concrete pavement. The project will include the addition of bike lanes and a road diet in the four-lane segment immediately south of Stimson (conversion from four to three lanes to make room for bike lanes). Construction on the project began May 10, and is expected to be completed in early July. More information is available on the [project website](#).

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](#). City Council approved removal of on-street parking in favor of buffered bike lane installation at their November 16 meeting. Some delays in the plan review process with MDOT have been experienced, however construction is still expected to begin in July of 2021.



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) (Late summer/fall)
- Boardwalk Drive (east side from Eisenhower to Oakbrook) (Late summer/fall)
- Jackson Avenue (south side from Wagner to Park Lake) (July/August)
- Scio Church Road (north side from Landmark Court to Winsted and Greenview to Seventh) (Late summer/fall)
- Stimson Street (both sides; near State Street) (Late summer/fall)
- Yost and Eli (at frontage of 2609 Yost Avenue) (TBD)
- Manchester (near Washtenaw) (TBD)

Huron Street Improvements

Huron Street sidewalk improvements are substantially complete. The requested transportation and safety enhancement work will be performed by MDOT as follows:

1. Leading pedestrian intervals (LPIs) at signalized intersections between First and Division Streets: MDOT initially shared that adequate walk time already existed and noted that adding pedestrian walk time could negatively affect the vehicular operations at the subject intersections. Subsequently, MDOT approved LPIs at the First and Ashley Street intersections with installation as part of the First and Ashley Street Improvements in 2020 and 2021. City/DDA staff will continue to follow up on this request.
2. Third and Chapin full signal: Approved. MDOT installation is underway.
3. Restricted Right Turns: Approved. MDOT installation planned for late summer 2020.
4. Permissive/Protected left turn phase at 5th Avenue: Approved. MDOT installation is now complete.

Bridge Maintenance Project

This project consists of capital maintenance work on several of the City's bridges, including the Broadway bridges, the Fuller Road bridge (east of Maiden Lane), and the Island Drive bridge over Traver Creek. While no major changes to the roadways are anticipated, there will be detours set up for this work. Construction has been completed on the Island Drive bridge, and is ongoing at the Broadway and Fuller Road bridges.

Projects Currently in Design/Planning

People Friendly Streets Initiative

First and Ashley Streets construction continues. Construction completion and restoration to two-way traffic is anticipated in summer 2021. People for Bikes ranked the First Street Bikeway as one of [America's Best New Bikeways of 2020](#).



Other Updates and Information

“Healthy Streets” - Transportation opportunities for social distancing

[A public engagement survey tool](#) was used to solicit community input from March 5 to April 2, 2021. We received 963 comments: 457 in support; 393 in opposition; and 111 other. The design was completed by the engineering firm and an invitation to bid was released on April 9. The proposed program includes 34 Neighborhood Slow Streets, and deployments on Main St (William to Stadium), N Packard (Hill to State), and S Packard (Eisenhower to city limits). At the April 20 meeting the Transportation Commission recommended approval of the resolution to approve a construction contract for the Healthy Streets 2021 implementation; however, at the May 3 City Council meeting, the resolution for construction contract approval was not passed. More information is available on the City’s Healthy Streets [project website](#).

Lower Town Mobility Study:

Following the second public meeting held in November 2020, the project team launched an online survey to gather input from the community on mobility improvements to the Lower Town. The survey closed on January 12, 2021 and the results will be reviewed and analyzed to help inform the study. The third public meeting will be held June 10, 2021, via Zoom, additional details coming soon. The meeting will include a presentation of alternatives and public discussion. More information about the project and engagement opportunities can be found on the [project website](#).

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:

- Jackson/Highlake/I-94 East ramp – MDOT will signalize the intersection to improve the safety of this intersection, especially for those accessing the on-ramps for I-94E. In tandem with this project, the City made improvements to the sidewalk on the south side of Jackson at Highlake. Concerns have been voiced from the neighborhood about the turning radius of a curb extension and meetings are scheduled to discuss these improvements with the neighborhood, MDOT, City staff and elected officials. Construction is on-going. A meeting was held April 23, 2021 to listen to concerns and provide answers to questions.

Transportation Plan Update

The document has been updated in response to comments received during the community review of the draft plan. At their joint session on April 20, 2021, the Planning Commission adopted and both the Planning Commission and Transportation Commission recommended City Council adoption of the Plan. Staff introduced the Plan at the Council Work Session on May 10, 2021 and will bring the document before City Council for approval on June 7, 2021. The latest version of the document and other related materials can be found on the project website: www.a2gov.org/visionzero.