



## Transportation Project Updates September 2022

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### **2022 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 2022 will occur primarily in the area bounded by Miller, Maple, Jackson, and Huron. Resurfacing of various segments of asphalt paths is also included. The complete list of streets included in the 2022 program is posted on the [project website](#). Work began in mid-May and is scheduled to continue through October.

#### **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](#). Some delays in the plan review process with MDOT have been experienced, which has caused the construction start date to slip to the Fall of 2022. Bids were opened by MDOT on September 2, and the low bid was much higher than anticipated. The current plan is to rebid the project as a single year project to begin in the spring of 2023. Staff believes this could result in some significant cost savings; however, the project will likely be higher than originally budgeted regardless.

#### **Sidewalk Gaps**

Gaps in the sidewalk system that are expected to be filled in 2022 include (some tentative timelines shown in parentheses):

- Barton Drive (north side from Brede to Pontiac) – Complete.
- Boardwalk Drive (east side from Eisenhower to Oakbrook) – Complete.
- Broadway (north/west side from Broadview Ln to Plymouth) – Postponed to 2023
- Ellsworth Road (north side, State to Stone School) – Scheduled to start 9/26/22
- Hiscock Street (east side, near Summit) – Under construction
- Hutchins & Prescott (near Stadium) – Complete
- South Main Street (address 2878) – Postponed due to easement needs
- Newport (east side from Sunset to Down up Circle) – postponed to June 2023
- Nixon/Traver (Westbury to Logan Elementary) – Complete
- Platt Road (address 2231) – Complete
- Russell Street (with first time paving project) – construction in Fall 2022
- Saunders Crescent (address 1121) – Complete
- Scio Church Road (north side from Landmark Court to Winsted and Greenview to Seventh) – Spring 2023
- Tuebingen Parkway (Lancashire to Traver) – Under construction



- Winchell, Brockman, Frieze loop –Under construction
- Yost and Eli (at frontage of 2609 Yost Avenue) – Complete

### **State Street Improvement Project (William to Huron)**

This project is being designed jointly with the Downtown Development Authority. The project scope includes resurfacing, watermain work, non-motorized improvements, and installation of our first curb less street (William to Washington). Construction began on June 1 and will occur in two phases. Phase 1, (William to Liberty) was scheduled to be completed by Labor Day 2022 but is running behind and is anticipated to be completed in October. Phase 2 (Liberty to Huron) will begin in spring of 2023 and be concluded before Labor Day of that year.

### **Platt Road (Huron Parkway to Packard)**

This is a Federal aid project the consists of resurfacing, watermain replacement work and pedestrian improvements. Due to supply chain issues (scarcity of watermain pipe), construction of this project has been postponed to spring of 2023. City Council approved the cost sharing contract with MDOT at their meeting on June 21, 2022. As part of this approval, City Council stipulated the incorporation of bicycle facilities consistent with an "all ages and abilities bicycle route" along this segment of Platt Road. A public meeting is scheduled regarding this topic on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Further information will be provided when available.

### **Barton Drive Bike Lanes**

When Barton Drive was resurfaced in 2020, staff had proposed the removal of on-street parking between Pontiac and Northside in order to install dedicated bike lanes. City Council approved a Resolution to remove the on-street parking at their July 18, 2022 meeting. The bike lanes will be installed this year.

### **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 currently being completed, however due to material shortages, construction will be postponed to the spring of 2023. A public engagement meeting has been scheduled for September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. For details, see the project webpage at [www.a2gov.org/Broadway](http://www.a2gov.org/Broadway).

### **Huron Parkway/Tuebingen Resurfacing (Nixon to Traver)**

This project includes road resurfacing, filling of a sidewalk gap, and installation of bike lanes. Construction is currently underway.

### **Geddes Ave Resurfacing (Observatory to Highland)**

This project includes resurfacing, stormwater improvements, and crosswalk upgrades. Due to supply chain issues, construction is expected to be postponed to the spring of 2023.



### **Miller/Catherine**

This project consists of a two-way protected bike lane on the south side of Miller/Catherine between Division and First Street and infrastructure to support the Ann Arbor Housing Commission's project at Fourth and Catherine. Construction began in August.

### **Projects Currently in Design/Planning**

#### **Earhart Road (US-23 to Geddes Road)**

This project consists of the resurfacing of Earhart Road between Geddes and US-23. This was originally two projects, with the southern portion from Greenhill's to Geddes scheduled for 2022. However, due to contractor capacity issues, this project was not able to be completed in 2022 and is being combined with the northern portion for construction in 2023. The project scope includes resurfacing and the addition of bike lanes. A public meeting is being scheduled for October 20, 2022 to present information on the proposed lane reconfiguration north of Glazier and on the potential reconfiguration of the Glazier Way intersection. Details on the public meeting will be shared when available.

#### **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. Construction on this project is scheduled for 2023. A public engagement meeting was held on September 13<sup>th</sup>. The Transportation Commission will also receive a presentation on the project at their September 21, 2022 meeting. When available, follow-up information from the meeting will be posted to the [project webpage](#).

#### **Brooks Street Improvements**

This project consists of watermain replacement, stormwater improvements, street resurfacing, sidewalk gap filling, and possible reconfiguration of the Brooks/Vesper/Sunset intersection. Design work is underway, and construction is planned for 2023. A public meeting to discuss the elements of this project has been scheduled for September 22 at 7:00 p.m. More information is available on the project website at: [www.a2gov.org/Brooks](http://www.a2gov.org/Brooks).

#### **State & Hill Improvements**

This is a Federal aid project (Surface Transportation Program, Highway Safety Improvements Program, and COVID relief funding). The project limits are as follows:

- State Street (South University to Packard)
- State Street (Hoover to Granger)
- Hill Street (Fifth Ave. to Church)

The project scope includes watermain replacement and lead transfers, street resurfacing, non-motorized improvements, crosswalk upgrades, and new streetlights. A



public engagement meeting was held on April 26<sup>th</sup> to gather initial feedback on the project. Additional public engagement opportunities will be forthcoming and will be communicated to the Transportation Commission in advance. A detailed presentation on this project was provided to the Transportation Commission at the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. A second public meeting has been scheduled for September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. More information on the public meeting can be found on the [project website](#). A follow-up presentation to the Transportation Commission is scheduled for the October meeting.

## **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:

M-14/Barton Interchange study – MDOT continues work on a ‘planning and environmental linkages’ study for the M-14/Barton interchange. MDOT announced a new round of public engagement which runs from September 14-28, 2022 and is seeking input on four alternatives: 1) No Build - maintain the existing configuration; 2) Close Eastbound Ramps - completely close the Barton to eastbound M-14 ramp; 3) Modified Loop – realign and lengthen the existing eastbound ramp to create a more standard merge condition; 4) Dog Bone – this is a series of roundabouts integrated into reconfigured ramps. More information is available on the project website: <https://m14-bartonpel.com/>

### **HSIP Awards**

The City was awarded three federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grants from MDOT on September 13, 2022: 1) Signal backplates at various signalized intersections (total project = \$28,800; HSIP award = \$25,920); 2) Countdown Pedestrian Signals at various signalized intersection crosswalks (total project = \$108,000; HSIP award = \$97,200); 3) Miller Ave. Crosswalk Improvements at Fulmer, Hatcher, Crescent, Bruce, Pine, and Newport (total project = \$254,880; HSIP award = \$283,200).

### **Streetlight Implementation**

877 streetlight outages have been addressed to date by DTE in 2022. Additionally, work continues streetlight maintenance which paints, replaces, or performs other preventive maintenance work on existing City-owned streetlights to ensure operability. New streetlights were installed: on Miller at Brooks; on Miller at Pine Tree; on Miller at Bruce; on S. Forest at Willard; on Depot and N. Fifth; on Pontiac at Bowen; on W. Liberty and Fourth and Murray; on Fletcher north of N. University; along Scio Church; and on Skydale..

### **Transportation Plan Update**

The Vision Zero Implementation Committee (VZIC) held a meeting on August 16<sup>th</sup> and those materials will be reviewed with the Transportation Commission in September. Staff are working with Sam Schwartz in developing the engagement schedule and opportunities for the quick build and speed management programs.

**Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant**

After Transportation Commission's recommendation on August 17, 2022, City Council approved submittal of a \$22M grant to the federal government for the Safe Streets and Roads for All Program on September 6, 2022. The grant was successfully submitted on September 14, 2022. The grant review process is expected to take several months, and staff does not expect announcements on award until well into 2023.

**Packard Road Speed Limits**

Staff has finalized a memo which summarizes the engineering/safety analysis performed on Packard Road between Buhr Park/Easy Street and US-23/City Limits. The memo provides the justification to lower the current 40 mph speed limit to 35 mph. The memo will be shared with the Transportation Commission as part of their September 21, 2022 packet.

**Education and Encouragement**

The transportation team just completed the Ann Arbor District Library Summer Game and had 542 participants in the walking badge and 815 participants for the biking badge. Additionally, the Gold Level: Ride and Learn event was held on August 18 and had 25 participants at this event. A special thanks to Doug Martell (Police), Brian Slizewski (Engineering), Amber Miller (DDA), and Oliver Kiley (Smith Group), and Suzann Flowers/Cynthia Redinger/Cyrus Naheedy (Engineering/Transportation) for their roles in this event. The team is also working with city communication staff in pushing out safety information with the start of the school year.