



Transportation Project Updates November 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 is now substantially complete. The complete list of streets that was included in the 2022 program is posted 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](#). 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. Bids are expected to be opened in January. 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) – Under construction
- Hiscock Street (east side, near Summit) – Postponed to spring 2023 due to cement shortage
- 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) – Under construction
- 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) – Complete
- Winchell, Brockman, Frieze loop – Complete
- Yost and Eli (at frontage of 2609 Yost Avenue) – Complete

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

This is a Federal aid project that 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 being scheduled regarding this topic for early December. 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 as soon as possible pending contractor availability.

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 virtual public meeting was held on October 20, 2022 which presented information on the proposed lane reconfiguration north of Glazier Way and on the potential reconfiguration of the Glazier Way intersection. Follow-up information from the public meeting will be available on the project webpage at www.a2gov.org/earhart2023. Staff is taking the feedback obtained from this public meeting to make modifications to the design, and at this time expects to conduct one final public meeting to present the final design. Information on this final 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 13th. Follow-up information from the meeting is posted to the [project webpage](#). Additionally, traffic volume and speed data has been posted online. Following the Transportation Commission's recommendations from their September 21 and October 19, 2022 meetings, staff is presenting a Resolution to City Council to remove on-street parking from one side (the west side) of South Seventh Street from Scio Church to Lawton Elementary and to incorporate



additional speed management and/or traffic calming elements as part of the project. This Resolution is scheduled to go to City Council on November 10, 2022.

E. Medical Center Drive Bridge

On March 7, 2022, City Council approved an amendment to DLZ's contract to design and provide a construction cost estimate for the east-west pathway under the E. Medical Center Drive bridge. The project is currently out to bid. Staff has also released a Request for Proposals for construction administration. Construction is expected to begin in March/April of 2023. Design and cost estimating work is almost complete on the pathway, and more information will be provided once that effort has been completed.

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. Public engagement meetings were held on April 26th and September 27th. More information on the public meeting can be found on the [project website](#). Preliminary plans have been submitted to MDOT and final plans are scheduled to be submitted in December.

Other Updates and Information

Office of Sustainability and Innovations (OSI) Update

The voters of Ann Arbor overwhelmingly supported the climate millage on November 8, 2022. This millage is expected to generate over \$6 million annually for the next 20 years. Some of this money is expected to help advance transportation initiatives which implement elements of the A2Zero Carbon Neutrality Plan – namely improvements to bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. More information is available online at:

<https://www.a2gov.org/departments/sustainability/Pages/2022-Community-Climate-Action-Millage-.aspx>

Streetlight Implementation

1037 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.

Traffic Calming Program Submittals

Granger (State to Packard) has kicked off. The initial questionnaire was sent to residents and was due back October 24th. Granger (Forest to Olivia), Fulmer (Miller to Foss), and Baldwin (Packard to Stadium) have also kicked off and individual project websites have been created. Initial questionnaires are expected to be sent out shortly.



Transportation Implementation Plan Update

City staff held three open house meetings in October for the speed management program. 100 people interacted with staff at these meetings. The speed management storymap is now live

(<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/d420834d8c4948cc92273500d1092298>) and

there is a comment feature to collect public feedback.

The major themes discussed at the events were:

1. People were supportive of slowing speeds
2. How will changes to major streets impact local streets
3. Enforcement
4. Painted bike lanes are not safe need protection from automobile

There will be two additional meetings for the VZIC members on November 14 and December 12. These meetings will be shifting to every other month beginning in the new calendar year, with the next meeting taking place in February.

The remaining project elements to be completed with Sam Schwartz are the annual report, final memo for the speed management program, implementation program, and a safe systems policy analysis.

The quick build projects were started this past summer and will be finished this spring when the weather improves.

Transportation staff will be presenting at this years Michigan Association of Planning Transportation Bonanza that will be focused on the plan development and plan implementation.

Education and Encouragement

The transportation team are working to develop a calendar of education and encouragement events for the start of the new calendar year. Up next is the Conquer the Cold challenge by the Get Downtown Program and we would love to have folks from the Transportation Commission sign up and provide a short testimonial (video or written) to Suzann Flowers on why they choose to "Conquer the Cold".

TheRide Update

Last 3 months (August, September, and October) had the highest ridership recovery since the onset of the pandemic, approximately 65% of the same period in 2019. TheRide continues hiring more bus operators to maintain the full level of service.

TheRide worked with its consultant to develop an Alternative Propulsion Bus Study. This study explores zero emission bus propulsion technologies and assesses the benefits and challenges of transitioning from a fossil fuel bus fleet to a zero-emissions bus fleet. The public education period will be from October 19 – November 28. There will be two informational sessions for the public:



- Virtual: November 15, 12:00 p.m. (Noon)
- In-Person: November 15, 6:00 p.m.
Washtenaw County Learning Resources Center
4135 Washtenaw Avenue
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

The public can find the details of these events and view the report at:
<https://www.theride.org/about/projects/theride-zero-emission-buses>