



## City of Ann Arbor City Administrator's Report November 21, 2022

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### Safety Notes

**A2 Be Safe! Coronavirus (COVID-19) update.** It remains vitally important for everyone to follow the latest public health guidelines, both inside and outside of the workplace, and to get vaccinated when eligible.

City facilities are open to the public. The city will continue to share updated information via all channels — including Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/TheCityOfAnnArbor>), Twitter (<https://twitter.com/a2gov>), NextDoor and via email (subscribe at [http://service.govdelivery.com/service/subscribe.html?code=MIANNA\\_5](http://service.govdelivery.com/service/subscribe.html?code=MIANNA_5)).

City staff continue to serve the community and residents can always contact the city's customer service center for assistance Monday–Friday, 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. (except holidays) at 734.794.6320 or via email at [customerservice@a2gov.org](mailto:customerservice@a2gov.org) with questions or concerns.

For the latest COVID-19 health information, please visit [www.washtenaw.org/COVID19](http://www.washtenaw.org/COVID19) or the Centers for Disease Control <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/>. For city related business, individual safety reminders include:

- Please check the [city's meeting calendar for](#) the most up-to-date information on public meetings.
- To pay parking tickets, water bills, property taxes, apply for permits as well as other customer service options, residents and visitors are encouraged to take advantage of online services by visiting [www.a2gov.org/services](http://www.a2gov.org/services).

### A2 Be Safe!

### Success Stories

**Success.** Thank you to staff throughout the organization who have worked and continue to work tirelessly, and those who have gone above and beyond during the COVID-19 pandemic. You are appreciated! The City extends appreciation to the Ann Arbor community for their patience; cooperation with mask wearing and distancing; increased handwashing; support of local businesses; and for getting/planning to get vaccinated all in a united effort to bring the pandemic to an end.

- **Ann Arbor Named Climate Action Global Leader on CDP A List.** For a second year in a row, Ann Arbor has been recognized by CDP as one of 122 cities and counties across the globe that is taking bold leadership on environmental action and transparency, despite the pressures of a challenging global economic situation. Designed to encourage and support local governments to ramp up their climate action and ambition, CDP's Cities A List is based on environmental data disclosed by local governments to CDP-ICLEI Track. A clear momentum in local climate disclosure and action is building — for the first time, over 1,000 cities and counties (1,002 in total) received a rating for their climate action from CDP in 2022, a rise on the 965 cities and counties scored in 2021. In 2022, just over one in 10 local governments scored by CDP (12% of such local governments) received an A. For more information about the CDP Cities A List, visit <https://www.cdp.net/en>. To learn more about Ann Arbor's efforts toward carbon neutrality, A2ZERO, visit [www.a2zero.org](http://www.a2zero.org).
- **Subscribe to the OSI Newsletter** – Every two months we send out a detailed newsletter highlighting some of the sustainability-related activities unfolding in the community. If you aren't already, consider subscribing by filling out [this short](#) form.
- The IBEW/NECA, our local Electrical Workers Union, is partnering with A<sup>2</sup>ZERO on electrification readiness, and continues their campaign called “**The Future is Electric.**” (<https://www.ibewneca252.org/a2zero>) As part of this campaign, they have been releasing [informational videos](#) (<https://www.ibewneca252.org/a2zero-video-series>) to help residents know what might be involved with upgrading homes for electrification of appliances and vehicles. Take a look at their videos on panel upgrades, heat pump dryers, induction stoves and EV charging!
- **Solarize** — If you have been thinking about installing solar at your home, OSI's Solarize program is a great resource to help you navigate the terrain. For details, visit <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/sustainability/Sustainability-Me/Families-Individuals/Pages/Ann-Arbor-Solarize.aspx>. To learn more, to sign up for a Solarize event or to be added to the Solarize mailing list, contact Julie Roth, the Ann Arbor Solarize program coordinator, at [jroth@a2gov.org](mailto:jroth@a2gov.org).
- **Join the Ann Arbor Resident Race to Zero Home Energy Challenge.** Ann Arbor residents are invited to participate in a multi-week challenge to reduce their energy consumption, save money and win prizes. The challenge, known as the [Resident Race to Zero Home Energy Challenge](#) is an opportunity for residents to learn how they can improve their homes' energy efficiency and health while reducing their carbon footprint. Created by the City of Ann Arbor Office of Sustainability and Innovations and the [GreenHome](#) Institute, this challenge will help residents identify easy actions they can take to improve home health, comfort and lower energy bills while also engaging in friendly competition with other residents to see who can lower their energy and water usage the most! More information is available via <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=912>.
- **Sustaining Ann Arbor Together.** The City administers a grant program for residents to advance community-wide sustainability, known as the Sustaining Ann Arbor Together

(SA<sup>2</sup>T) grant program. SA<sup>2</sup>T is currently accepting applications for this year's grant program. Successful applicants can receive up to \$10,000 to advance social or environmental sustainability in the community. Learn more at [www.a2gov.org/sa2t](http://www.a2gov.org/sa2t). The most recently awarded grants are available via <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=906>

- **Sustainable Seasons, Healthy Holidays** — OSI will have a table at the University of Michigan's Sustainable Seasons, Healthy Holidays event on Dec. 1, 1–3 p.m. in the Shapiro Library Lobby. The office of campus sustainability, MHealthy, Wolverine Wellness and the UM libraries are partnering to host this event focused on the connections between environmental and social sustainability, and personal and community wellness during the holiday season. OSI staff will be tabling at the event, with a focus on how to make your holiday meals more sustainable.
- **UPCOMING EVENTS**
  - **Bandemer Park Workdays, third Tuesdays, 8:30–10 a.m.** — OSI has adopted Bandemer Park and holds a monthly workday there with GIVE365 (on the third Tuesday of each month, except December–February). If you are interested in volunteering to help maintain Bandemer Park with OSI (by picking up trash, removing invasives, clearing brush from trails, etc.), please email Melissa at [adopt-a-park@a2gov.org](mailto:adopt-a-park@a2gov.org).
  - **Ann Arbor Solar Stories, first Thursday of each month, online, 7-8 p.m.:** Hosted by the GLREA, hear from Ann Arborites who have gone solar, and have a chance to ask them all your questions! Register for "Thursday Night Energy Events" to receive meeting links at <https://www.2glrea.org/events-1/thursday-night-energy-events>.

### **Council Priorities/Initiatives**

**Police Monthly Report.** The October 2022 AAPD Monthly Comparison Report – Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report (PDF) is attached.

**Transportation Commission Monthly Report.** The November 2022 Transportation Commission Project Report (PDF) is attached.

### **Previews**

The **November 21 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

**Consent Agenda (8).** There are eight items on the consent agenda.

**Public Hearings (2)** – Please see below and under second readings.

- **A Public Hearing and Resolution to Authorize Access by Commercial Users to the City of Ann Arbor's Fiber Optic Network.**

## Ordinances – Second Readings (1)

- **A Public Hearing An Ordinance to Amend Sections 4:58 and 4:59 of Chapter 49 (Sidewalks) of Title IV (Streets and Sidewalks) of the Code of the City Relative to Responsibility to Repair of Adjacent Sidewalks.** On November 3, 2020, Ann Arbor voters approved a new 4-year Streets, Bridges, and Sidewalks Millage, which replaced a similar millage that ended June 30, 2022. The proposed amendments to Chapter 40 are intended to update the ordinance to match the millage dates (July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2026) in certain provisions that apply to properties in the Downtown Development District.

## Other

**City Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule.** There will be no trash, recycling or compost curbside collection services in the city of Ann Arbor on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 24. The normal Thursday pickups will occur on Friday, and the normal Friday routes will be serviced on Saturday, Nov. 26, this week only.

Ann Arbor municipal offices, including the customer service center at Larcom City Hall and the 15th Judicial District Court, will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24, and Friday, Nov. 25. Safety services and utility operations will maintain 24-hour schedules throughout.

The seasonal curbside pickups of compostable materials will end for the season on Friday, Dec. 9, 2022. Ann Arbor's compost collection provides an opportunity for pickup of fall leaves and other yard debris that have been placed on lawn extensions in compost carts, paper yard bags, or branches tied into bundles, as described online at [www.a2gov.org/compost](http://www.a2gov.org/compost). Leaves are not permitted in the street and will not be collected if placed there.

**Natural Area Preservation Workdays and Events in December.** Even as winter approaches, Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation's (NAP) work protecting and maintaining the parks and nature areas continues! And volunteer help is always needed and appreciated. NAP has several events planned for December, including a stewardship workday in honor of World Soil Day and a guided nature walk. Please see the news release, below and online at <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=925>, for the schedule and details. We hope you will share these opportunities with your audience.



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**FROM:** Ann Arbor Police Department  
**SUBJECT:** Monthly Comparison Report  
**DATE:** November 10, 2022

**AAPD Offense Monthly Comparison Report (preliminary and advisory) – October 2022**

Crime Category	Part	Oct-2022	Sep-2022	% Change	Oct-2021	% Change	YTD 2022	YTD 2021	% Change
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	A	0	0	No Change	1	-100.0%	4	9	-55.6%
ARSON	A	0	0	No Change	1	-100.0%	9	5	80.0%
ASSAULT - AGGRAVATED	A	20	21	-4.8%	29	-31.0%	181	185	-2.2%
ASSAULT - SIMPLE	A	48	44	9.1%	52	-7.7%	468	462	1.3%
BRIBERY	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	0	No Change
BURGLARY - ALL OTHER	A	3	5	-40.0%	10	-70.0%	64	50	28.0%
BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL	A	17	18	-5.6%	12	41.7%	144	109	32.1%
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	A	43	33	30.3%	37	16.2%	327	319	2.5%
DRUG OFFENSES	A	8	8	0.0%	9	-11.1%	71	54	31.5%
EMBEZZLEMENT	A	0	3	-100.0%	0	No Change	7	9	-22.2%
EXTORTION - BLACKMAIL	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	10	9	11.1%
FORGERY / COUNTERFEITING	A	8	2	300.0%	0	N/C	59	26	126.9%
FRAUD	A	27	34	-20.6%	24	12.5%	419	350	19.7%
GAMBLING	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	0	No Change
HEALTH AND SAFETY	A	0	1	-100.0%	0	No Change	2	1	100.0%
HOMICIDE - JUSTIFIABLE	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	1	-100.0%
HOMICIDE - NEGLIGENT	A	0	1	-100.0%	0	No Change	1	0	N/C
HOMICIDE - NON-NEGLIGENT	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	1	2	-50.0%
INTIMIDATION / STALKING	A	14	12	16.7%	9	55.6%	114	88	29.5%
KIDNAPPING / ABDUCTION	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	0	No Change
LARCENY - ALL OTHER	A	73	78	-6.4%	68	7.4%	641	640	0.2%



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LARCENY - FROM AUTO (LFA)	A	43	56	-23.2%	45	-4.4%	495	387	27.9%
LARCENY - RETAIL FRAUD	A	17	15	13.3%	31	-45.2%	166	195	-14.9%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT / FRAUD	A	11	22	-50.0%	9	22.2%	135	82	64.6%
OBSCENITY	A	0	0	No Change	1	-100.0%	0	5	-100.0%
ROBBERY	A	8	3	166.7%	1	700.0%	36	25	44.0%
SEX CRIME (VIOLENT)	A	7	6	16.7%	8	-12.5%	70	73	-4.1%
SEX OFFENSES - COMMERCIALIZED	A	0	0	No Change	1	-100.0%	1	3	-66.7%
SEX OFFENSES - CSC	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	0	No Change
STOLEN PROPERTY	A	2	2	0.0%	1	100.0%	20	4	400.0%
WEAPONS OFFENSE	A	5	3	66.7%	2	150.0%	53	34	55.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>-3.5%</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>3,498</b>	<b>3,127</b>	<b>11.9%</b>
ACCIDENT - HIT & RUN	B	1	1	0.0%	2	-50.0%	5	10	-50.0%
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	B	6	16	-62.5%	9	-33.3%	64	75	-14.7%
BURGLARY - ALL OTHER	B	3	0	N/C	2	50.0%	11	12	-8.3%
DISORDERLY	B	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	0	No Change
ESCAPE / FLIGHT	B	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	2	-100.0%
FAMILY OFFENSE	B	0	2	-100.0%	1	-100.0%	17	24	-29.2%
FRAUD	B	2	0	N/C	1	100.0%	22	15	46.7%
HEALTH AND SAFETY	B	0	2	-100.0%	0	No Change	13	5	160.0%
HOMICIDE - NEGLIGENT	B	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	0	No Change
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION	B	44	70	-37.1%	14	214.3%	131	125	4.8%
MISSING PERSON / RUNAWAY	B	2	1	100.0%	1	100.0%	10	18	-44.4%
OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE	B	17	10	70.0%	14	21.4%	178	138	29.0%
OBSTRUCTING POLICE	B	5	7	-28.6%	5	0.0%	83	62	33.9%
OUI OF LIQUOR / DRUGS	B	18	17	5.9%	19	-5.3%	170	155	9.7%
PUBLIC PEACE	B	27	32	-15.6%	11	145.5%	175	116	50.9%
SEX OFFENSES - OTHER	B	1	2	-50.0%	8	-87.5%	19	21	-9.5%
TRESPASSING / INVASION OF PRIVACY	B	8	7	14.3%	4	100.0%	90	45	100.0%
VAGRANCY	B	0	0	No Change	1	-100.0%	3	5	-40.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>-19.8%</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>45.7%</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>19.7%</b>

\*N/C represents an increase of "0" which is mathematically "Not-Calculable"



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### AAPD Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report – October 2022

Pedestrian						
Report #	Location	Date	Time	Vehicle Movement	Ped In Crosswalk	Ped Injury
220041370	Ann and S Main	10/21/2022	10:02 AM	Going Straight	Yes	O
220042627	Observatory and Washington Heights	10/29/2022	1:25 PM	Going Straight	No	C

### AAPD Monthly Bicyclist Crash Report – October 2022

Bicyclist							
Report #	Location	Date	Time	Vehicle Movement	Bike Movement	Bike Injury	Helmet
220038979	S Forest and Hill	10/4/2022	3:38 PM	Going Straight	Entering Roadway	B	Yes
220040642	Packard and Whitewood	10/15/2022	9:34 PM	Going Straight	Entering Roadway	B	No
220042038	Maiden Lane and Nielson Court	10/25/2022	4:36 PM	Leaving Parking	Crossing on Sidewalk	B	No
220042039	N Main and Depot	10/25/2022	4:38 PM	Turning Left	Going Straight	A	Yes
220042740	S Fifth and John	10/29/2022	6:15 PM	Turning Left	Going Straight	B	No

<b>Injury Legend:</b>
K - Fatal Injury (any injury which results in death)
A - Suspected Serious Injury (Any injury other than fatal which prevents normal activities and generally requires hospitalization)
B - Suspected Minor Injury (Any minor injury that is evident to others at the scene)
C - Possible Injury (Any possible injury that is reported or claimed)
O - No Injury (No indication of injury)



## Transportation Project Updates November 2022

[Subscribe](#) to receive monthly Transportation Project Updates.

Visit [a2gov.org/Transportation Commission](https://a2gov.org/TransportationCommission) for additional background.

Contact the Transportation Commission at [TransportationCommission@a2gov.org](mailto:TransportationCommission@a2gov.org)

### **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](http://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 13<sup>th</sup>. 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 26<sup>th</sup> and September 27<sup>th</sup>. 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>