



Transportation Project Updates January 2023

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2023 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 2023 is scheduled to occur in the area bounded by Washtenaw, Geddes Ave and Huron Parkway, although there will be additional work scheduled with the Road Bond funding outside of that area. Asphalt path resurfacing is being planned along segments of Huron Parkway. Once a complete list of locations has been determined, it will be 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 project was rebid by MDOT in early January, and the low bid was approximately \$600K lower than the previous low bid. At this time, construction is scheduled to begin in March of 2023.

Sidewalk Gaps

Gaps in the sidewalk system that are expected to be filled in 2023 include:

- Broadway (north/west side from Broadview Ln to Plymouth)
- Brooks (Mixtwood to Sunset) – Summer
- Ellsworth Road (north side, State to Stone School) – Project is substantially complete; however, one gap remains due to a utility conflict. This remaining gap will be completed this spring.
- Newport (east side from Sunset to Down up Circle) –June
- Scio Church Road (north side from Landmark Court to Winsted and Greenview to Seventh) – Spring/Summer

Staff is also beginning work on the South Main Street (Stadium to Ann Arbor-Saline) Sidewalk Gap project, which is scheduled for construction in 2024, and will absorb a significant portion of the gap filling budget. See below for more details on that project.

Division Street

The DDA's construction on the two-way protected bike between Packard and Catherine is substantially complete. Installation of the bike signal at Division and Huron is currently underway.

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

The project scope includes resurfacing, watermain work, non-motorized improvements, and installation of our first curb less street (William to Washington). Phase 1, (William to Liberty) was substantially completed in 2022. Phase 2 (Liberty to Huron) will begin in spring of 2023 and be concluded before Labor Day.

Platt Road (Huron Parkway to Packard)

This is a Federal aid project the consists of resurfacing, watermain replacement work, an all ages and abilities bike facility, and pedestrian improvements. A virtual public meeting was held on December 13th. A recording of this meeting is available on the project website at www.a2gov.org/Platt.

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, add crosswalks, and fill sidewalk gaps on the north side of the road at the east end of the project.

Construction is anticipated to begin this spring. More information is available on the project webpage at www.a2gov.org/Broadway.

Geddes Ave Resurfacing (Observatory to Highland)

This project includes resurfacing, stormwater improvements, and crosswalk upgrades. Sidewalk and retaining wall work to remove the stairs in the sidewalk near Onondaga has been removed from this project and will be done under a separate contract later this year. Construction is scheduled to begin this spring.

Earhart Road (US-23 to Geddes Road)

This project consists of the resurfacing of Earhart Road between Geddes and US-23. The project scope includes the addition of bike lanes, reconfiguration of the lanes north of Glazier Way, and the inclusion of roundabouts. A final public meeting was held on December 14, 2022. Information from this meeting is available on the project webpage at www.a2gov.org/earhart2023.

E. Medical Center Drive Bridge

This project is to perform preventive maintenance of the bridge leading to the hospital campus. At the University's request and cost, the bridge is proposed to also add a vehicular travel lane. Award of the construction contract is scheduled to go to City Council on January 23rd.

Brooks Street Improvements

This project consists of watermain replacement, stormwater improvements, street resurfacing, sidewalk gap filling, and reconfiguration of the Brooks/Vesper/Sunset intersection. Design work is underway, and construction is anticipated to begin in Spring/Summer. More information is available on the project website at:

www.a2gov.org/Brooks.

**State & Hill Improvements**

Overall, this project consists of resurfacing on Hill Street (Fifth to Church) and State Street (South University to Packard and Hoover to Granger). Also included is some watermain consolidation, and safety improvements along both corridors. The final design will result in a protected bike facility the length of the project and 10.5' travel lanes to facilitate bus operations. These accommodations were able to be made as a result of removal of parking along the corridor. More information can be found on the project website. Final plans have been submitted to MDOT for bidding, and construction is expected to begin in April.

South Main Street Watermain & Resurfacing

This project consists of replacement of the watermain and resurfacing of the street from Huron to William. Public engagement has been underway with the adjacent business owners and the DDA. Award of the construction contract is scheduled to go to Council on January 23rd.

Huron Parkway/Glazier Way Capital Preventative Maintenance Project

The scope of this project includes the application of a cape seal treatment over the existing pavement on Huron Parkway (Geddes to Hubbard) and Glazier Way (Green to Earhart). When the pavement is restriped following the treatment, edge lines will be added on Huron Parkway (narrowing the travel lanes slightly), and buffered bike lanes will be installed on Glazier Way. Construction is scheduled for spring.

Projects Currently in Design/Planning**South Main Street Sidewalk Gap Project**

This project will construct new sidewalk on the east side of South Main Street between Stadium Boulevard and Ann Arbor-Saline Road. The project will utilize Federal Aid funds, with the local share funded by the Sidewalk Gap Millage and the University of Michigan. The sidewalk adjacent to the Valhalla area is expected to be completed by the proposed development there. Design is underway and construction is anticipated for 2024.

Other Updates and Information**State Trunkline Jurisdiction Transfer Analysis**

On December 5, 2022, City Council awarded the contract to Sam Schwartz to assess what the City should be consider if it were to approach MDOT about taking ownership of the state trunklines that run through the community; namely Washtenaw/Huron/Jackson and North Main. The study will kickoff on January 18, 2022.

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:



Jackson Ave Crosswalks – City and MDOT staff continue to work on new crosswalks along Jackson Ave between Maple and the Huron/Dexter/Jackson split. Following a field visit with MDOT staff in the fall, the City is advancing design of enhanced crosswalks which will need to be reviewed and approved by MDOT.

Traffic Calming Program Submittals

Granger (State to Packard) will have its second meeting on 2/8/23. Granger (Forest to Olivia), Fulmer (Miller to Foss), and Baldwin (Packard to Stadium) have also kicked off and initial questionnaires were sent out and are currently being evaluated. Manchester (Buckingham to Needham) and Grandview (Jackson to Dexter) will kick off shortly.

The Traffic Calming Subcommittee will have its next meeting on January 24th.

Transportation Implementation Plan Update

Staff from Sam Schwartz will provide an update on efforts at the January 18th meeting. The next meeting of the Vision Zero Implementation Committee will be held on February 27th.

Education and Encouragement

Conquer the Cold is currently underway. People can walk, bike, take public transit and more to earn prizes, badges, and bragging rights. More information available at conquerthecold.org.

TheRide Update

TheRide will make adjustments to fixed-route bus service beginning Sunday, January 22. These adjustments will improve on-time performance and service reliability. Most of the adjustments will alter route timepoints, helping service to operate more efficiently in response to on-road traffic conditions.

Planning work is also continuing for the Ypsilanti Transit Center upgrade project and the Blake Transit Center expansion project.