

PEOPLE-FRIENDLY STREETS

OUTCOMES REPORT

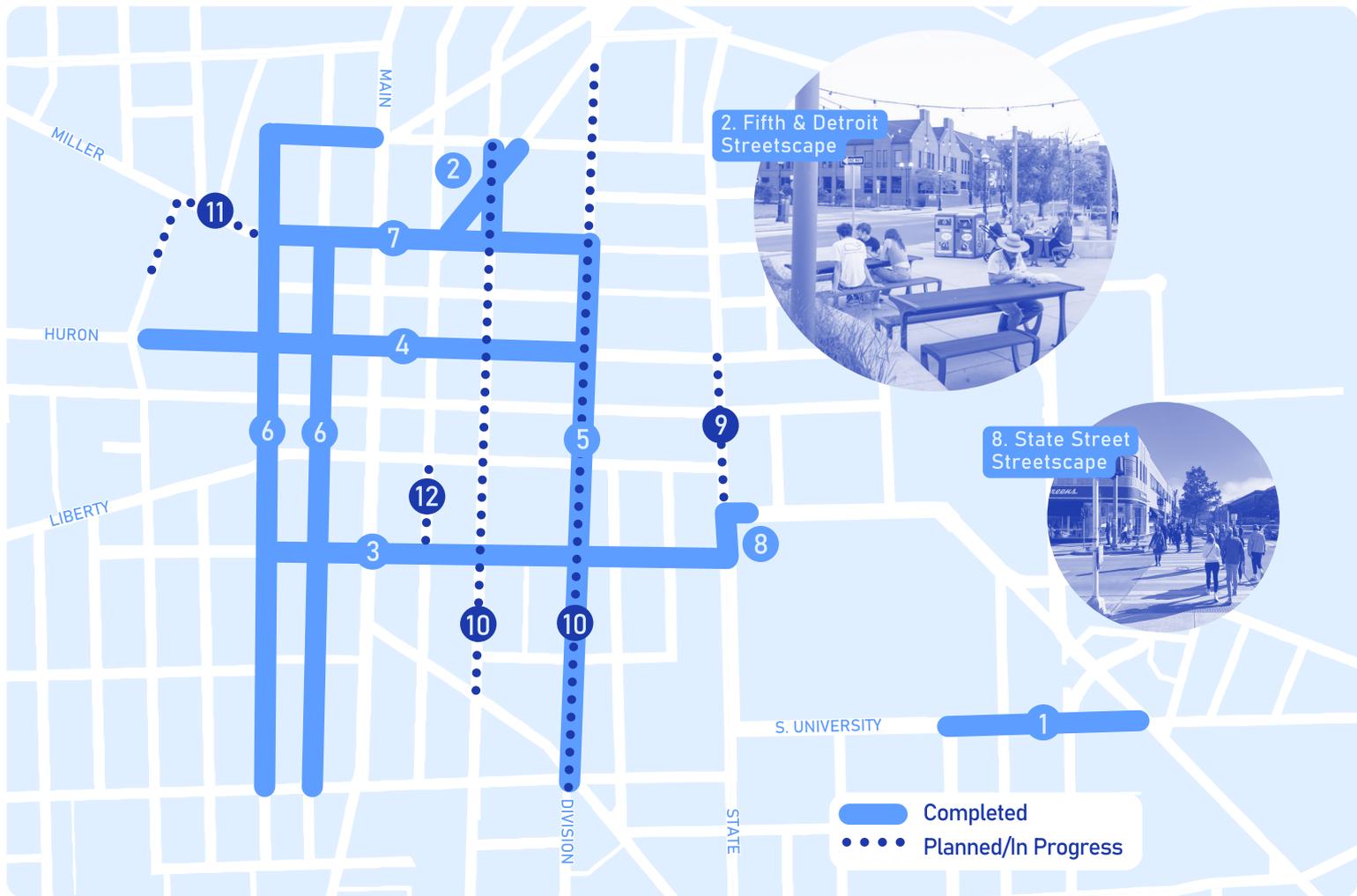
ANN ARBOR DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

SPRING 2023

DDA MISSION:
Undertake public improvements that
have the greatest impact in
strengthening the downtown area.



PROJECTS (2017 - PRESENT)



COMPLETED

- 1 South University Streetscape (2017)
- 2 Fifth & Detroit Streetscape (2019)
- 3 William St. Bikeway (2019)
- 4 Huron Street Streetscape (2020)
- 5 Division St. Bikeway (2021)
- 6 First & Ashley 2-Way Restoration and Bikeway (2021)
- 7 Miller / Catherine Bikeway (2022)
- 8 State Street Streetscape Phase 1 (2022)

PLANNED / IN PROGRESS

- 9 State Street Streetscape Phase 2 (2023)
- 10 Fifth & Division 2-Way Restoration Study (2023)
- 11 Miller / Catherine Bikeway Extension (2024)
- 12 Fourth Ave Transit Street Improvements (2026)

More information about People Friendly Streets projects can be found on the Ann Arbor DDA website.

DDA VALUES & PROJECT OUTCOMES



EQUITABLE, JUST ACCESS FOR ALL PEOPLE

CREATING SAFER ROUTES FOR MORE PEOPLE

- Enhanced safety at 118 crosswalks.
- Built 4 miles of new separated bike lanes with raised transit stops throughout.
- Increased space for people biking by 180% on bikeway streets.



INCREASING TRANSPORTATION ACCESS

- Hosted 2 pop-up events focused on bike repair and safety at the Delonis Center in 2022.
- Funded 2,910 transit passes for downtown employees in 2022.



SAFE, COMFORTABLE DOWNTOWN STREETS

TRANSFORMING 5TH AVE. & DETROIT ST.

- Before the DDA Project, only 48% of drivers stopped for people crossing.
- After the DDA Project, 97% of drivers stopped.



BUILDING SAFE STREETS FOR ALL

- Reduced severe crashes by 41% on Bikeway streets, even with more people biking.



IMPROVING NAVIGATION AND LOWERING SPEEDS

- Reduced speeding drivers by 43% and 30% on First and Ashley, respectively, after two-way restoration.



WHAT'S NEXT?



Continue people-first commitment in all projects.



Connect the Downtown Bikeway to residential neighborhoods and the river.



Improve transit rider experience and access with the Fourth Ave project.



Prioritize future improvements through the Downtown Circulation study.

DDA VALUES & PROJECT OUTCOMES



AFFORDABLE & INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

SUPPORTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- Invested nearly **\$1.2M** in infrastructure for the 121 Catherine Street affordable housing project.
- Funded **\$1M** in grants for maintenance, acquisition, and development of affordable housing.

\$2.2M



RESILIENT, ENERGY RESPONSIBLE DOWNTOWN

ENHANCING RESILIENCY TO DISRUPTIVE EVENTS AND MEETING CLIMATE GOALS

- Built **46** rain gardens to capture and clean stormwater.
- Improved stormwater management for **2.4** acres of public space downtown, the equivalent of almost **2** football fields.



MEETING CLIMATE GOALS

- Planted **267** street trees, sequestering **4,440** lbs. of CO2 annually.
- Installed **386** LED streetlights downtown and transitioned primary streetlight source from DTE to City-owned.



Increased bike ridership by **165%** on Division Street after Bikeway was installed.

WHAT'S NEXT?



Continue funding grants to support affordable housing projects downtown. Over **\$2.6M** has been designated through 2030.



Pilot public restroom options and locations to serve all people downtown.



Invest in infrastructure (i.e. water, stormwater, etc.) to support the 350 S. Fifth affordable housing project.



Continue commitment to accessible design.

WHAT'S NEXT?



Identify locations for downtown solar and geothermal infrastructure to support transition toward clean, reliable energy downtown.



Pursue U.S. Department of Energy grant with the City Office of Sustainability & Innovation to fund sustainable energy installation.



Continue commitment to green & resilient infrastructure in DDA projects.

DDA VALUES & PROJECT OUTCOMES



VIBRANT AND THRIVING LOCAL ECONOMY

HELPING LOCAL BUSINESSES THROUGH COVID

- Converted **191** parking spaces to convenient short-term pick-up spaces.
- Converted **62** parking spaces to outdoor dining patios for restaurants.
- Contributed **\$100K** to barricade costs to support street closures in 2020 & 2021.
- Paid **\$35,000** to sponsor 4 temporary art grants.



Paid **\$70,000** (total) in sidewalk occupancy permit fees for **90** downtown businesses in 2020 & 2021.



CONNECTED COMMUNITY SPACES WITH STREETS AS CIVIC SPACE

INCREASING SPACE FOR PEOPLE SHOPPING, DINING, AND ATTENDING EVENTS

- Added **4** new pedestrian plazas.
- Increased space for outdoor dining and pedestrians by **23%** with streetscape projects.
- Built 3 blocks of curbside street in the heart of State Street to provide flexibility for special events, outdoor dining, and more.



MANAGING CURBSIDE SPACE TO ENCOURAGE ACTIVATION

- Supported **38** events in 2022.



WHAT'S NEXT?



Explore equipment solutions that make downtown street closures for events and community activities easier and more affordable.



Create a DDA public art program & policy to generate more public art downtown.



Fully implement the curbside platform dining program, including a design template for business owners.



Continue to support special events & sidewalk activation.

DDA VALUES & PROJECT OUTCOMES



RESPONSIBLE DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION

COORDINATING PROJECTS WITH OTHER AGENCIES

- 70% of DDA projects from the past 5 years were combined with other infrastructure projects.
- Supported 3 years of landscape maintenance following construction to help green infrastructure thrive.
- Improved 19 blocks of watermains.
- Resurfaced or reconstructed 37 street blocks.



MANAGING CURBSIDE ACCESS



Added 40 loading zones to support downtown businesses and residents.



WHAT'S NEXT?



Continue to coordinate DDA projects with other downtown projects and focus on downtown resilience.



Implement nearly \$30M in projects through the City's Capital Improvement Plan through 2029.



Continue to maintain downtown pavers, tree grates, benches, bike parking, and irrigation.

AWARDS



PRESIDENTS HONOR AWARD 2019



AMERICA'S BEST NEW BIKEWAYS OF 2020



DESIGN MERIT AWARD 2021



DENNIS SERRAS AWARD 2021



GOLD-LEVEL BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY 2021



PROJECT OF THE YEAR 2021



HONORABLE CONCEPTOR AWARD 2023



OUTSTANDING INFRASTRUCTURE AWARD 2023