



Transportation Project Updates

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2023 Construction Projects**2023 Street Resurfacing Project**

This suite of projects encompasses the majority of the City's Street resurfacing activities and includes some asphalt path resurfacing. Work began in July and will last into 2024. 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 along segments of Huron Parkway has been completed. A complete list of locations can be found on the [project website](#) and on the [project tracking dashboard](#). Some of the work originally scheduled for 2023 was not able to be completed and will occur instead in the spring of 2024.

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) - COMPLETE
- Brooks (Mix wood to Sunset) – COMPLETE
- Earhart Road (east side from Glazier to new development) - COMPLETE
- Ellsworth Road (north side, State to Stone School) – Project is substantially complete; however, one gap remains due to a utility conflict. This remaining gap is expected to be completed in the spring of 2024.
- Newport (east side from Sunset to Down up Circle) – COMPLETE
- Scio Church Road (north side from Landmark Court to Winsted and Greenview to Seventh) – COMPLETE.

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. More information is available on the project webpage at www.a2gov.org/earhart2023. Construction is now substantially complete and temporary pavement markings have been placed. Some of the delineator posts have been placed and the remainder will be installed in the spring of 2024 when the permanent pavement markings are installed.



Brooks Street Improvements

This project consists of watermain replacement, stormwater improvements, street resurfacing, sidewalk gap filling (which will fully complete the sidewalks on both sides of Brooks for the entire length of the project), and reconfiguration of the Brooks/Vesper/Sunset intersection. More information is available on the project website at: www.a2gov.org/Brooks. Construction is now substantially complete.

Projects Currently in Design/Planning

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 went to City Council on January 23rd. A substitute Resolution was submitted and approved by Council at the February 21, 2023, meeting that directs staff to continue working with UM to widen the bridge further to add additional pedestrian/non-motorized infrastructure to the bridge. The project has been redesigned to meet the requirement of City Council's resolution and the project was rebid. A resolution went to City Council on December 18th to approve the construction contract. Construction is scheduled to begin in March of 2024 (if approved by Council).

Miller Avenue Improvements Project

This project includes watermain replacement, stormwater improvements, road resurfacing, crosswalk improvements, and an All Ages and Abilities bike facility. Staff is planning to expand the limits of the bike facility out to Maple Road and is working out the details for how to implement this. A public engagement meeting for the Chapin to Newport portion of the project was held on October 19th. Additional engagement on the bike and pedestrian elements of the project is expected to occur in the first quarter of 2024. More information can be found on the project website at url.a2gov.org/millerave. Construction is scheduled for 2024.

Downtown Area Circulation Study

The study (started July 2023; anticipated to conclude July 2024) is meant to develop a cohesive transportation vision for downtown building off existing plans and policies (DDA's People Friendly Streets Initiative; Moving Together Towards Vision Zero Transportation Plan; TheRide 2045 Long Range Plan). The plans propose changes to active transportation, transit priority streets, one way to two-way street conversions, and event streets. This study will consider how to balance the needs of multi-modal travel, business activity, and infrastructure demands in the same street corridor as well as network-wide transportation impacts. The Downtown Street Design Team will function as the Technical Advisory Committee. Stakeholder engagements and an update to the Transportation Commission took place in November 2023. The study is concluding its discovery phase and is developing concepts for evaluation. Stakeholder and community engagements are being planned for Spring 2024.



Other Updates and Information

State Trunkline Jurisdiction Transfer Analysis

Sam Schwartz is contracted to assess what the City should 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 started on January 18, 2022. The study team has conducted interviews and collected asset data for the trunkline corridors. There is a draft Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA) tool prepared that uses USDOT guidance for defining benefits. This tool is being applied to the state trunkline corridors in the City. This analysis is documented in a report that will be presented to Transportation Commission in January 2024.

Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS)

APS signals incorporate an audible 'ping' and crossing message to assist persons with visual impairments. The City has installed accessible pedestrian signals at Huron and Seventh*; Jackson/Huron* and Dexter/Revena; and Ellsworth and Research Park. The City is working on APS installation at Ann Arbor-Saline & Eisenhower, and Jackson & Highlake/EB I-94. *

**in coordination with MDOT*

Office of Sustainability and Innovations (OSI) Update

OSI worked with DTE and the Michigan EGLE Office to install the City's first utility pole mounted EV chargers. This pilot project is grant funded and is the first installation of its kind in Michigan. 3 EV chargers were installed on 2 utility poles in the Old Fourth Ward and have been active since November 2023.

Streetlight Implementation

DTE has reported fixing 639 streetlights so far in 2023.

Traffic Calming Program Submittals

Grandview (Jackson to Dexter) was approved by Council on October 16, 2023. Bird (Newport to Huron River) had its second meeting on November 16, 2023. Arella (Stadium to Pauline) had its second meeting on November 29, 2023. Henry (Golden to Packard) had its second meeting on November 30, 2023. Bird, Arella, and Henry are either currently in or will move to final polling.

Inclusive of the projects described above, 2023 saw a significant increase in the number of traffic calming petitions processed in a single year by the City. Nine petitions were processed (whereas in years past it was common to only process 2 or 3 petitions): Granger (State to Packard); Granger (Forest to Olivia); Fulmer (Miller to Foss); Baldwin (Packard to Stadium); Manchester (Buckingham to Needham); Grandview (Jackson to Dexter); Bird (Newport to Huron River); Arella (Stadium to Pauline); Henry (Golden to Packard). Additionally, construction on 3 projects were finished this calendar year: Longman/Fairview (Jackson to Dexter); Northside (Barton to Pontiac); and Granger (Forest to Olivia). It should be noted that despite these efforts, there are still 16 projects



in the queue. Additionally, many of the petitions processed this year will need to be built with FY25 funds as the current budget is rapidly depleting.

Quick Build 2023 project is working through the final design process with HRC and are looking to be completed with design later this year: with implementation in 2024.

Bike Corrals Pilot Program

The program has launched and the DDA has received four requests thus far. No requests have been requested outside of the DDA’s boundary at this time.

Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant

The City has signed their portion of the grant agreement, and it is at FHWA for final signature. Staff are continuing to develop RFPs in anticipation of this agreement being finalized in early 2024.

Carbon Reduction Program Grants

The City of Ann Arbor was awarded \$1.18M in Carbon Reduction Program Funding for two projects that support the A2Zero and Vision Zero plan implementation. The first is a FY 2024 project that will convert all 4,087 low-efficiency DTE-owned streetlights to LED fixtures that are 1.2 to 3 times more efficient. Staff is currently working with DTE on piloting different LED fixtures at different wattages and different color temperatures before finalizing the order for the upgrade. Public engagement to collect feedback on the different wattage/color temperature options runs from December 8 through December 22. More information is available on the [project website](#).

Education and Encouragement

The Lunch and Learn Series on educating city staff on elements of the plan are being held on December 13. The next three Lunch and Learns will focus on maintenance of traffic with a Vision Zero and Safe Systems Lense. These trainings will continue into 2024 with additional topics being added from the survey’s responses provided by attendees. The Michigan Association of Planning is hosting their annual Transportation Bonanza on February 15 at the