



City of Ann Arbor City Administrator's Report August 17, 2020

Prepared for City Council. Kindly forward questions, comments, or suggestions for input to tcrawford@a2gov.org, ifournier@a2gov.org, or shiggins@a2gov.org.

Safety Notes

A2 Be Safe! Coronavirus (COVID-19) update. City of Ann Arbor Emergency Management personnel are in active collaboration with the Washtenaw County Health Department, local hospitals, the University of Michigan, and the American Red Cross for the coronavirus outbreak. It's important to note that the Washtenaw County Health Department is the lead agency as they have emergency operations plans to address infectious disease and pandemics.

The city will continue to monitor this situation and coordinate closely with its local partners, including Washtenaw County Health Department, to determine if this closure date should be expanded. This and other information will be shared via the city's website at www.a2gov.org/covid19 as well as its [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [NextDoor](#) pages.

For the latest COVID-19 health information, please visit www.washtenaw.org/COVID19 or the Centers for Disease Control <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/>. 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.
- **Ann Arbor Officials Warn of Safety Requirements Amid Coronavirus and the State Executive Order.** Many downtown Ann Arbor merchants and restaurants have enjoyed some relief from the COVID-19 business impacts due, in part, to the city's decision to close several streets to vehicle traffic Fridays–Sundays (details at www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=699). The city's expectations are consistent with other protocols being set in the community. University of Michigan has announced that all faculty, staff, students and visitors are being required to wear a face covering everywhere on campus — indoors and outdoors — and inside U-M buses. Ann Arbor Public Schools also shares the city's emphasis on the importance of wearing a mask.
- **Sign up with the new emergency notification system.** Your safety is a top concern — that's why the City of Ann Arbor wants to make sure you know about emergencies and incidents as they happen. Beginning in August, the City of Ann Arbor began using Washtenaw County's emergency notification system, powered by Everbridge, to make sure you know about issues that may affect your safety. This system, www.washtenaw.org/alerts, allows the City of Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County to contact thousands of residents in seconds via phone, email or text so you can find out

about an emergency right away. Those who work in Washtenaw County — including City of Ann Arbor staff — can also sign up using their workplace address.

The success of this service relies on YOU. Having your latest contact information is the only way to ensure you can be contacted in an emergency. Please sign up for emergency notifications from the City of Ann Arbor at www.washtenaw.org/alerts. It only takes a minute to enroll!

- **Taking Care of Maize & Blue and A2.** Fall is approaching, and that means Ann Arbor’s population is about to increase as many college students return to their school-year homes away from home (student move in is scheduled for Aug. 24–30). This influx of people in the city makes it critical to practice safety measures to prevent coronavirus such as frequent hand washing, physical distancing and wearing masks over nose and mouth.

The city has been working with local partners to help emphasize these necessary safety measures. In collaboration with the Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority, city streets throughout downtown are closed on weekends through Sept. 21 to provide merchants and restaurants extra space for distancing among diners and patrons. Signage promoting masks, distance, kindness and “A2gether” can be found on storefronts, in flowerbeds and on street barricades. Learn more here: www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=713. And recently, the city has joined forces with the University of Michigan to continue echoing the importance of safety. “Taking Care of Maize & Blue and A2” messages featuring university students and city residents can soon be seen on campus and throughout the city.

A2 Be Safe! Be safe, be well!

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!

Sustainability & Innovations Corner

A²Zero — Our carbon neutrality work is continuing to move swiftly, so to stay up to date, check out our website: www.a2zero.org. Individuals interested in helping support implementation should send a note to sustainability@a2gov.org.

Solar on your home — Are you interested in getting solar on your home? If yes, check out the new Solarize Ann Arbor program which helps reduce the upfront cost of solar by 5%–15% through a coordinated bulk purchase. The program is available to all Washtenaw County residents. Learn more here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nGt5xJTxyY&feature=youtu.be>.

Electric Bicycles — The Ann Arbor community e-bike discount program is under way! There are currently two e-bike models eligible for a \$100 discount and \$50 store credit from Human Electric

Hybrids. Learn more about e-bikes and the program at <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/systems-planning/planning-areas/climate-sustainability/Pages/Electric-Vehicles.aspx>. To express your interest in e-bikes, and to keep up to date with discount opportunities, email Simi Barr at sbarr@a2gov.org. Learn more about e-bikes at <https://www.bicycling.com/skills-tips/a20044021/13-things-about-e-bikes/>.

Resilience Hub – We anticipate breaking ground on the solar and storage installation at Northside Community Center next week. This installation should be complete by end of the month.

Council Priorities/Initiatives

Transportation Commission Monthly Report. The August 2020 Transportation Commission Project Report is attached.

Police Monthly Report. The July 2020 AAPD Monthly Comparison Report – Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report is attached.

Previews

The **August 17 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

Introductions.

- **University of Michigan (U-M) Plan for Student Return to Ann Arbor**

Consent Agenda. There are (11) items on the consent agenda.

Public Hearings. There are (4) public hearings which are listed below and under second readings.

- **A Public Hearing and Resolution to Approve MMG Plymouth Road Mixed Use Planned Project Site Plan and Development Agreement, 3611-3621 Plymouth Road (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 9 Yeas and 0 Nays).** Approval of this resolution will allow for the construction of a new six-story hotel and restaurant renovation.
- **A Public Hearing and Resolution to Approve 2800 Jackson Road Hotels Site Plan and Development Agreement, 2800 Jackson (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 0 Nays).** Approval of this resolution will allow for the construction of two new hotels and associated parking, landscaping and stormwater improvements.

Ordinances – Second Readings.

- **A Public Hearing and An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code), Zoning of 4.5 Acres from PUD (Planned Unit Development) to C3 (Fringe Commercial district), MMG Plymouth Road Mixed Use Rezoning, 3611-3621 Plymouth Road, (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 9 Yeas and 0 Nays) (Ordinance No. ORD-20-19).** Approval of

this ordinance will zone a 4.5 acre parcel from PUD (Bolgos Property Planned Unit Development district) to C3 (Fringe Commercial district) to allow the site to be redeveloped with a new hotel and renovated restaurant.

- **A Public Hearing and An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code), Zoning of 4.5 Acres from R5 (Hotel District) to C3 (Fringe Commercial District), 2800 Jackson Road Hotels, 2800 Jackson Road, (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 0 Nays).** Approval of this ordinance will zone a 4.5-acre parcel from R5 (Hotel District) to C3 (Fringe Commercial District) to allow the site to be redeveloped with two new hotels.

Ordinances – First Readings - None

New Business Staff – None

Other

Candidates for Ann Arbor City Administrator to be Interviewed August 20. During a closed session on Monday, Aug. 10, Ann Arbor City Council selected four candidates to interview for Ann Arbor's City Administrator position. City Council, community member and city staff interview panels will take place virtually on Thursday, Aug. 20. The City Council panel interview will be streamed live at <https://www.youtube.com/user/ctnannarbor>. The schedule is:

5 p.m. - Tom Crawford

5:55 p.m. - Joyce Parker

6:50 p.m. - Cara Pavlicek

7:45 p.m. - Eric Wobser

As set by prior City Council resolution, a special session will be held August 24 to further discuss the city administrator finalists. Additional details will be posted on the city website, www.a2gov.org, as available, including a community survey, on Aug. 20. More information on candidates is available at <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=720>

Ann Arbor Begins Tree Inventory. Beginning last week, the City of Ann Arbor will begin updating the city's street and park tree inventory database. This inventory will be the first conducted by the city since 2009 and will be performed by Davey Resource Group (DRG). DRG staff will be working in and around city rights-of-way and park lands to complete the work, which will take 12–14 weeks to complete. All DRG field staff will be clearly identifiable with Davey shirts, badges and ballcap hats. They will be following COVID-19 safety protocols.

The inventory is being done to update the city's knowledge on the size and health of Ann Arbor's trees. The inventory will help staff plan future tree plantings, tree maintenance as well as the strategic goals and objectives for improving and growing the urban forest. More information about the city's urban forest can be found at www.a2gov.org/forestry.

Ann Arbor to Reconfigure Some City Streets for 90 Days. The City of Ann Arbor, working alongside the Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority (DDA), will reconfigure several city streets beginning the week of Aug. 10, 2020, to implement City Council's commitment to vision zero, carbon neutrality, equity and access. These changes are part of the city's [Healthy Streets pilot program](#) and the [DDA's People Friendly Streets project](#). These changes will be in place through Nov. 10, during which time DDA and city staff will monitor the effectiveness of the road alterations. More information on the streets that will undergo this treatment are available at: <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=718>.

2020 Census. April 1 was 2020 Census Day, bringing extra attention to the importance of being counted in our community ... and presenting the perfect time to fill out your census form, if you haven't already! By now, households throughout the country have received their invitations in the mail to respond to the 2020 Census. If you haven't received a census form in the mail or if you've misplaced it, you can still respond online by using your address. You can also response to the census via phone, in English or in one of the 12 additional languages if needed. Visit 2020census.gov to learn more and to respond online.

For information with a local focus, visit [the city's 2020 Census website](#) tailored just for students and residents of Ann Arbor.

Be counted, Ann Arbor! There's too much at stake not to be. Providing funding for roads, healthcare, food assistance and education as well as representation, our community depends on you.



Transportation Project Updates August 2020

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

Visit a2gov.org/TransportationCommission for additional background.

Contact the Transportation Commission at TransportationCommission@a2gov.org

2020 Construction Projects

Annual Street Resurfacing Project:

This suite of projects encompasses the majority of the City's street resurfacing activities, including several major and multiple local streets. A full list of streets is posted on the website at: a2gov.org/RoadConstruction. Construction is currently active in the Dicken neighborhood. Work on Geddes Ave and the Oakbrook asphalt path have been completed. Work on Boardwalk and the asphalt path on South Main (Ann Arbor-Saline to Eisenhower) is expected to be completed the week of August 10. Work on Granger is expected to begin around August 19. Work on the overall project is expected to continue into November.

Barton Drive (M-14 to Pontiac):

The scope includes street resurfacing, watermain improvements, new sidewalk construction, and intersection reconfiguration at the Chandler intersection. Also included in the project is the reconfiguration of the Barton/Starwick intersection, and the filling of sidewalk gaps at this location.

Construction on this project is currently underway and is expected to extend into October.

Ellsworth/Research Park Drive Intersection:

Preliminary concrete work (bases) for a new traffic signal at this intersection has begun. The work is expected to continue into the fall.

Washtenaw Avenue Sidewalk Gap Project:

This project includes the construction of a Non-motorized Path along the south side of Washtenaw Avenue (north of the service drive) from S. Huron Parkway to Pittsfield Boulevard. Construction began the week of May 18 and is expected to be complete by the end of August.

Plymouth Road Capital Maintenance

This project consists of cold-milling and repaving of the asphalt surface from Murfin/Upland Roads to Nixon Road. Vehicular lanes will be reduced uniformly to 10 feet and a modified buffered bike lane will be introduced. Work is currently underway and is expected to be complete in late August/early September.



Projects Currently in Design/Planning

People Friendly Streets Initiative:

First Street construction is underway, Ashley Street is scheduled to begin spring 2021.

In December 2019, the DDA Board approved funding for another round of People-Friendly Streets Projects – a collaborative effort with City Engineering. This next round of projects will continue the community conversation about safe, equitable streets in coordination with other on-going efforts, including the City's Transportation Master Plan and Capital Improvement Program (CIP). On Monday, July 6, City Council approved [Healthy Streets Pilot Projects Downtown](#), which will help fill the current need for safe access and social distancing and allow for engagement and discussion about permanent changes. Installation is scheduled for August 2020. Updates and feedback opportunities can be found on the project [website](#).

Scio Church Road (Maple to Seventh):

The project includes some watermain and stormwater work, resurfacing, installation of bike lanes, new sidewalk, and crosswalks. More information is available on the project [website](#). This project is scheduled for construction in 2021. Staff is currently working on engaging neighbors regarding the potential removal of on-street parking or relocation of the curb for in the installation of bike lanes on the westbound side of the road. Once this has been completed, the staff recommendations will be presented to the Transportation Commission.

Other Updates and Information

Street Millage and New Sidewalk Millage:

On July 20, City Council approved the ballot language and Use Resolutions for both the Street, Bridge, and Sidewalk Millage and the New Sidewalk Millage. A few specifics on these millages are as follows:

Street, Bridge, and Sidewalk Millage

- 2.125 mills, roughly \$13.8M annual revenue (same as previous)
- Essentially no changes from the previous millage
- If approved by voters, would go into effect in 2022

New Sidewalk Millage:

- 0.20 mills, roughly \$1.3M annual revenue
- Millage would fully fund sidewalk gap projects and eliminate most special assessments
- If approved by voters, would go into effect in 2021
- Recently postponed sidewalk gap projects would need to be reprioritized to determine what could be constructed in the first year

**“Healthy Streets” - Transportation opportunities for social distancing**

Staff has continued to advance the Healthy Streets initiative consistent with City Council Resolution R-20-158, “Resolution to Promote Safe Social Distancing Outdoors in Ann Arbor.” Staff installed 18 neighborhood slow street treatments in July. A second round of an additional seven streets will be signed when the contractor is in town deploying the arterial and downtown Healthy Streets improvements in the next week.

For non-residential streets, installation is anticipated toward the middle of August on S. Main, E. Packard, Division, Catherine/Miller and other streets (as approved by City Council in July). The City’s “Healthy Streets” website (a2gov.org/HealthyStreets) and the DDA’s People Friendly Streets website (<https://www.peoplefriendlystreets.org/>) will be kept up to date to reflect the latest updates on the Healthy Streets Initiative.

Lower Town Mobility Study:

The first virtual public outreach event for this study was held on July 29th. Information was shared on preliminary data collection efforts as well as a road safety audit. Comments and suggestions from participants were reviewed and discussed as well.

Office of Sustainability and Innovations Update:

City Council adopted the [A2Zero Carbon Neutrality Plan on June 1, 2020](#). The effort is now transitioning to implementation. Currently, the Office of Sustainability and Innovation is coordinating an electric bicycle discount program. There are currently two e-bike models eligible for a \$100 discount and \$50 store credit from Human Electric Hybrids. More information about the program can be found at: <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/systems-planning/planning-areas/climate-sustainability/Pages/Electric-Vehicles.aspx>. More information about the A2Zero Plan and upcoming events can be found on the project website: www.a2zero.org.

Streetlight Implementation:

31 new streetlights were installed so far in 2020. 754 streetlight outages have been addressed by DTE in 2020.

Traffic Calming Program Submittals:

Updates on recent Traffic Calming Program petitions are provided below:

- The polling for Fernwood is complete and the residents have voiced support for the proposed traffic calming measures. This will be brought before the Transportation Commission for a recommendation and City Council for action in the near future.
- The Glenwood Rd process has begun, and the first meeting was August 12. Concepts will be developed based on initial feedback received from residents at this meeting.

Transportation Plan Update:

The Project Team continues to develop concepts and recommendations which will be incorporated in an emerging draft plan which will be shared with the Commission in the next month or two, depending on the rate of plan development. The draft plan will be



publicly vetted later this year as it moves forward to adoption. More information about the Plan can be found on the project [website](#). Please subscribe to receive updates on this project.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Tom Crawford, Interim City Administrator
FROM: Ann Arbor Police Department
SUBJECT: Monthly Comparison Report – Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report
DATE: August 13, 2020

AAPD ARM Monthly Comparison Report – July 2020

Part A Crimes

Crime Category	Jul-2020	Jun-2020	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	% Change
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	0	1	5	2	150.0%
ARSON	0	0	3	4	-25.0%
ASSAULT - AGGRAVATED	15	18	107	90	18.9%
ASSAULT - SIMPLE	49	53	305	363	-16.0%
BRIBERY	0	0	0	0	No Change
BURGLARY - ALL OTHER	3	3	25	32	-21.9%
BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL	10	5	55	78	-29.5%
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	23	17	154	196	-21.4%
DRUG OFFENSES	3	1	30	76	-60.5%
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0	4	19	-78.9%
EXTORTION - BLACKMAIL	2	1	5	5	0.0%
FORGERY / COUNTERFEITING	1	7	33	31	6.5%
FRAUD	40	70	334	343	-2.6%
GAMBLING	0	0	0	0	No Change
HEALTH AND SAFETY	0	0	2	1	100.0%
HOMICIDE - JUSTIFIABLE	0	0	0	0	No Change
HOMICIDE - NEGLIGENT	0	0	0	0	No Change
HOMICIDE - NON-NEGLIGENT	0	0	1	2	-50.0%
INTIMIDATION / STALKING	9	8	50	84	-40.5%
KIDNAPPING / ABDUCTION	0	0	3	7	-57.1%
LARCENY - ALL OTHER	74	69	358	395	-9.4%
LARCENY - FROM AUTO (LFA)	36	28	253	469	-46.1%
LARCENY - RETAIL FRAUD	10	15	124	262	-52.7%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT / FRAUD	6	9	49	79	-38.0%
OBSCENITY	0	0	0	7	-100.0%
ROBBERY	2	4	21	29	-27.6%
SEX CRIME (VIOLENT)	6	7	35	47	-25.5%
SEX OFFENSES - COMMERCIALIZED	0	0	0	0	No Change
SEX OFFENSES - CSC	0	1	1	2	-50.0%
STOLEN PROPERTY	2	0	9	13	-30.8%
WEAPONS OFFENSE	2	3	19	21	-9.5%
Total	293	320	1,985	2,657	-25.3%

Part B Crimes

Crime Category	Jul-2020	Jun-2020	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	% Change
ACCIDENT - HIT & RUN	2	1	7	8	-12.5%
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	9	6	38	38	0.0%
BURGLARY - ALL OTHER	0	0	6	6	0.0%
DISORDERLY	0	0	0	0	No Change
ESCAPE / FLIGHT	0	0	0	4	-100.0%
FAMILY OFFENSE	2	5	16	22	-27.3%
FRAUD	1	1	8	18	-55.6%
HEALTH AND SAFETY	0	0	7	11	-36.4%
HOMICIDE - NEGLIGENT	0	0	0	0	No Change
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION	6	7	22	33	-33.3%
MISSING PERSON / RUNAWAY	2	4	30	28	7.1%
OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE	10	11	101	243	-58.4%
OBSTRUCTING POLICE	2	1	27	63	-57.1%
OUI OF LIQUOR / DRUGS	8	11	65	79	-17.7%
PUBLIC PEACE	8	7	85	111	-23.4%
SEX OFFENSES - OTHER	3	1	7	11	-36.4%
TRESPASSING / INVASION OF PRIVACY	14	9	55	69	-20.3%
VAGRANCY	0	0	1	0	N/C
Total	67	64	475	744	-36.2%

2020 ARM Monthly Comparison Report ran 1300hrs, on 8/11/2020, using CrimeView Advanced Reporting Module.

COVID-19 restrictions went into effect on 3/13/2020

*There may be a slight variation in crime stats due to incomplete or unapproved reports at the time report was run. This report does not include "Locked" cases.

**Please note that reports are run for calendar month and that the months being compared may have different number of days.

AAPD Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report – July 2020

Report #	Location	Date	Time	Vehicle Movement	Ped In Crosswalk	Ped Injury
20-22686	3410 Washtenaw	7/18/2020	1:41 AM	Entering parking	No	C
20-23783	Huron at Fletcher	7/27/2020	10:54 AM	Turning left	Yes	A
20-24084	Plymouth at Beal	7/29/2020	5:54 PM	Going straight	Yes	A