



City of Ann Arbor City Administrator's Report June 21, 2021

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

Safety Notes

A2 Be Safe! Coronavirus (COVID-19) update. The City of Ann Arbor has experienced significantly reduced numbers of new COVID-19 cases as has the county. 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.

The city facilities will open to the public effective July 6. The city is sharing the re-opening date 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) in the coming weeks. Stay tuned!

In the meantime, 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 [with questions or concerns](#).

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/>. 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.

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.

City Clerk Update. City Clerk Jacqueline Beaudry was recently elected by the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks as their 2nd Vice President. In this role, Jackie will be responsible for chairing the Legislative Committee of MAMC and working directly with GCSI on tracking election-related and other legislation of interest to municipal clerks. Prior to this new role, Jackie served as a director on the MAMC Board for two years overseeing Membership and the Michigan Professional Municipal Clerk certification program.

DEI (diversity, equity inclusion): celebrating our differences. June is Pride Month. This month marks the 51st celebration — a time when millions of people come together in support of the LGBTQ community. To learn more about Pride Month and its roots in the Stonewall uprising in June 1969, New York City, visit <https://www.cnn.com/2021/06/01/health/pride-month-2021-trnd/index.html>. The city is proud to have received a 100+ score on the Human Rights Campaign’s, Municipal Equality Index (MEI) for 2020. 506 cities participate in the MEI and include 46 criteria which examines how inclusive municipal laws, policies, and services are of LGBTQ people who live and work there.

Juneteenth. Thank you to those who helped to recognize Juneteenth as a city recognized holiday to acknowledge the end of slavery in the United States. On May 18, 2021, the Ann Arbor City Council unanimously voted to recognize Juneteenth as a city recognized holiday via resolution <http://a2gov.legistar.com/ViewReport.ashx?M=R&N=Master&GID=55&ID=4940645&GUID=929E40D7-92EE-45BE-821A-12D0ED1316BB&Extra=WithText&Title=Legislation+Details+%28With+Text%29>.

More information is available at www.a2gov.org/juneteenth. The City of Ann Arbor partnered with the Ann Arbor Branch of the NAACP to host an in-person Juneteenth walk with other local partners.

Sustainability & Innovations Corner

- **Climate, Coffee and Conversation** — Join us the second Thursday of each month at 8 a.m. for an open community chat about anything and everything A²ZERO and sustainability in Ann Arbor, in Michigan and abroad. Attendance is online and free, but Zoom registration is required at https://a2gov.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJctfuyorzwsHtal_qn-HPQwfVoSbbb01001.
- **Aging in Place Forum** – Join us on Tuesday, June 29th at 2pm for our first Aging in Place Forum: (<https://www.a2gov.org/departments/sustainability/Sustainability-Me/Families-Individuals/Pages/Aging-in-Place-Efficiently.aspx>).
- **Solarize Events** – If you’re interested in learning more about solar for their home or business, join us for two upcoming events: June 22 and June 26 (<https://www.a2gov.org/departments/sustainability/Sustainability-Me/Families-Individuals/Pages/Ann-Arbor-Solarize.aspx>).

- **A²ZERO Scavenger Hunt** – Spend an afternoon strolling around town learning about some of the sustainability features within our community by taking the A²ZERO Scavenger Hunt (<https://www.a2gov.org/departments/sustainability/Newsletter-Events/a2zero-week/Pages/A2ZERO-Scavenger-Hunt.aspx>).
- **Saving Energy Badge Design Content** - Consider using your creativity to design a badge on saving energy that OSI and AADL will use in the 2022 summer games (<https://www.a2gov.org/departments/sustainability/Newsletter-Events/a2zero-week/Pages/Sticker%20Design%20Contest.aspx>).
- **A²ZERO year one look back** — To commemorate the first year of A²ZERO, OSI created a document, <https://a2central.a2gov.org/A2%20News%20Notes%20Images/A2ZERO%20Year%20One%20Updated.pdf> (PDF), which provides a brief look back at the major activities that unfolded during the first year of the program.
- **Reusable container pilot** — OSI is partnering with Detroit Street Filling Station, El Harissa, Miss Kim and Zingerman’s Delicatessen on a reusable container pilot during the month of June. You can learn more at <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/sustainability/Newsletter-Events/a2zero-week/Pages/Green-Fare.aspx>.
- **Michigan Public Service Commission Ruling on DTE’s “Voluntary Green Pricing Program” Helps to Advance A2 Clean Energy.** On June 9, 2021, the Michigan Public Service Commission formally ruled on DTE's Voluntary Green Pricing program (VGP), which the City of Ann Arbor legally intervened in to press for more equitable, accessible, affordable, and diverse renewable energy offerings provided through the VGP program. The ruling will enable the City of Ann Arbor to advance a number of [A2ZERO](#) clean energy priorities, including community solar, carbon reduction offerings, and reduced costs for residents in DTE's service territory to participate in the MIGreenPower program. More information is available via <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=799>.

Council Priorities/Initiatives

Police Monthly Report. The May 2021 AAPD Monthly Comparison Report – Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report (PDF) is attached.

Transportation Commission Monthly Report. The June 2021 Transportation Commission Project Report (PDF) is attached.

Council Resolution Reporting. Staff reported on the following items pursuant to Council direction:

ITEM	TITLE	DUE DATE	STATUS
R-20-285	Resolution to Implement a ‘Rooney Rule’ for Executive and Management Level Hires in the City of Ann Arbor	September 1, 2020	Research ongoing.

Previews

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

Consent Agenda. There are (24) items on the consent agenda.

Public Hearings. There is one (1) public hearing which is listed below under second readings.

Ordinances –Second Readings (1)

- **An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 112 (Non-Discrimination), Section 9:151, Title IX of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor to Add Definition of Race to Include Prohibition Against Race-Based Hair Discrimination.** This ordinance adds the definition of race and protective hairstyles.

Ordinances – First Readings

- **An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 8 (Organization of Boards and Commissions), Sections 1:214 and 1:215, Title I of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor To Amend Commission Appointment Process, Add Exceptions to Allow Earlier Review of Incidents in Limited Cases, and Increase Number of Information Managers.** Proposed revisions included to the appointment process in which commissioners shall be appointed by the City Council liaisons and the Human Right Commission liaisons. Proposed amendments to the incident review process to allow Police Chief to make exceptions for the Commission Information Managers to conduct an earlier review for significant incidents generating public interest that have completed the internal Department and Human Resources review processes (including any internal investigation and internal grievance process). This exception does not apply to any pending criminal or civil litigation.

Other

June Water Quality Matters. The June issue of Quality Water Matters brings awareness to National Dam Safety Awareness Day, which was on May 31. The issue highlights several projects at the city’s dams that will ensure their continued safety and function as well as emergency preparedness evacuation tips for our community. Read the issue [online](#).

Ann Arbor’s Road Construction Season and Planned 2021 Road, Sidewalk, Utility and Resurfacing Projects. Ann Arbor’s 2021 road construction “season” is ongoing with many projects underway and more to come this summer and fall. This year’s projects include resurfacing/restoration of nearly 9 miles of roads, 6.2 miles of preventative maintenance and 5,700 feet of new sidewalk construction. All projects are listed online at www.a2gov.org/roadconstruction. Projects and schedules are subject to change. Construction

work will cause road and lane closures, so travelers are advised to sign up for email or text alerts, at www.a2gov.org/roads.

July Events with NAP. City of Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation (NAP) works to protect and restore Ann Arbor’s natural areas and to foster an environmental ethic among its citizens. This involves conducting plant and animal inventories, ecological monitoring and stewardship projects in Ann Arbor’s parks. These tasks are performed by both staff and volunteers. For more information about NAP, visit www.a2gov.org/NAP.

17-year Cicadas. Ann Arbor, along with large parts of the Midwest and eastern United States, are experiencing a 17-year cicada emergence. The cicadas, which do not bite and are harmless to humans, will present challenges to smaller saplings while benefiting larger and established trees. In response, the City of Ann Arbor is suspending its spring tree planting efforts and has established a website, www.a2gov.org/cicada (<https://www.a2gov.org/departments/forestry/Pages/17-Year-Cicada-Emergence-.aspx>), to help the community understand and prepare for the event.

Streetlight Outage Reporting. Did you know you can help the community be and feel safer by reporting streetlight outages? Simply visit www.a2gov.org/a2fixit (<https://www.a2gov.org/services/pages/report-a-problem.aspx>), or download the A2 Fix It app on your smartphone, to report streetlights that are no longer working. And remember, A2 Fix It isn’t just for streetlights. You can use the tool to report potholes and missed cart pickups as well.



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SUBJECT: Monthly Comparison Report – Monthly Offense and Pedestrian Crash Report
DATE: June 10, 2021

AAPD Offense Monthly Comparison Report (preliminary and advisory) – May 2021

NIBRS Category	2019	2020	2021	Monthly % change	Previous Year (to-date)	This Year (to-date)	Yearly % change
Aggravated Assault	18	22	17	-22.7%	74	75	1.4%
Animal Cruelty	0	1	1	0.0%	2	1	-50.0%
Arson	0	3	0	-100.0%	3	1	-66.7%
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	13	17	12	-29.4%	60	56	-6.7%
Counterfeiting/Forgery	7	5	5	0.0%	26	20	-23.1%
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	37	24	46	91.7%	115	140	21.7%
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	16	3	5	66.7%	27	16	-40.7%
Embezzlement	2	0	1	-	9	4	-55.6%
Extortion/Blackmail	1	2	1	-50.0%	2	5	150.0%
Fraud Offenses	45	59	38	-35.6%	232	217	-6.5%
Homicide Offenses	0	0	0	no crimes	1	2	100.0%
Intimidation	14	6	11	83.3%	34	51	50.0%
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	2	0	-100.0%	3	0	-100.0%
Larceny/Theft Offenses	164	79	89	12.7%	512	456	-10.9%
Motor Vehicle Theft	8	10	3	-70.0%	30	29	-3.3%
Robbery	8	3	4	33.3%	16	7	-56.3%
Sex Offenses	12	3	5	66.7%	26	37	42.3%
Simple Assault	64	31	51	64.5%	209	197	-5.7%
Stolen Property Offenses	1	1	0	-100.0%	12	2	-83.3%
Weapon Law Violations	4	2	3	50.0%	14	10	-28.6%



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Notes for AAPD Offense Monthly Comparison Report:

- COVID-19 restrictions went into effect on 3/13/2020
- We are using national crime categories, known as NIBRS, for comparison with other cities
- There may be a slight variation in crime stats due to incomplete or unapproved reports at the time report was run.
- Please note that reports are for calendar month and that the months being compared may have different number of days.

AAPD Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report – May 2021

Report #	Location	Date	Time	Vehicle Movement	Ped In Crosswalk	Injury Category
210014502	Traverwood and Plymouth	5/10/2021	8:30 AM	Turning left	yes	B

Injury Legend:
 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 June 2021

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Visit a2gov.org/TransportationCommission for additional background.

Contact the Transportation Commission at TransportationCommission@a2gov.org

2021 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. The complete list of streets included in the 2021 program is now posted on the [project website](#). Construction is in progress on the first phase of the residential street work, which includes Baldwin, Brockman, Crestland, Eastover, Ferdon, and St. Francis. Repaving of the asphalt paths along Packard is scheduled to begin the week of June 14.

Geddes Road Watermain

This project consists of a watermain replacement between Windycrest and Earhart. No changes to the road configuration are anticipated. Due to the limited work space, the road will be open to local traffic only during construction. Through traffic will be detoured using Huron Parkway, Glazier Way, and Earhart. Construction is scheduled to begin June 17th and be completed in September.

South Industrial Concrete Pavement Repairs

This project consists of spot repairs of the concrete pavement. The project will include the addition of bike lanes and a road diet in the four-lane segment immediately south of Stimson (conversion from four to three lanes to make room for bike lanes). Construction on the project began May 10, and is expected to be completed in early July. There are currently lane closures and westbound Stimson is closed to traffic. More information is available 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](#). Some delays in the plan review process with MDOT have been experienced, and the project is currently expected to be bid in early August. Construction will begin in mid- to late August. At this time it is anticipated that some aspects of the work will be completed this year, such as watermain, stormwater, sidewalks, and the concrete paving at the Maple intersection. The resurfacing of the road will then take place in the spring of 2022.

Fuller Court Sidewalk Gap Project

This project includes the filling gaps in the sidewalk system along Fuller Ct. (south side) from 2250 Fuller Ct. to the east edge of the University of Michigan property at the corner of Fuller Road & Fuller Court. Construction began on April 12, and is scheduled to be



substantially completed the week of June 14. The crosswalk at the east end of the project will be installed afterwards through the City's Sidewalk Program.

Ellsworth/Research Park Drive Intersection

The signals have been installed and work on the crosswalks and pedestrian signals was underway at the writing of this report. The signal is expected to be fully functional in June.

Huron Street Improvements

The full signal upgrade at Huron and Chapin/Third became operational during the first week of June. The permissive/protected left turn phase at Huron and Fifth is also complete and fully functional. The crosswalk improvement on Huron between Thayer and Ingalls is expected to be completed in August.

Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) Installations

The streetlights to support the crosswalk at Huron Pkwy and Glazier Way are installed. Once the concrete work for the sidewalks is complete the RRFBs will be installed.

Projects Currently in Design/Planning

People-Friendly Streets Part 2

Public engagement occurred over a series of workshops - a [workshop summary](#) can be found on the [project website](#). Recommendations for the second round of People-Friendly Streets projects will be shared with the DDA Capital Improvements Committee and the Transportation Commission on June 16th.

Other Updates and Information

Curbside Management Study

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) will be released in summer 2021 and the study underway by the fall.

“Healthy Streets” - Transportation opportunities for social distancing

Healthy Streets was amended back into the budget by City Council as part of the budget approval process on May 17, 2021. Currently, the contract to award the construction contract is scheduled to go before City Council on June 21, 2021. If awarded by Council, the hope is that implementation will occur in July.

Lower Town Mobility Study:

The third public meeting will be held June 10, 2021 via Zoom. The meeting will include a presentation of alternatives and public discussion. More information about the project and engagement opportunities can be found on the [project website](#).

MDOT Coordination



The City has regular coordination with MDOT on State projects within the City. MDOT allows for local installed improvements on their facilities, subject to their review. The following project is currently being coordinated with MDOT:

- Jackson/Highlake/I-94 East ramp – MDOT is currently working on the signal installation. The City has completed its work on sidewalks and curb extensions at Highlake.

Streetlight Implementation

26 new streetlights are being processed with DTE for installation in the coming months. 498 streetlight outages were addressed by DTE in 2021.

Transportation Plan Update

City Council unanimously approved the “Moving Together towards Vision Zero” Transportation Plan at their meeting on June 7, 2021. This document becomes the transportation element of the City’s Master Plan and replaces past transportation plans and non-motorized transportation plans. Staff is strategizing on implementation strategies and will report regularly to the Transportation Commission on progress. The latest version of the document and other related materials can be found on the project website: www.a2gov.org/visionzero.