



City of Ann Arbor City Administrator's Report August 16, 2021

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

Safety Notes

A2 Be Safe! Coronavirus (COVID-19) update. 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.

City facilities are open to the public. Effective August 9th, face masks are required in indoor city facilities in shared spaces and common areas. The city will continue to share updated information 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).

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.

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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.

Sustainability & Innovations Corner

- **Special Sustainability Seminar: Plant-Based Diets.** Join the Office of Sustainability and Innovations on August 18th from 6-7:30pm for an evening exploring plant-based diets. Learn about the health benefits of a plant-based diet and the environmental impacts of animal agriculture, then enjoy a cooking demonstration focused on a delicious and nutritious plant-based meal! Presenters include Dr. Melissa Sunderman; Marc Ramirez; Andrea Wotan, RDN; and chef Jeff Tritten. Register at https://a2gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3qW6TP6uS8Wzr0ZnCj7h4Q
- **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>).
- **Did you know** Four local restaurants are working with the City to pilot reusable containers? Known as **Ann Arbor Reduce, Reuse, Return (A2R3)** (<https://www.a2gov.org/departments/sustainability/Newsletter-Events/a2zero-week/Pages/Green-Fare.aspx>), this pilot is helping us explore different pathways to reducing plastic waste in our community. You can participate by ordering from Zingerman's Delicatessen's At Home Menu, or by ordering a vegan dish from El Harissa, the Del Burger from Detroit Street Filling Station, or a vegetarian dish from Miss Kim's.
- **Solar Group Buy Program.** Join your neighbors and community members to learn all about solar and whether it could work for you. Have the chance to come together for group-buy discounts with area installers. Groups are ongoing, contact Julie Roth at Jroth@a2gov.org or see website link for more information. [a2gov.org/solar](https://www.a2gov.org/solar)
- **2030 District and Solar Faithful.** Have you been searching for a way to bring your faith-based community into the climate conversation? Check out the sources put together by **HoW** (Houses of Worship) by going to this website: <https://www.2030districts.org/annarbor/ann-arbor-houses-worship>
- **Aging in Place Efficiently:** Do you know an older adult (60+) looking to stay in their home for as long as possible? The City of Ann Arbor and community partners are excited to collaborate with up to 25 qualified residents to make home improvements focused on comfort, lower energy bills, and home safety. This program is completely free thanks to funding from the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation and Partners for Places. To learn more or check eligibility please visit www.a2gov.org/AIP.
- **Green Fair.** Come join OSI staff as we host our first Autumnal Green Fair on Friday, October 1st from 6-9pm. We will be showcasing Washtenaw County Green Businesses and non-profits along with, our A²ZERO Collaborators to spread the word on what you can do to help us achieve Carbon Neutrality. You will find energy saving appliances, solar displays and installers, alternate modes of transportation, and live entertainment. There will be something for everyone!
- **Climate, Coffee and Conversation, second Thursday of each month, 8 a.m., Zoom.** This monthly recurring virtual event is an opportunity for any and all Ann Arbor residents to enjoy a morning beverage of choice and chat in an informal setting with OSI staff about A²ZERO

initiatives and/or sustainability in general. Attendance is free, but registration is required, at <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/sustainability/Newsletter-Events/Pages/default.aspx>.

Council Priorities/Initiatives

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

Transportation Commission Monthly Report. The August 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 **August 16 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

Consent Agenda (18). There are 18 items on the consent agenda.

Public Hearings (2). There are two (2) public hearings listed under second readings.

Ordinances – Second Readings (2)

- **A public hearing and an Ordinance to Amend Sections 7:360, 7:361 and 7:362 and to Amend by Adding New Sections Which Sections Shall Be Designated as 7:363, 7:364 and 7:365 of Chapter 91 (Endangered Species) of Title VII (Businesses and Trades) of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor.** This ordinance renames Chapter 91 from “Endangered Species” to “Sale of Animal Products” and adds a provision that bans the sale of fur products in the City of Ann Arbor.
- **A public hearing and an Ordinance to Add Chapter 123 (Prohibition of Conversion Therapy on Minors) to Title IX of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor.** This ordinance prohibits the practice of sexual orientation and gender change efforts by licensed health care providers.

Ordinances – First Readings (1)

- **An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 107 (Animals) of Title IX (Police Regulations) of the Ann Arbor City Code.** The proposed ordinance amendment clarifies the obligations of people having possession or custody of animals, expands vicious animal protections to domestic animals, broadens the types of traps prohibited in Ann Arbor, includes the penalty provisions

within each section to increase accessibility, and removes the animal cruelty provision because state laws are better equipped to address those offenses.

Other

Temporary Closure of Border-to-Border Train Section to Begin in Mid-August. A segment of the Border-to-Border Trail from Gallup Park to Mitchell Field in Ann Arbor is in need of repair as part of ongoing maintenance. Work is scheduled to start the week of Aug. 15 and is expected to be complete in mid-November (weather permitting).

Signs and barricades will be installed to safely direct users away from the construction zone. The City of Ann Arbor asks that trail users follow the posted detour as they ride, walk, rollerblade and commute along this path. While the temporary closure is an inconvenience to users, the replacement of the pathway is intended to provide longer-term durability. Improvements to the trail will include replacing the existing asphalt surface with a new concrete surface, widening the path to 10 feet and updating site furnishings. We thank you for your patience as we make these improvements to this important and popular stretch of path.

Project questions can be directed to Landscape Architect/Park Planner Adam Fercho at affercho@a2gov.org. The city thanks trail users in advance for their patience. Please see the map online <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/Parks-Recreation/administrative/Pages/Park-Planning.aspx>. Click here to [view the map as a PDF](#).

City Launches New Online Short-term Rental Licensing System. The City of Ann Arbor is continuing its efforts to launch additional components of the new online portal STREAM with the debut of short-term rental license registrations, which began Saturday, July 31.

"At your convenience from a computer, tablet or mobile device you can complete the application process and submit for review," said Building and Rental Services Manager Lisha Turner-Tolbert. Additionally, you can upload documents, submit payments and print issued licenses from your dashboard. An added convenience will be the automated renewal reminder customers will receive via the dashboard, and email notification, 60 days prior to expiration.

Process details include:

- Apply through STREAM under the license tab, https://stream.a2gov.org/EnerGov_Prod/selfservice/AnnArborMIProd#/home.
- Select short term rental license for the appropriate property structure.
- Licenses will be issued by the corresponding unit within the City of Ann Arbor. Please note the review process could take up to 21 business days.
- Properties with several units for rent will need a separate license for each unit. The fee for each license is \$500 to be paid at the time of application submission.
- The application fee includes police, fire treasury and rental review, administration cost for processing and the certificate to post onsite.

- Each license will be renewed on an annual basis (one year from the date of issuance). Short Term rentals that fail to register and retain a license will be subject to enforcement.

To learn more visit the short-term rental website, <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/planning/Pages/Short-Term-Rentals.aspx>

Ann Arbor to Celebrate Arbor Day in 2021 with Tree Plantings. The City of Ann Arbor will [plant new trees](#) in the rights of way in front of 40 homes beginning this fall, in celebration of Arbor Day. Residents can submit specific sites for consideration by Sept. 3.

Washtenaw County Residents Affected by the June 25-26 Flooding May Apply for Federal Disaster Assistance. Washtenaw County homeowners and renters with uninsured or underinsured home damage from the severe storms and flooding of June 25–26, 2021, may register for disaster assistance from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov (or <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4607>) or by calling 1.800.621.3362 (TTY: 800-462-7585). FEMA Helpline services are available seven days a week 7 a.m.–11 p.m. ET. Information is available in English and Spanish.

Please note:

- Individuals must still register with FEMA, even if they reported damage to local officials or spoke to a FEMA representative during the preliminary damage assessments in early July.

If you are having technical issues reaching FEMA, call FEMA's Internet Help Desk at 1.800.745.0243. They are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

For details on this declaration for disaster assistance, visit <https://www.fema.gov/press-release/20210716/washtenaw-wayne-county-residents-register-fema-assistance-now>. For more information about FEMA's individual assistance programs, visit www.fema.gov/assistance/individual.

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.

August Events with NAP. For anyone wanting to get better acquainted with their community's parks, and to make a difference at the same time, Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation has several opportunities planned for August! Volunteer events are planned at Bandemer, Barton,

Black Pond Woods, Brokaw, Buttonbush and Furstenberg nature areas. Please see the news release, below and online at <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=809>, for all of the details.

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.

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: August 12, 2021

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

NIBRS Category	2019	2020	2021	Monthly % change	Previous Year (to-date)	This Year (to-date)	Yearly % change
Aggravated Assault	15	14	23	64.3%	104	118	13.5%
Animal Cruelty	1	0	1	-	2	3	50.0%
Arson	2	0	0	no crimes	3	1	-66.7%
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	33	16	18	12.5%	83	101	21.7%
Counterfeiting/Forgery	4	1	3	200.0%	36	24	-33.3%
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	28	26	32	23.1%	163	201	23.3%
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	19	3	5	66.7%	33	29	-12.1%
Embezzlement	4	1	0	-100.0%	10	5	-50.0%
Extortion/Blackmail	0	3	1	-66.7%	5	7	40.0%
Fraud Offenses	48	48	40	-16.7%	364	279	-23.4%
Homicide Offenses	0	0	1	-	1	3	200.0%
Intimidation	8	10	13	30.0%	50	73	46.0%
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	0	0	no crimes	3	0	-100.0%
Larceny/Theft Offenses	196	119	158	32.8%	744	734	-1.3%
Motor Vehicle Theft	32	5	10	100.0%	45	51	13.3%
Robbery	6	1	3	200.0%	21	13	-38.1%
Sex Offenses	5	8	11	37.5%	42	60	42.9%
Simple Assault	52	50	52	4.0%	314	293	-6.7%
Stolen Property Offenses	4	3	0	-100.0%	15	5	-66.7%
Weapon Law Violations	3	2	2	0.0%	19	21	10.5%



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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 – July 2021

There are no pedestrian crashes for the month of July 2021.



Transportation Project Updates

August 2021

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

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](#). Work continues on the second phase of the local street portion of the 2021 Street Resurfacing Project, which includes Canterbury, Chesterfield, Cranbrook, Dorchester, Manchester and Towner. Last week work was completed on the first phase of the Packard asphalt path repaving. The second phase from Buhr Park to Colony Road is scheduled to begin this week. The resurfacing program had also been working on the reconstruction of Maple Road north of Jackson following the watermain break in late June. That work has been completed and the road is now open to traffic.

First & Ashley Street

This project is in the final construction phase. Two-way restoration began in early August.

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 by mid-August. Upon completion of the concrete repairs, the Resurfacing program will be scheduling a resurfacing of the asphalt segments of the road at the north and south ends of the road.

Fuller Court Sidewalk Gap Project

This project includes the filling gaps in the sidewalk system along Fuller Court. (south side) from 2250 Fuller Court. to the east edge of the University of Michigan property at the corner of Fuller Road & Fuller Court. Construction is now complete.

North Main Street Stormwater Project

This project is being conducted to replace a storm sewer pipe that previously passed beneath two buildings. Construction is currently underway and is expected to be substantially completed lane closures removed by August 20th.

Crest & Liberty Watermain Project

This project will be replacing watermain and resurfacing the streets on Crest between Liberty and Buena Vista, and on Liberty from Crest to South Seventh Street. During



construction, Liberty will be closed to through traffic (with on eastbound lane open to local traffic only). Traffic on Liberty will be detoured using Stadium, Pauline, and Seventh Street. Construction is scheduled to start August 13 and be completed in October.

Maple & Jackson Emergency Watermain Repair Work

A 20-inch watermain burst on Maple just north of Jackson in late June and washed away a significant amount of the road in the area west of Veterans Park. Maple was closed between Jackson and Dexter. The watermain was repaired and reconstruction of the road was completed August 7, 2020 and Maple was opened back up to traffic.

Projects Currently in Design/Planning

State Street Improvement Project (William to Huron)

This project is being designed jointly with the Downtown Development Authority. The project scope includes resurfacing, watermain work, non-motorized improvements, and streetscaping (William to Washington). The design is being refined based on staff and stakeholder input and is in the design development phase. This project is scheduled to begin spring 2022.

Platt Road & Earhart Road

This is a Federal aid project the consists of the resurfacing of Earhart Road between Geddes and Greenhills Drive; and Platt Road between Huron Parkway and Packard. The project scope includes some watermain work (on Platt), and potential bike lane and pedestrian improvements. Design work on the project is underway and a public engagement meeting is being planned for September. Construction is scheduled for 2022.

Seventh Street & Greenview

This project consists of watermain replacement and resurfacing on South Seventh Street between Scio Church and Greenview, and on Greenview between Seventh and Scio Church. The Seventh Street portion of the project includes stormwater improvements in the scope, which could consist of such things as road narrowing, raingardens, sand filters, and/or underground stormwater storage. Design work on the project is underway and a public engagement meeting is being planned for September. Construction is scheduled for 2022.

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 and fill sidewalk gaps at the east end of the project. Design work on the project is underway and a public engagement meeting is being planned for September. Construction is scheduled for 2022.



Newport/Sunset Sidewalk Gap Project

This project will construct new sidewalk on the east side of Newport Road from Sunset to Downup Circle and on the north side of Sunset from Newport to Brooks. Design is underway and construction is planned for 2022. This project will utilize Federal aid money (Surface Transportation Block Grant Program) leveraged by the City's New Sidewalk Millage. A virtual public engagement meeting for this project was held on August 11, and a summary of this meeting will be posted shortly on the [project website](#).

Other Updates and Information

“Healthy Streets” - Transportation opportunities for social distancing

A series of contracting hurdles have been encountered with the primary contractor as a result of their acquisition by another company and name change which caused delay to the implementation. At the writing of this report, those issues were nearly resolved, and deployment of the Healthy Streets is expected in mid-to-late August.

Lower Town Mobility Study:

A series of “office hours” are being held in the months of July, August, and September (7/23, 8/6, 8/20, 9/3) to discuss alternatives and final recommendations. A final public meeting will be held in September to discuss the final draft report. A presentation to the Transportation Commission is expected in September or October. 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:

- M-14 – in response to safety concerns and crashes near the Barton interchange, MDOT is conducting a Road Safety Audit on M-14. This fall, MDOT will install advanced queue warning signage for eastbound M-14 when backups occur. Additionally, MDOT will install high friction surface near the Barton interchange, which is also expected to occur this fall.

Streetlight Implementation

13 crosswalks have been upgraded with positive contrast lighting (DTE) to date in 2021. 642 streetlight outages were addressed by DTE to date in 2021.

Traffic Calming Program Submittals

The Traffic Calming Team is beginning work on the engagement phase for the next projects in the queue, with the intent to work on three of them concurrently. The next projects in queue are, in order:

- Longman-N. Fairview (Dexter to Jackson) – The Initial Questionnaire (Step 2) is complete and it appears there is enough support for the process to proceed.



- Northside Ave (Barton to Pontiac Trail) – The Initial Questionnaire (Step 2) is complete and it appears there is enough support for the process to proceed.
- Granger Ave (Packard to State) - Petition was received 2019-10-31 and meets the requirements to move forward. This project is on hold for the moment as staff processes Longman and Northside.

Transportation Plan Update

Staff has released RFP 21-25 seeking proposals for a Vision Zero Action Plan implementation strategy scope with the intent of hiring a consultant to assist with taking the goals of the “Moving Together Towards Vision Zero” Transportation Plan and putting them into action. The RFP can be found [here](#).

The Moving Together Plan document and other related materials can be found on the [project website](#).