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CITY CELEBRATES NEW SHARED-USE PATH ALONG WASHTENAW AVENUE

ANN ARBOR, Mich., September 1, 2011 — The public is invited to a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Wednesday, September 7, at 2:30 p.m. to inaugurate a new shared-use path on Washtenaw Avenue. The ceremony will take place in the parking lot and adjacent sidewalk and path by the Ann Arbor Assembly of God Church, 2455 Washtenaw Ave., near the Washtenaw and Stadium intersection. The new 10-foot wide, non-motorized asphalt path was constructed along the north/northeast side of Washtenaw Avenue. Extending from Glenwood Road to Toumy Road, the path connects the existing sidewalk system serving the downtown area and UM Campus with the Washtenaw/Huron Parkway commercial area to the East. Retaining walls were constructed alongside the 1.1 mile path, and provides a relatively level ADA-compliant path.

In addition to the main path, a connecting sidewalk was reconstructed between Washtenaw Avenue and Adare Circle. Project partners include the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), Washtenaw Area Transportation Study (WATS), Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Department, Ann Arbor Transportation Authority (AATA), and the City of Ann Arbor.

Washtenaw Avenue is a heavily-traveled arterial under the jurisdiction of the Michigan Department of Transportation. The construction of a non-motorized path alongside this arterial roadway creates a safe, convenient and comfortable environment for pedestrian and bicycle travel along this corridor. In addition to accommodating non-motorized travel along the corridor, the new path enables citizens who live adjacent to the facility to safer access to the AATA service along Washtenaw Avenue. The addition of the path is a component of the City's Non-Motorized Transportation Plan recommendations.

Details about this event and additional Ann Arbor efforts to increase transportation options are posted online at www.a2gov.org/WalkBikeDrive.

Ann Arbor has 114,000 residents, spans 27.7 square miles, and is frequently recognized as a foremost place to live, learn, work, thrive and visit (www.a2gov.org/news). To keep up with City of Ann Arbor information, subscribe for e-mail updates (www.a2gov.org/subscribe), follow us on Twitter (<http://twitter.com/a2gov>) or become a city fan on Facebook (www.facebook.com/thecityofannarbor). The city's mission statement reads: The city of Ann Arbor is committed to providing excellent municipal services that enhance the quality of life for all through the intelligent use of resources while valuing an open environment that fosters, fair, sensitive and respectful treatment of all employees and the community we serve. # # #



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Walk along Washtenaw!

Help celebrate the opening of the
Washtenaw Avenue shared-use path.

Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2011

Starting at 2:30 PM

Ann Arbor Assembly of God parking lot
2455 Washtenaw Ave.

Ribbon cutting ceremony and brief walk along the path
Light refreshments provided

Please join city officials in inaugurating this key addition to the city's non-motorized transportation system, along with key project partners: MDOT, WATS, Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Department, AATA, area neighbors and businesses. Details at www.a2gov.org/WalkBikeDrive.

