



City of Ann Arbor City Administrator's Report June 15, 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 rapidly evolving 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:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water or use hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid handshakes.
- Avoid contact with sick people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- **Ann Arbor resumed in-person services on June 8 at City Hall.** Ann Arbor Larcom City Hall reopened to the public on Monday, June 8, however, customers are encouraged to make payments and conduct city service requests online as much as possible. In-person essential city services resumed with new safety protocols in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and protect city staff and the public. These protocols include:
 - Customers are encouraged to make payments and conduct all city service requests online. If customers need to come to City Hall to make a payment, the city strongly encourages the use of credit card payments to minimize physical contact.
 - Face coverings in public areas are required at all times. If a visitor does not have a face covering, then one will be provided at the guest services desk in the lobby.
 - Visitors will be screened for symptoms and COVID exposure at the guest services desk.

- Physical distancing of 6 feet or more will be required. Floor markings and stanchions have been installed to direct traffic flow.
- Sneeze guards have been installed at customer service counters, and signage has been placed throughout the building to note safety protocols that should be followed.
- Cleaning and sanitization procedures have also been updated to provide more thorough and frequent cleaning of common areas and equipment.
- State of Michigan COVID-19 response has moved to Phase 4 of [MI Safe Smart Plan](#) (PDF). As of June 1, 2020 groups of 100 people or less may gather outdoors with physical distancing of 6 feet or more, and wearing face coverings when in enclosed places.
- COVID-19 information continues to be updated a2gov.org/COVID-19
- Please check the [city's meeting calendar](#) for the most up-to-date information on public meetings.
- The June 15 City Council meeting will be held in a digital format. Residents can still view the meeting live on CTN cable channels or via [live webstreaming](#). City residents are encouraged to give feedback on agenda items via [eComment](#). Details on other ways to participate electronically and via telephone will be on the city's website soon. Please check the [published agenda](#) for more information. All [special and electronic meeting notices](#) are online.
- 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.

Enforcement

Following the announcement of the governor's "Stay Home, Stay Safe" executive order, law enforcement agencies have received many questions related to how citizens can report a business or individual that is violating the order. Originally, the public was directed to the attorney general's office. However, due to the overwhelming response, local law enforcement agencies are asking residents to report complaints directly by contacting 9-1-1.

While all aspects of the executive order are to be followed and law enforcement will respond appropriately to reported violations, callers are being asked to report only those behaviors that pose a credible and serious risk to public safety and that may exacerbate community spread.

- Public safety leaders from each agency within Washtenaw County, including the Ann Arbor Police Department, have aligned response protocols to include the following: Upon calling 9-1-1, dispatch will relay the complaint to local police agency.
- Each agency will determine the severity of the violation and respond appropriately.
- Initial response will focus on education in order to gain compliance with the order.
- The intent is not to arrest, but enforcement action will be taken as deemed appropriate.

Parks Safety. The City will be placing signs reminding visitors to enjoy the parks safely! Below is an image of signs that you may see while visiting Ann Arbor Parks. a2gov.org/COVID19parks



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!

“I Voted” Sticker Design Winners. The [results of the “I Voted” Sticker contest](#) will be presented at the June 15th City Council meeting. Thank you to all you participated, the City Clerk’s Office, and the Ann Arbor Art Commission for a job well done! Get your sticker by voting this November. #a2votes

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 our new A²Solarize program which helps reduce the upfront cost of solar by 5%–15% through a coordinated bulk buy. If you’re interested in participating in or learning more about two group buys we are currently running, please contact Julie Roth (juliekayeroth111@gmail.com).

Videos on sustainability — OSI is collecting brief videos from around town, showing how people are taking steps to advance sustainability in their daily lives. By recording and distributing these videos, we can share our experiences to learn and grow together. If you'd like to participate, please record one or more brief videos (less than 2 minutes, family friendly) sharing sustainability ideas with your neighbors. Possible topics include:

- Energy efficiency in your home.
- Gardening, composting, yard projects.
- Renewable energy at home (rooftop or ground-mounted solar, solar water heating).
- Green transportation (at-home bike repair, combining trips, walking to the store).
- Food choices (garden recipes, buying local, foraging locations).
- Reducing household waste.
- More!

We are excited to see what your recommendations are! Please share your videos to <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/oflkuoe2jpwst2/AADv1xxMnbSR-Alo2DmngGhta?dl=0>

Upcoming Public Events – Join us at one of the following upcoming events

- June 14; 6:30pm – Learn about *Solarize* in the Ann Arbor Summer Festival Learning Center
- June 16; 6:30pm – *Natures Recyclers* in the Ann Arbor Summer Festival Learning Center
- June 21; 6:30pm – *Resilience* discussion in the Ann Arbor Summer Festival Learning Center
- June 20; 9am - Juneteenth Walk for Racial Justice
- June 22-26; 1pm - A²ZERO Youth Sustainability Week
- June 24; 2pm - Carbon Neutrality in Ann Arbor (USA); County Durham (England) and Tübingen (Germany) - The Way Forward After COVID-19
- June 24th; 6pm – Carbon neutrality discussion in the Ann Arbor Summer Festival Learning Center
- June 25; 7pm: Life After Carbon – A discussion with co-author Pete Plastrik
- July 18; 3pm: Solarize program– Come learn about home solar, meet solar installers, and gain access to discounts through group purchases

Council Priorities/Initiatives

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

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

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

ITEM	TITLE	DUE DATE	STATUS
R-20-155 R-20-126 R-20-157	Monthly reporting on Waivers, Sheltering and Human Services	Monthly	June Report included as a written communication from City Administrator on June 15 Council Agenda

Previews

The **June 15 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

Consent Agenda. There are (22) items on the consent agenda.

Public Hearings. There is (1) public hearings which are listed below.

- **A public hearing and Resolution No. 4 - Confirming the Proposed Jackson Avenue Sidewalk Gap Project Special Assessment, District #61 (8 Votes Required) .**

Ordinances – Second Readings – none.

Ordinances – First Readings.

- **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 Years and 0 Nays).** Approval of this resolution 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.
- **An Ordinance to Amend Section 1:209 of Chapter 8 (Boards and Commissions) of Title I of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor.** This amendment will revise the procedure for real estate transaction for the Ann Arbor Housing commission. If amended, the Council will continue to approve the Housing Commission’s real estate transactions, but the Housing Commission or entities formed by the Housing Commission will be able to execute purchase agreements and have property deeded to them directly.

Other

AquaHawk Water Monitoring Portal. The new AquaHawk water monitoring portal will be promoted to the public beginning on Monday of next week. This free tool will allow water customers to view water consumption and set thresholds for personalized alerts via email, text or phone. This tool replaces the old water consumption site.

All that is required for customers to sign up is their account number and email address. Please direct people interested in taking advantage of this tool to visit www.a2gov.org/aquahawk.

Water Quality Matters. The June issue of [A2H2O: Quality Water Matters](#) includes important information from the Water Treatment Services and Public Works Managers regarding the importance of flushing pipes before reopening businesses or homes, capital project updates, and how Ann Arbor dams undergo regular safety inspection monitoring.

Ann Arbor Downtown Road Closures began Friday, June 12. Beginning at 2 p.m. Friday, June 12, various streets in downtown Ann Arbor closed to vehicle traffic to facilitate expanded patio services and shopping for restaurants, bars and retail businesses. The closures, per Ann Arbor City Council [resolution](#), will last until 8 p.m. Sunday and will continue every weekend until August 23, 2020.

Curbside Compost Collection Compost Facility Reopened for Drop-off and Sales on Saturday, June 6. Ann Arbor’s compost facility, located at 4170 Platt Road, re-opened for residents on Saturday, June 6, 2020. Ann Arbor residents may deliver 1 cubic yard per household, per day of acceptable yard waste materials, at no charge, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.–4 p.m. A valid city of Ann Arbor driver’s license or a recent water bill is required for this free service.

Visitors to the facility should also be aware that construction will be taking place Monday–Thursday, each week, on the roadway adjacent to the facility. A temporary driveway will be put in place during work, and visitors are encouraged to utilize Friday and Saturday for drop-off or pickup.

Public Works is also pleased to announce that curbside compost service will resume, starting with the collection of bundled brush, on Monday, June 15 and paper bag yard waste collection on Monday, June 22. Brush and tree limbs, up to 6 inches in diameter, may be put out for collection if they are 4 feet or less in length, tied with natural twine, and the bundle must not be more than 18 inches in diameter. The city does not collect branches larger than 6 inches in diameter or tree stumps. More information is available via <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/trash-recycling/Pages/Compost.aspx>

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.

Ann Arbor 2020 Planned Road, Utility & Resurfacing Projects. The City of Ann Arbor planned for a significant 2020 construction season with nearly 10 miles of resurfacing/restoration projects, some with utility improvements included, as well as 9 miles of capital preventative maintenance work. Due to Michigan's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, a timetable for when these projects will begin and conclude is not yet available. All projects are listed online at www.a2gov.org/roadconstruction.

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.

County-Wide Road and Non-Motorized Millage Education Resources. This is the start of Washtenaw County Road Commission communication efforts to educate the public about the [current road and non-motorized millage](#) and what could be accomplished if the millage is renewed by voters on August 4. Resources discussed at the May 14th meeting include [meeting slides](#) and the [meeting recording](#). A [presentation by the Washtenaw County Road Commission](#) is scheduled for the June 15th Council meeting and a [Resolution of Support](#) of the millage is included on the agenda.



Transportation Project Updates June 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. Included in the 2020 program are Boardwalk (Eisenhower to north end), Granger (State to Packard), Geddes Ave (Church to Observatory), asphalt path resurfacing on Oakbrook and South Main Street, and a number of residential street resurfacing projects, which will be concentrated in the neighborhood around Dicken Elementary School. A full list of streets is posted on the website at: a2gov.org/RoadConstruction. Construction is currently active in the Dicken neighborhood, on Geddes Ave, and the Oakbrook path. Work 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 possible filling of sidewalk gaps at this location.

Staff is moving ahead with the proposal to install sidewalk on the north side of Barton Drive from Brede to Pontiac, and at the Barton/Starwick intersection. Resolution #4 to approve the final special assessment roll for both of these locations were approved by City Council at the May 4 Council meeting. Construction is currently underway and is expected to extend through August.

Ellsworth/Research Park Drive Intersection:

City and AAATA staff continue to address pedestrian crossing issues related to access to transit service and the location of bus stops along Ellsworth Rd. It has been determined that a signal is warranted at this location. The City and AAATA have executed an agreement. Construction is expected in the fall of 2020.

Jackson Avenue and Washtenaw Avenue Sidewalk Gap Project:

This project includes filling gaps in the sidewalk system on Jackson Avenue (south side) from Westover Avenue to Park Lake Avenue. Also included is 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 has begun on the Washtenaw segment of the project in the week of May 18. The cost of the Jackson Ave portion of the project will be specially assessed to the



adjacent property owners as it is first-time construction. Resolution #4 to approve the final special assessment roll went before Council on May 18 and was postponed to the June 15 meeting.

Other Sidewalk Gap Work

In addition to the sidewalk gap projects referenced above, the following additional locations are planned for 2020, to be done as part of other projects:

- Stimson (both sides) from State Street east – part of Sidewalk Repair Program. Special Assessment Resolutions #2 & 3 are anticipated to go to City Council on July 6
- Boardwalk Drive (2875 & 2775), east side – part of Resurfacing project. Special Assessment Resolution #2 & 3 are anticipated to go to City Council on July 6

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. The work is currently scheduled to start around the week of June 22.

Projects Currently in Design/Planning

Hollywood Drive (Maple to Allison):

This project consists of the first time paving of a gravel street, which was petitioned by residents in 2017 and subsequently included in the Capital Improvements Plan. The current scope of the project includes paving the street, installation of sidewalks, construction of curb and gutter where necessary, and stormwater improvements consistent with the City's Green Streets policy. This project was removed from the FY21 budget and has been postponed indefinitely.

Other Updates and Information

“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 will advance 16 neighborhood slow street treatments in June based on streets that have significant pedestrian and/or bicycle traffic, provide logical connections to parks and recreation areas, have gaps in the sidewalk system, are important places where it is desirable to maintain social distancing, and/or have public support.

Based on a Transportation Commission suggestion, the threshold for consideration has been lowered – staff looked for multiple requests but not necessarily 30% support from the neighborhood (as originally identified in the May memo). Additionally, based on suggestions from City Council members, staff will place signs one week in advance of implementing the slow streets treatments in order to a) notify the neighborhood of the coming change; and b) allow for residents to voice concern. If objection is received from



more than 20% of affected neighbors, then the treatment will not be installed or be removed.

For non-residential streets, several different efforts are underway. First, City Council passed Resolution R-20-194, "[Resolution to Approve Downtown Street Closures for Restaurant and Retail Use During the Time of Mandated Physical Distancing.](#)" This resolution was spearheaded by the downtown merchant associations and approved weekend closures on various downtown streets to allow them to be used for social distancing and outdoor dining. Second, City and DDA staff worked together on a series of other suggested lane reconfigurations. Those are expected to be presented to City Council on June 15, 2020. The City's "Healthy Streets" website (a2gov.org/HealthyStreets) and the DDA's People Friendly Streets website (peoplefriendlystreets.org/) will be kept up to date to reflect the latest updates on the Healthy Streets Initiative.

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 and a meeting with implementation partners is scheduled for June 12, 2020. More information about the A2Zero Plan and upcoming events can be found on the project website: a2zero.org.

Streetlight Implementation:

27 new streetlights were installed so far in 2020. 583 streetlight outages have been addressed by DTE in 2020.

Traffic Calming Program Submittals:

Updates on recent Traffic Calming Program petitions are provided below:

- Fernwood (Lorraine to Packard): The second public meeting was held June 4, 2020 via Zoom. The preliminary plan was reviewed at that time. Modifications are being made as a result of input received before the final poll is sent to the project area later this month.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Tom Crawford, Interim City Administrator
FROM: Ann Arbor Police Department
SUBJECT: Monthly Comparison Report – Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report
DATE: June 11, 2020

AAPD ARM Monthly Comparison Report – May 2020

Part A Crimes

Crime Category	May-2020	Apr-2020	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	% Change
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	0	1	4	1	300.0%
ARSON	3	0	3	2	50.0%
ASSAULT - AGGRAVATED	21	12	75	60	25.0%
ASSAULT - SIMPLE	30	32	200	256	-21.9%
BRIBERY	0	0	0	0	No Change
BURGLARY - ALL OTHER	6	2	19	19	0.0%
BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL	10	4	38	40	-5.0%
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	27	14	112	130	-13.8%
DRUG OFFENSES	3	2	26	51	-49.0%
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	1	4	11	-63.6%
EXTORTION - BLACKMAIL	1	1	2	5	-60.0%
FORGERY / COUNTERFEITING	4	5	24	19	26.3%
FRAUD	54	35	209	242	-13.6%
GAMBLING	0	0	0	0	No Change
HEALTH AND SAFETY	1	0	2	0	N/C
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	5	5	31	69	-55.1%
KIDNAPPING / ABDUCTION	2	0	3	6	-50.0%
LARCENY - ALL OTHER	44	32	213	262	-18.7%
LARCENY - FROM AUTO (LFA)	20	26	189	283	-33.2%
LARCENY - RETAIL FRAUD	13	16	99	186	-46.8%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT / FRAUD	9	4	35	41	-14.6%
OBSCENITY	0	0	0	6	-100.0%
ROBBERY	3	2	15	21	-28.6%
SEX CRIME (VIOLENT)	4	1	22	38	-42.1%
SEX OFFENSES - COMMERCIALIZED	0	0	0	0	No Change
SEX OFFENSES - CSC	0	0	0	2	-100.0%
STOLEN PROPERTY	0	0	7	8	-12.5%
WEAPONS OFFENSE	2	1	13	13	0.0%
Total	262	196	1,346	1,773	-24.1%

Part B Crimes

Crime Category	May-2020	Apr-2020	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	% Change
ACCIDENT - HIT & RUN	1	0	5	7	-28.6%
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	7	1	23	28	-17.9%
BURGLARY - ALL OTHER	1	1	6	5	20.0%
DISORDERLY	0	0	0	0	No Change
ESCAPE / FLIGHT	0	0	0	4	-100.0%
FAMILY OFFENSE	3	1	9	14	-35.7%
FRAUD	0	0	5	14	-64.3%
HEALTH AND SAFETY	1	3	7	7	0.0%
HOMICIDE - NEGLIGENT	0	0	0	0	No Change
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION	3	1	9	13	-30.8%
MISSING PERSON / RUNAWAY	4	6	24	18	33.3%
OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE	11	2	79	166	-52.4%
OBSTRUCTING POLICE	3	3	24	50	-52.0%
OUI OF LIQUOR / DRUGS	3	2	46	61	-24.6%
PUBLIC PEACE	11	8	74	85	-12.9%
SEX OFFENSES - OTHER	2	0	3	6	-50.0%
TRESPASSING / INVASION OF PRIVACY	8	3	32	49	-34.7%
VAGRANCY	0	0	1	0	N/C
Total	58	31	347	527	-34.2%

2020 ARM Monthly Comparison Report ran 1430hrs, on 6/10/2020, 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 – May 2020

Report #	Location	Date	Time	Vehicle Movement	Ped In Crosswalk	Ped Injury
20-15996	Eisenhower Pkwy & Stone School Rd	5/21/2020	6:59 AM	Turn Left	Yes*	A
* Pedestrian was crossing against the light...did not have the walk sign. Vehicle was turning left with a left turn arrow cycle.						