



City of Ann Arbor City Administrator's Report September 21, 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.

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!

City of Ann Arbor Soil Remediation Successfully Completed at Leslie Science and Nature Center. The City of Ann Arbor has completed environmental investigations and soil remediation at the Leslie Science & Nature Center (LSNC) park, allowing outdoor programming to resume. As a result of this, the city, with concurrence by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), has determined that the remaining soil impacts do not pose an unacceptable risk of exposure to site visitors. More information is available <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=733>

Michigan Downtown Association (MDA) Announced Saturday, Sept. 26 as “Downtown Day.” Governor Whitmer announced that Saturday, September 26, 2020, be declared "Downtown Day" in the State of Michigan. We will be celebrating Downtown Day by asking residents of Michigan to explore their downtowns, shop their favorite store, and dine (or carry out) from their favorite restaurant. #MIDowntownDay.

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. Other current efforts of the Office of Sustainability and Innovations (OSI) include:

- **Carbon Neutrality and A2 Zero** was a topic at the City Council Work Session on Monday, Sept. 14. The presentation is available: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m79NXTnbaKM>
- **Greenhouse gas inventory** — The 2019 community-wide greenhouse gas inventory has been completed and submitted to the Carbon Disclosure Project. Last year, Ann Arbor was one of 105 cities globally to receive an A score (<https://www.cdp.net/en/cities/cities-scores>), leading the transition to a climate-safe future. Compared to 2000 emission levels, greenhouse gas emissions have reduced by about 20%, but we have a lot of work to reach our 2030 goal to eliminate the 2.1 million metric tons of carbon-dioxide equivalent greenhouse gases associated with the community’s activities. That’s around 43 metric tons per household. Learn more about estimating your own household’s carbon footprint with the CoolClimate Calculator, <https://coolclimate.berkeley.edu/calculator>, and look for more details on the inventory being shared soon.
- **Solar on your home** — 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. The program is available to all Washtenaw County residents. Learn more here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nGt5jTxnyY&feature=youtu.be>. You can join one of our live events and bulk buys by contacting Julie Roth (juliekayeroth111@gmail.com).
- **Electric bicycles** — Ann Arbor's e-bike discount program is going strong! More vendors are coming onboard, which means more deals on bikes and accessories. Check a2gov.org/evs for updates, and email Simi Barr (sbarr@a2gov.org) with any questions.

Council Priorities/Initiatives

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

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

Allen Creek Railroad Berm Opening. The Allen Creek Railroad Berm Opening project has had some challenges but is still projected to be completed on time. The new storm water system is now fully functional. The steel sheeting that had been placed across the end of the headwall has been removed and rip rap has been placed to reduce water erosion at the interface of the river and outlet from storm runoff.

The pedestrian culverts (tunnel) under the railroad have been installed. Construction is proceeding on the concrete retaining walls that lead to the pedestrian culverts. The pedestrian bridge over the river at the mouth of the Allen Creek has been installed. Portions of the completed retaining walls have been coated with water repellent treatment, concrete surface coating and anti-graffiti coating. Additional aesthetic coatings will be placed upon completion of retaining walls still under construction.

Construction is scheduled to proceed into October, including the completion of pedestrian walkways, lighting, landscaping, and restoration.

A large component of the project to date has been the dewatering of contaminated groundwater which is treated by an on-site treatment system before being discharged into the sanitary sewer system. The project design firm had estimated 0.75 million gallons of dewatering. At a bid amount of \$0.07 per gallon, this equated to \$52,500. However, the actual volume of dewatering required on the project exceeded 22 million gallons, or more than \$1.5 million at the bid price for the dewatering. This represents a substantial extra cost to the project. Dewatering of the project site has now concluded. Staff is reviewing the project design plans to understand the basis of the design engineer's estimate for dewatering given that it was so far off from the actual amount pumped. Also, because this is an MDOT project, staff has engaged MDOT regarding the possibility of an adjustment to the dewatering unit price in the contract and other options. The City Attorney's Office is also reviewing this matter.

Update on Priority Based Budgeting Process. In May 2019, City Council approved funding for the city to undertake priority-based budgeting (PBB), with the goals being to obtain organizational alignment to impact community priorities reflecting city values, provide additional transparency for the budget, expand evidence-based decision making regarding the budget, and to inform staff and City Council about what programs should be expanded, added or removed from the budget.

Subsequently Resource Exploration was selected for the PBB methodology, which will help city staff, City Council and the community prioritize budgetary expenditures. This is done by considering each of the city's services as a "program." The first year of implementation, the city

will use services as presently aggregated with existing budget detail. As we move forward, staff has the ability to describe our “programs” or service in more granular ways if it’s helpful. This methodology is particularly important to the city right now because of the unpredictable financial environment that we’re operating. The process, when completed, should inform and prepare the city for conversations regarding which “programs” are most important when we have limited resources, insight into how reallocation of resources could better align the services we deliver, where efficiencies might be considered, and where revenue opportunities may exist.

Our priority Based Budget (PBB) process first began by staff determining that Resource Exploration was the vendor of choice for this project in mid-2019. In the Fall of 2019, a priorities results matrix was developed with City Council input to score budget items against. Due to the amount of time required to gain final approval of the matrix, it was determined that this project would kick-off after the FY21 budget had been adopted so that the FY21 budget dated could be used in the project.

In early June 2020, FY21 budget data was uploaded into the PBB software. In late June, Department managers and other staffs were asked to participate by scoring their own department budgets against the matrix and Basic Program Attributes (BPA) of Demand, Mandate, Population Served, Cost Recovery, and Reliance. This task was completed on July 10th.

From July 13th to August 7th, Department managers and others are participating on 14 Peer Review Teams, where they are assigned to review all budget items that were scored against a particular matrix header or BPA. After August 7th, the Super Users now analyzing the data and will be able to report to Council and constituents in the coming months as we approach the budget development period. As PBB is a new process for the city, lessons learned from this first year will be used to improve future years.

Previews

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

Introductions.

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

Public Hearings. There are (3) public hearings which are listed below.

- **A Public Hearing and Resolution to Approve the Wade Annexation, .4 Acres, 559 Riverview Drive (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 9 Yeas and 0 Nays).** Approval of this resolution will allow the annexation of this property from the Ann Arbor Township into the City.
- **A Public Hearing and Resolution to Approve 841 Broadway PUD Site Plan and Development Agreement, 841 Broadway (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 1 Nays).** Approval

of this resolution will allow for the construction of a mixed-use project containing residential, hotel, commercial and recreational amenities.

Ordinances – Second Readings – None.

Ordinances – First Readings

- **An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code), Rezoning of 12.8 Acres from PL (Public Land) to PUD (Planned Unit Development District), Veridian at County Farm PUD Zoning and Supplemental Regulations, 2270 Platt Road (CPC Recommendation: Approval – 8 Yeas and 0 Nays).** Approval of this ordinance will zone this property PUD (Planned Unit Development) to allow two related and co-designed developments, one with 50 affordable housing townhomes and apartments, one with 99 housing units and a community retail space, providing a mixed-income, sustainable living, residential development. Approval of this ordinance will also adopt supplemental regulations for the PUD Zoning District that establish the use, density, height, placement, off-street parking, landscaping, and other development regulations for the district. The Supplemental Regulations were written to enable the proposed development while requiring the features, amenities and community benefits that support and justify the PUD zoning designation to be realized and maintained.

New Business Staff – None

Other

Fee Wood Chips for Ann Arbor Residents Available. City of Ann Arbor Public Works is making free wood chips available to residents at five locations located around the city beginning Saturday, Sept. 19. Residents will be required to load and haul the material away themselves. The wood chips will be available until November or while supplies last. <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=732>

Fall Leaf Season. On Monday, Oct. 12, fall leaf operations will expand at the Ann Arbor Compost facility, located at 4170 Platt Road, to allow contractors to begin dropping off unlimited amounts of leaves. If a resident or contractor must use many paper yard bags, the city strongly encourages those be brought to the compost facility instead of being left at the curb. Large volumes of bags not only present a safety issue to the staff who must load them by hand, it also hinders the city's ability to service all properties.

To help deal with fall leaves, and to save putting large numbers of paper yard bags at the curb, residents are encouraged to:

- Use a mulching mower to feed grass clippings and leaves back into your lawn (<https://www.leaveleavesalone.org/home/how-to-mulch/>).
- Utilize a compost cart.

- Create a compost pile. This step-by-step guide shows you exactly how to do it, <https://www.wikihow.com/Build-a-Compost-Pile>.

More information about wood chips, fall leaves and other compost issues is available at www.a2gov.org/compost.

Complete [your 2020 Census](#), and BE COUNTED! Funding and representation for our community depend on YOU! [Learn more](#).



Transportation Project Updates September 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

Allen Creek Berm Opening:

This tunnel will provide safe, convenient and legal access to the Argo Cascades for the first time in over one hundred years. The project is currently expected to be completed in October. More information is available on the [project website](#).

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 and on Granger Ave. Work on Geddes Ave, Boardwalk, the Oakbrook, and South Main asphalt paths have been completed. Work on the overall project is expected to continue into November.

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. The project is now substantially complete and is open to traffic. Work continues under a separate project at the Huron Parkway/Washtenaw intersection to upgrade the sidewalk ramps and add audible pedestrian signals.

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. This work is now complete.

William Street Improvements:

Permanent pavement markings are scheduled for spring 2020, dependent on consistent dry weather and temperatures above 50 degrees. DDA, Transportation, Public Works, and AAPD staff have been coordinating efforts to inform minor adjustments to the bikeway and on-street education, enforcement, and engagement. These efforts were temporarily delayed by pandemic response efforts but will resume this fall beginning with hardened centerline treatments. While new to the City, hardened centerlines have been used successfully across the country. Staff will pilot and monitor installation on William Street at Division and Thompson Streets with the goal of reducing left-hand turn speeds.



Education is on-going. Resources can be found at <http://www.peoplefriendlystreets.org/educational-resources/>

Projects Currently in Design/Planning

Fuller Court Sidewalk Gap Project:

This project includes the filling of sidewalk gaps on Fuller Ct. (south side) from Fuller Road to 2250 Fuller Ct. The University of Michigan has withdrawn financial support for the construction of the sidewalk adjacent to their property (at the corner of Fuller Road and Fuller Court), due to COVID-related budgetary issues. Therefore, this portion of the project has been removed. Final plans for the remaining sidewalk work on Fuller Court have been submitted to MDOT for approval and bids were opened on September 4, 2020. At this time, construction is scheduled for the spring of 2021.

Plymouth Road Phase 2 (Murfin to lower Broadway)

This project is a preventative maintenance project (partial depth milling & repaving), very similar in scope to the work that was just completed further east on Plymouth. The scope of this project includes the addition of buffered bike lanes in both directions. This project utilizes federal funding, and it currently scheduled for construction in the spring/summer of 2021.

Other Updates and Information

Curbside Management Study:

The curb management study originally planned for this year has been postponed due to COVID-19 impacts to downtown, including significant changes to curbside use and impacts to public parking revenues. Staff are aiming to release a Request for Qualification (RFQ) in early 2021 with the understanding that the study may have to be undertaken with a phased approach.

“Healthy Streets” - Transportation opportunities for social distancing

Staff continues 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 26 neighborhood slow street treatments in July and August. No further neighborhood slow street treatments are being considered at this time due to timing and budget.

Physical distancing measures were installed on Catherine/Miller, State/North University, Division, and portions of Packard on Monday, August 31, with temporary changes to the Broadway Bridge and locations outside of downtown shortly following. Additional installations on S. Main Street, and E. Packard went into effect the week of September 7. In the first several weeks of the installations, staff are monitoring for needed changes and requesting contractor adjustments. 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. Lastly, a survey was launched asking for comments and impressions of these Healthy Streets deployments - community feedback can be shared here: bit.ly/hspilotsurvey.

Office of Sustainability and Innovations Update:

The 2019 community-wide greenhouse gas inventory has been completed and submitted to the Carbon Disclosure Project. Last year, Ann Arbor was one of 105 cities globally to receive an A score (<https://www.cdp.net/en/cities/cities-scores>), leading the transition to a climate-safe future. Compared to 2000 emission levels, greenhouse gas emissions have reduced by about 20%, but we have a lot of work to reach our 2030 goal to eliminate the 2.1 million metric tons of carbon-dioxide equivalent greenhouse gases associated with the community's activities. That's around 43 metric tons per household. Learn more about estimating your own household's carbon footprint with the CoolClimate Calculator, <https://coolclimate.berkeley.edu/calculator>, and look for more details on the inventory being shared soon.

Streetlight Implementation:

32 new streetlights were installed so far in 2020. 964 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. The Transportation Commission recommended City Council approval for Fernwood Traffic Calming installation at the August 19, 2020 meeting. This will be brought before City Council for action on September 21.
- The community engagement process for Glenwood (Override to Washtenaw) is in progress. Meeting 2 will be held on September 17; this will include discussion of a preliminary plan of traffic calming measures for this project area.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Tom Crawford, Interim City Administrator
FROM: Ann Arbor Police Department
SUBJECT: Monthly Comparison Report – Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report
DATE: September 10, 2020

AAPD ARM Monthly Comparison Report – August 2020

Part A Crimes

Crime Category	Aug-2020	Jul-2020	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	% Change
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	1	0	6	2	200.0%
ARSON	0	0	3	5	-40.0%
ASSAULT - AGGRAVATED	18	15	125	98	27.6%
ASSAULT - SIMPLE	49	49	354	403	-12.2%
BRIBERY	0	0	0	0	No Change
BURGLARY - ALL OTHER	6	3	32	37	-13.5%
BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL	17	12	74	94	-21.3%
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	49	26	206	215	-4.2%
DRUG OFFENSES	7	3	38	84	-54.8%
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0	4	20	-80.0%
EXTORTION - BLACKMAIL	0	2	5	7	-28.6%
FORGERY / COUNTERFEITING	0	1	33	37	-10.8%
FRAUD	34	44	375	392	-4.3%
GAMBLING	0	0	0	0	No Change
HEALTH AND SAFETY	2	0	4	1	300.0%
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	7	10	59	94	-37.2%
KIDNAPPING / ABDUCTION	0	0	3	8	-62.5%
LARCENY - ALL OTHER	71	75	433	462	-6.3%
LARCENY - FROM AUTO (LFA)	29	37	283	526	-46.2%
LARCENY - RETAIL FRAUD	23	12	149	296	-49.7%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT / FRAUD	8	6	57	106	-46.2%
OBSCENITY	1	0	1	8	-87.5%
ROBBERY	1	2	22	30	-26.7%
SEX CRIME (VIOLENT)	5	6	41	57	-28.1%
SEX OFFENSES - COMMERCIALIZED	0	0	0	1	-100.0%
SEX OFFENSES - CSC	0	0	1	2	-50.0%
STOLEN PROPERTY	1	2	10	16	-37.5%
WEAPONS OFFENSE	4	2	23	25	-8.0%
Total	333	307	2,342	3,028	-22.7%

Part B Crimes

Crime Category	Aug-2020	Jul-2020	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	% Change
ACCIDENT - HIT & RUN	0	2	7	9	-22.2%
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	14	11	55	58	-5.2%
BURGLARY - ALL OTHER	1	0	7	8	-12.5%
DISORDERLY	0	0	0	0	No Change
ESCAPE / FLIGHT	0	0	0	4	-100.0%
FAMILY OFFENSE	2	2	18	28	-35.7%
FRAUD	1	1	9	18	-50.0%
HEALTH AND SAFETY	2	0	9	11	-18.2%
HOMICIDE - NEGLIGENT	0	0	0	0	No Change
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION	2	6	24	125	-80.8%
MISSING PERSON / RUNAWAY	2	2	32	30	6.7%
OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE	14	10	115	288	-60.1%
OBSTRUCTING POLICE	4	2	31	68	-54.4%
OUI OF LIQUOR / DRUGS	14	8	79	92	-14.1%
PUBLIC PEACE	6	9	92	139	-33.8%
SEX OFFENSES - OTHER	1	3	8	14	-42.9%
TRESPASSING / INVASION OF PRIVACY	6	14	61	79	-22.8%
VAGRANCY	0	0	1	0	N/C
Total	69	70	548	971	-43.6%

2020 ARM Monthly Comparison Report ran 0800hrs, on 9/10/2020, 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 – August 2020

Report #	Location	Date	Time	Vehicle Movement	Ped In Crosswalk	Ped Injury
20-27648	S Division St & E Liberty St	8/25/2020	5:58 PM	Turning Left	No	A
20-28022	W Huron St & Crest Ave	8/27/2020	11:14 PM	Going Straight	No	B
20-28544	Hill St & S Forest Ave	8/31/2020	2:32 PM	Turning Left	Yes	C