



City of Ann Arbor City Administrator's Report November 16, 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. The City of Ann Arbor continues to experience the effects of the pandemic both internally and throughout the community. Despite the promise of a vaccine sometime in the near future, it's not anticipated broad availability will be available for months. It remains vitally important for everyone to follow the latest public health guidelines – both inside and outside of the workplace.

As the City navigates through these challenging times, it will continue to share the latest information on city operations 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!

Welcome! Welcome to the following new councilmembers. We look forward to working with you.

Lisa Disch (Ward 1)

Linh Song (Ward 2)

Travis Radina (Ward 3)

Jen Eyer (Ward 4)

Erica Briggs (Ward 5)

Leslie Park Golf Course. Leslie Park Golf Course is highlighted in Links Magazine, a national golf publication. Kudos! <https://www.linksmagazine.com/american-dream-courses-midwest-east/>



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:
- **RE4M** — The City launched a 4-part internal learning series focused on how to pair renewable energy, efficiency, electrification, and equity into a program for all Ann Arborites. This initiative is funded through a small grant from the Urban Sustainability Directors Network and will provide insights the OSI team will use to craft a community-wide program. More details coming 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=nGt5xJTxyY&feature=youtu.be>. You can join one of our live events and bulk buys by contacting Julie Roth (juliekayeroth111@gmail.com).

- **Electric and Traditional Bicycles** — Ann Arbor's e-bike discount program is going strong! We've just signed up Sic Transit to join our list of vendors, who is offering discounts on traditional bicycles. Check a2gov.org/evs for updates, and email Simi Barr (sbarr@a2gov.org) with any questions.
- The City of Ann Arbor Office of Sustainability and Innovations is launching the [A2ZERO Climate Ambassador Program](#), this Thursday. Our first cohort of 21 individuals has been selected and will participate in this 9-week training program. In a future update we'll share biographies of this inaugural class.
- Join us for **Climate, Coffee, and Conversations** at 8am the second Thursday of every month. This informal conversation provides an opportunity for members of the public to share their ideas and concerns, to learn more about A2ZERO, and to find ways to get engaged in local sustainability activities. Learn more and register [here](#).
- Do you know community based organizations that could help distribute **energy savings kits** or **emergency preparedness kits**? OSI is looking for partners to help provide these kits to residents in need. If you know of an organization we could partner with to get these kits into our community, please let OSI know.
- **Aging in Place Efficiently Program:** In summer of 2020, the City of Ann Arbor, along with Meals on Wheels, Program for Multi-Cultural Health, Habitat for Humanity, Washtenaw County, Michigan Saves, and the Housing Bureau for Seniors won a grant to support low-income seniors with aging in place for longer through a combination of social services and physical improvements to their residence. The program is currently in the design phase, but if you know any organizations we should be partnering with, please let OSI know.

Council Priorities/Initiatives

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

Police Monthly Report. The October 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-20-285	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 **November 16 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

Introductions.

- **Washtenaw County Coordinated Funding Update**

Consent Agenda. There are (10) items on the consent agenda.

Public Hearings. None.

Ordinances – Second Readings – None.

Ordinances– First Readings

- **An Ordinance to Amend Sections 5.16.6 and 5.18.4 of Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code) of Title V of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (Solar Energy Systems; Exceptions to Height Limits).** Amendments are proposed to the Unified Development Code to allow solar panel installation as carports without a site plan requirement and to allow an exemption for up to 12 feet above the height limit for a district solely in order to permit the installation of Solar energy system.

Other

Water Quality Matters. The November Quality Water Matters issue is available.

https://www.a2gov.org/departments/water-treatment/PublishingImages/Pages/default/quality_water_matters_newsletter_2020_novfinal.pdf

December 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 community. This involves conducting plant and animal inventories, ecological monitoring and stewardship projects in Ann Arbor’s parks. NAP is releasing its schedule for December. These tasks are performed by both staff and volunteers. For more information about NAP, visit www.a2gov.org/NAP.

Winter Warming Shelter Opening Early to Prevent Spread of COVID-19. This year Winter Warming Shelter programming is starting early to allow for key transitions and additional shelter options for individuals experiencing homelessness, keeping with safety measures to avoid the spread of COVID-19. Winter homeless sheltering efforts began on November 2 as part of a community response.

Due to the need to maintain social distancing, the normal winter capacity of the Delonis Center during has been reduced from 145 beds to 70 currently. To help fill the gap, six congregations

have partnered with the Shelter Association to provide rotating overnight shelter (and in some cases daytime shelter), for an entire month each from November through March. Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission has agreed to allow use of Meri Lou Murray Recreational Center for overnight shelter overflow for up to 60 individuals as needed throughout the winter.

Additionally this week, the Shelter Association confirmed receipt of additional funding which will allow them to provide hotel stays for Shelter Association clients who are the most medically fragile. Those hotel stays will also begin on Monday, Nov. 2 at a different area hotel.

The Washtenaw County Health Department will provide ongoing oversight to ensure a healthy environment that maintains social distancing guidelines and screening for COVID-19 prior to entry to either facility. Those exhibiting symptoms are immediately transported to Michigan Medical for evaluation. CDC cleaning standards will be practiced at all locations and members of the recreation center will continue to retain full access to the facility during regular business hours.

Anyone who is homeless or experiencing a housing crisis should contact Housing Access of Washtenaw County (734) 961-1999.



Transportation Project Updates November 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 construction is now substantially complete and the tunnel is open to the public. More information is available on the [project website](#).

Annual Sidewalk Repair Program:

This program is an annual project to repair sidewalks throughout the City. Further information on the program and a list of 2020 target areas can be found at a2gov.org/Sidewalks. Construction began the last week of April, starting in the downtown area. Work is expected to continue through mid-November.

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 & Lawton neighborhoods and on Granger Ave. Work on Granger, Geddes Ave, Boardwalk, the Oakbrook, and South Main asphalt paths have been completed. Work on the overall project is expected to be completed in mid to late 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 filling of sidewalk gaps at this location. Construction on this project is now complete.

Ellsworth/Research Park Drive Intersection:

Directional boring for underground utilities and signal connections occurred the week of November 9, 2020. The steel poles and mast arms are on order and are expected to be delivered in the coming months. The work is expected to continue into the winter.

Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) Installations:

The following RRFB installations are planned for 2020:

- Huron Parkway at Glazier Way – construction delayed to spring of 2021 due to delay in streetlight installation
- Huron Parkway at Baxter Rd – construction delayed to spring of 2021 due to delay in streetlight installation
- Note: additional locations may be identified

**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. Construction is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2021.

Projects Currently in Design/Planning**Scio Church Road (Maple to Seventh):**

The project includes some watermain and stormwater work, resurfacing, installation of bike lanes, new sidewalk, and crosswalks. More information is available on the project [website](#). This project is scheduled for construction in 2021. Staff is proposing on-street parking removal on the north side of Scio Church and buffered bike lane installation. The Transportation Commission voted to support this installation at their October 21 meeting, and it will come before City Council on November 16. Construction is scheduled for the spring of 2021.

Sidewalk Gaps

On the November 3rd ballot, voters approved the New Sidewalk Millage, which will be the primary funding source for sidewalk gap filling projects going forward. Staff is currently working on a plan to schedule the first round of projects, primarily from those that have already been designed and were previously postponed. Funding from the millage will not be available until after July 1, 2021, so the first round of projects is expected to be constructed in the second half of 2021.

Other Updates and Information**Street Millage and New Sidewalk Millage:**

Both millages were approved by voters on November 3. The New Sidewalk Millage goes into effect in 2021 (see "Sidewalk Gaps" above), and the Street, Bridge, and Sidewalk Millage goes into effect in 2022.

"Healthy Streets" - Transportation opportunities for social distancing

The different aspects of Healthy Streets are being removed during the month of November. The arterial lane reconfigurations were taken down the first week of November as the 90 day pilot duration and a report on these deployments will be shared with City Council and the Transportation Commission in December. The neighborhood slow streets program deployments were taken down the second week of November. The downtown street closures to support businesses is currently approved through November 30.

Lower Town Mobility Study:

The project team is hosting the second virtual public meeting for the project on November 19, 2020 at 6pm. This meeting will include a presentation on existing conditions followed by small workgroup breakout sessions to generate ideas about the future of mobility in the Lower Town Area. More information about the project and engagement opportunities can be found on the [project website](#).

**Office of Sustainability and Innovations (OSI) Update:**

Staff recently presented at a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Operations Meeting with DDA staff to advocate for the addition of 100+ L2 electric vehicle chargers within DDA garages. In addition, staff continue to work to transition the City's vehicle fleet to electric. In the coming months, we'll be meeting with major vehicle manufacturers to discuss an initiative to scale EV ownership in the community. In addition, staff are preparing an electric vehicle readiness ordinance for presentation to City Council in early winter. This ordinance will ensure that new developments and major renovations are equipped with the electrical equipment necessary to support a transition to EVs. More details on all of these programs will be available on our EV webpage as the program evolves.

Sic Transit Cycles has joined the Office's bicycle discount program. In July, OSI launched a discount program with local e-bike shop, Human Electric Hybrids (HEH). HEH chose to discount two models of electric bikes to support alternative transportation in Ann Arbor. Since that time, two more vendors have joined the program, Arbor Vacuums and Sic THIS ISSUE 1. Welcome 2. Program Updates 3. Upcoming Events 4. Special Announcements GET INVOLVED Learn more and get involved at www.a2gov.org/sustainability or by sending a note to sustainability@a2gov.org ISSUE 2 Transit Cycles. Arbor Vacuums discounted their entire line of IZIP e-bikes. Sic Transit has chosen to discount a "Commuter Package" of helmet, bike lock, and lights by 15%. For more information or to join this program, visit our website.

Lastly, OSI hosted a transportation power hour on November 12, 2020 to discuss electric vehicles.

Traffic Calming Program Submittals:

Updates on recent Traffic Calming Program petitions are provided below:

- City Council approved the Fernwood Traffic calming project as well as funding to implement the devices. Construction is now complete.
- Polling for the final draft traffic calming concept on Glenwood Road (Override to Washtenaw) is complete. The proposal received sufficient support from the project area polling process and has met the criteria to be considered at these upcoming meetings:
 - Transportation Commission to consider a recommendation – December 16, 2020
 - City Council to consider a resolution for construction approval – January 19, 2021

Transportation Plan Update:

The Project Team reviewed the draft plan with the Technical Advisory Committee on October 21, 2020 and the Community Advisory Committee on October 22, 2020. There was a virtual public meeting on October 29, 2020. The comments received are being reviewed and are being incorporated into the plan as feasible. A final draft will be



reviewed with the Transportation Commission on November 18, 2020. Once this round of plan review meetings is complete, the plan will be prepared for county and adjacent community review as it advances to adoption this winter. More information about the Plan, and upcoming public engagement opportunities, can be found on the project [website](#). Please subscribe to receive updates on this project.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Tom Crawford, City Administrator
FROM: Ann Arbor Police Department
SUBJECT: Monthly Comparison Report – Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report
DATE: November 12, 2020

AAPD ARM Monthly Comparison Report – October 2020

Part A Crimes

Crime Category	Oct-2020	Sep-2020	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	% Change
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	0	1	7	3	133.3%
ARSON	0	0	3	7	-57.1%
ASSAULT - AGGRAVATED	21	12	160	120	33.3%
ASSAULT - SIMPLE	43	44	443	497	-10.9%
BRIBERY	0	0	0	0	No Change
BURGLARY - ALL OTHER	5	8	46	46	0.0%
BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL	9	8	93	119	-21.8%
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	52	39	299	272	9.9%
DRUG OFFENSES	2	8	48	105	-54.3%
EMBEZZLEMENT	1	0	5	25	-80.0%
EXTORTION - BLACKMAIL	2	1	9	10	-10.0%
FORGERY / COUNTERFEITING	5	2	42	56	-25.0%
FRAUD	32	32	453	486	-6.8%
GAMBLING	0	0	0	0	No Change
HEALTH AND SAFETY	1	0	5	2	150.0%
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	4	8	75	111	-32.4%
KIDNAPPING / ABDUCTION	0	0	3	9	-66.7%
LARCENY - ALL OTHER	59	73	570	621	-8.2%
LARCENY - FROM AUTO (LFA)	54	51	391	616	-36.5%
LARCENY - RETAIL FRAUD	27	26	203	338	-39.9%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT / FRAUD	8	7	73	130	-43.8%
OBSCENITY	1	0	2	8	-75.0%
ROBBERY	7	5	34	40	-15.0%
SEX CRIME (VIOLENT)	6	5	59	69	-14.5%
SEX OFFENSES - COMMERCIALIZED	0	0	0	1	-100.0%
SEX OFFENSES - CSC	0	0	1	2	-50.0%
STOLEN PROPERTY	2	3	15	17	-11.8%
WEAPONS OFFENSE	2	2	27	27	0.0%
Total	343	335	3,067	3,739	-18.0%

Part B Crimes

Crime Category	Oct-2020	Sep-2020	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	% Change
ACCIDENT - HIT & RUN	1	0	8	12	-33.3%
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	9	8	73	114	-36.0%
BURGLARY - ALL OTHER	1	2	11	13	-15.4%
DISORDERLY	0	0	0	0	No Change
ESCAPE / FLIGHT	0	0	0	5	-100.0%
FAMILY OFFENSE	3	1	23	34	-32.4%
FRAUD	1	1	11	21	-47.6%
HEALTH AND SAFETY	0	3	12	11	9.1%
HOMICIDE - NEGLIGENT	0	0	0	0	No Change
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION	3	3	30	264	-88.6%
MISSING PERSON / RUNAWAY	2	1	35	39	-10.3%
OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE	15	11	141	330	-57.3%
OBSTRUCTING POLICE	8	5	45	80	-43.8%
OUI OF LIQUOR / DRUGS	11	12	103	112	-8.0%
PUBLIC PEACE	10	15	117	193	-39.4%
SEX OFFENSES - OTHER	3	2	13	16	-18.8%
TRESPASSING / INVASION OF PRIVACY	8	13	82	89	-7.9%
VAGRANCY	0	1	2	0	N/C
Total	75	78	706	1,333	-47.0%

2020 ARM Monthly Comparison Report ran 0625hrs, on 11/10/2020, 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 – October 2020

Report #	Location	Date	Time	Vehicle Movement	Ped In Crosswalk	Ped Injury
20-32966	Platt Rd & Packard Rd	10/2/2020	8:19 PM	Turning Right	Yes	B
20-33055*	2020 Stadium	10/3/2020	1:08 PM	N/A	N/A	N/A
20-34873	Forest Ave & S University St	10/18/2020	8:10 PM	Turning Left	Yes	B
* Private property crash						