



City of Ann Arbor City Administrator's Report April 19, 2021

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

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.

City of Ann Arbor Larcom City Hall will remain closed due to the pandemic, and nonessential operations will continue to take place remotely until further notice. The purpose of the extended closure is to allow more time for vaccine distribution into the community and among city employee groups. In the meantime, city staff is continuing to serve the public, conducting city business during normal business hours via phone, email and online. See the "services" webpage, <https://www.a2gov.org/services/Pages/Home.aspx>, for details and also the "contact" webpage, <https://www.a2gov.org/contact/pages/contactus.aspx>, for how to reach city departments.

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 both indoors and outside; 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

- **City Partners with Meals on Wheels and DTE to Distribute Home Energy Efficiency Kits to Homebound Residents.** The City of Ann Arbor is partnering with Ann Arbor Meals on Wheels at Michigan Medicine and DTE Energy to distribute home energy efficiency kits to approximately 260 homebound households served by Ann Arbor Meals on Wheels. The partnership, which stems from the city's A2ZERO Carbon Neutrality work, focuses on helping homebound residents lower energy costs, maintain indoor health and comfort and reduce energy and water waste. More information is available at <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=779>
- **Call for Nominations for A²ZERO Champions.** Do you know an individual or organization that goes out of their way to advance sustainability, equity, and climate action? Nominate them to be an A2ZERO Champion. Nominations can be submitted [here](#) and all nominations are due by May 20, 2021.
- **Climate, Coffee and Conversation** — Join us the second Thursday of each month at 8 a.m. for an open community chat about anything and everything A²ZERO and sustainability in Ann Arbor, in Michigan and abroad. Attendance is online and free, but Zoom registration is required at https://a2gov.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJctfuyorzwsHtal_qn-HPQwfVoSbbb01001.
- **Upcoming events**
Join us at one of the following upcoming events (register and see more events, which are being added weekly, on the city's public calendar at <https://calendar.a2gov.org/CalendarNOW.aspx?fromdate=10/1/2020&todate=10/31/2020&display=Month&more=1/1/0001>):
- **2021 Sustainability Forum Series.** The OSI is proud to announce the return of the annual Sustainability Forum Series for 2021! This year's series will be held virtually via Zoom. Attendance is free but [registration is required](#). See the series schedule below for more information
 - April 28, 2021, 6:00 p.m. – **“Electrification, Energy & Efficiency”**
 - May 26, 2021, 6:00 p.m. – **“The Future of Carbon Neutrality (a Youth-focused Forum)”**
- **Arbor Day FreeTree Giveaway .** The new 10,000 Trees Initiative is excited to announce our first FreeTree event will be in celebration of Arbor Day! We will have giveaways happening all of Arbor Day weekend (4/30-5/2), at locations across the city. Available trees will include Norway Spruce. To learn more and to reserve your free trees for this Arbor Day event, please visit www.a2gov.org/10ktrees.
- **Earth Day.** The 51st annual Ann Arbor Area Earth Day Festival will be an online event this year, taking place Sunday, April 25, at 1 p.m. All are invited to attend and can RSVP at https://a2gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ImpYrv32Rhi_XMhGcWq6Lw. And learn more

at <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/sustainability/Newsletter-Events/Pages/default.aspx>.

- **Solarize.** Solarize group-buy meeting: Join Ann Arbor resident Cliff and his neighbors at a zoom meeting on Sunday April 25 at 2:00. There will be education on residential solar, and an chance to get all your questions answered. Cliff's installer will be there as well, and you'll learn about her group-buy. Sign up form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ed2xKzgdMr-Wp9hMaO1kpNAVMq6g5369I-us7d_UHck/
- **A²ZERO Ambassadors:** We are currently accepting applications for cohort two. Interested individuals can apply [here](#) (deadline to apply if May 21, 2021.)
- **Range Replacement:** OSI is working to support home electrification by promoting induction ranges through partnerships with local vendors, through educational segments, and through demonstration projects. In addition, OSI has been collaborating with IBEW Local 252 to unite A2ZERO with IBEW training and outreach programs. This has included soon to be launched new website: <https://www.ibewneca252.org/a2zero>.
- **Heat Pumps / Electrification:** Community interest in learning more about heat pump technology has been growing over the last several weeks. As such, OSI will be hosting a special workshop on Wednesday, May 12th at 7pm for individuals to learn more about how air-source and ground-source heat pumps work, recent advances in the technology, and the impacts of switching from gas furnaces to heat pumps on both indoor air comfort and GHG emissions. There will also be a panel of builders, installers and experts to field a Q&A from participants. This is a great way to learn about the subject and get questions answered. Registration for the workshop is here: [LINK](#)
- **A²ZERO Week:** June 1st, 2021 marks the 1-year anniversary of the adoption of A²ZERO. In honor of this, OSI is launching A²ZERO week. Running for June 1- June 6th, this week-long event will be a series of decentralized and distributed virtual and in-person activities to help people: a) learn about sustainability activities; b) take action; and c) have fun. The full schedule is still being finalized but will be posted at www.a2gov.org/sustainability. If you'd like to partner with OSI in hosting an event, please contact Missy Stults (mstults@a2gov.org).
- **Onsite Solar:** The City of Ann Arbor just closed a request for proposals to install rooftop solar on 13 city facilities. We are about to release a similar RFP to support onsite solar installation at Ann Arbor Housing Commission sites. Once installed, these systems will increase local solar energy generation by over 2MW.
- **E-bike discount program** — Ann Arbor's e-Bike Discount Program has returned! The Office of Sustainability is working with local bike shops, who are offering different discounts on electric bikes and accessories. Learn more at a2gov.org/evs or contact Simi Barr: sbarr@a2gov.org.

Council Priorities/Initiatives

Police Monthly Report. The March 2021 AAPD Monthly Comparison Report – Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report is attached.

Transportation Commission Monthly Report. The April 2021 Transportation Commission Project 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 **April 19 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

City Administrator’s Proposed FY22 Budget. A copy of the presentation is available via the web <http://a2gov.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4905570&GUID=239FD183-9AF3-4F28-B406-2D3155A98336&Options=ID|Text|&Search=> and a copy of the proposed FY22 budget is also available via: <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/finance-admin-services/financial-reporting/Documents/FY22%20Draft%20Budget%20Book%204.16.21%20for%20web.pdf>.

Consent Agenda. There are (6) items on the consent agenda.

Public Hearings. There are (2) public hearings which are listed below and under second readings.

- **A public hearing and Resolution to Approve Near North Site Plan with Planned Project Modifications and Development Agreement, 700 North Main Street (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 9 Yeas and 0 Nays).** Approval of this resolution will allow for the construction of 22 townhouses.

Ordinances –Second Readings (1)

- **A public hearing and An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code), Zoning of 1.2 Acres from PUD (Planned Unit Development) to R4C (Multiple-Family Dwelling), Near North Rezoning, 700 North Main Street, (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 9 Yeas and 0 Nays) (ORD-21-07).** Approval of this resolution will rezone a 1.2-acre parcel from PUD (Near North Planning Unit Development) to R4C (Multiple-Family Dwelling) to allow the site to be redeveloped with 22 townhouses.

Ordinances– First Readings (3)

- **An Ordinance to Amend Section 5.15 (Table 5-15-2) and Section 5.16.6 of Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code) of Title V of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (Accessory Dwelling Units).** On August 4, 2016, the City Council adopted Ordinance 16-16, which amended the Zoning Ordinance to convert Accessory Apartments into Accessory Dwelling Units and create additional standards. Component to this ordinance was the establishment of ADUs as an Accessory use in the R1A through R1E, and R2A Zoning Districts.

To date, realization of such units in the City has been minimal. In 2019, the City Council defeated a series of proposed amendments to the ordinance, that were considered in response to City Council direction. Subsequently, the City Planning Commission maintained proposed amendments to the Ordinance on its work program, which resulted in the following recommended amendments to the Unified Development Code:

- Addition of more zoning districts where ADUs are allowed. The proposed amendments add the option to all residential zoning districts, excepting R6 Mobile Home Parks. The addition of ADUs to other zoning districts does not eliminate the requirement of any location being a single-family property.
- Amend the requirements that previously limited detached ADUs on those properties that had an existing accessory structure prior to December 31, 2016. The amendments allow a detached ADU in any legally conforming detached accessory structure.
- Removal of requirement that any new entrance be located on the side or rear of a structure.
- Removal of minimum 5,000 square feet lot size requirement.
- Reordering of the requirements into more logical groupings
- Removal of additional parking requirements as the majority of proposed ADU's are within ¼ mile of a bus stop.
- Removal of the requirement that the owner of the property resides on the property, and removal of the corresponding deed restriction requirement.
- Ensure the maximum occupancy is maintained.

Other proposed amendments were discussed by the Planning Commission previously, but are not included into this proposed amendment:

- Increasing the minimum required side and rear setback from 3 feet to 5 feet. This may make existing accessory structures non-compliant.
- The creation of other mechanisms to support development of ADUs including financing, tax benefits, or other technical assistance to property owners.

On March 16, 2021, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the proposed amendments.

- **An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code), Rezoning of 9.8 Acres from TWP(Township), R1C (Single-Family) and R1A (Single-Family) to R4E With Conditions (Multiple-Family Dwelling District with Conditions), Valhalla Ann Arbor Conditional Rezoning, 31, 50, 57, 77, 97, 98, 107, 145, 147, 151, 155, 159, 163 Valhalla Drive and 2065, 2099 South Main Street (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 1 Nay).** Approval of this resolution will rezone parcels totaling 9.8 acres from TWP (Township), R1C (Single-Family) and R1A (Single-Family) to R4E With Conditions (Multiple-Family Dwelling District with Conditions) to allow the site to be redeveloped for residential use.

- **An Ordinance to Amend Section 2:69 of Chapter 29 (Stormwater Rates) of Title II of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor.** This would amend the ordinance to increase stormwater fees for upcoming operating and capital needs consistent with the City’s Stormwater Utility Rate Study, Capital Improvement Plan, and Stormwater Asset Management Plan.

Other

April Water Quality Matters. The April issue of Quality Water Matters includes an update on the status of the Gelman plume litigation and information that was shared by EGLE and the EPA during a community meeting. Read the issue [online](#).

AAPD is Accepting Applications for Police Chaplains Program. Applications are now being accepted for the [Ann Arbor Police Department Police Chaplains Program](#). This program will help the city provide a more comprehensive response to those in need, through support to both civilians and officers alike and during times of crisis and non-crisis incidents.

Ann Arbor Shares List of Planned 2021 Road, Sidewalk, Utility and Resurfacing Projects. The City of Ann Arbor released its list of road and sidewalk projects scheduled for construction in 2021. 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.

May Events with NAP. The community is invited to participate with Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation in the parks and nature areas this May. Events and volunteer opportunities include stewardship workdays to celebrate Arbor Day, International Migratory Bird Day and Huron River Day (all month long!), as well as the butterfly survey kickoff and much more. Please see the news release online at <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=783>, for details. For more information about NAP, visit www.a2gov.org/NAP.

Golden Paintbrush Awards Now Accepting Nominations. Nominations are now being accepted for the Ann Arbor Public Art Commission Golden Paintbrush Awards. This award recognizes adults, children and organizations who have encouraged creativity in Ann Arbor's publicly visible spaces. Nomination forms are online and must be submitted by April 30, 2021. Please see the news release, below and at <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=761>, for details.

17-year Cicadas. Ann Arbor, along with large parts of the Midwest and eastern United States, will experience a 17-year cicada emergence in May and June 2021. The cicadas, which do not bite and are harmless to humans, will present challenges to smaller saplings while benefiting larger and established trees. In response, the City of Ann Arbor is suspending its spring tree planting efforts and has established a website, www.a2gov.org/cicada (<https://www.a2gov.org/departments/forestry/Pages/17-Year-Cicada-Emergence-.aspx>), to help the community understand and prepare for the event.

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: April 19, 2021

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

NIBRS Category	2019	2020	2021	Monthly % change	Previous Year (to-date)	This Year (to-date)	Yearly % change
Aggravated Assault	13	15	17	13.3%	42	46	9.5%
Animal Cruelty	0	0	0	no crimes	1	0	-100.0%
Arson	2	0	0	no crimes	0	1	-
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	7	14	12	-14.3%	37	29	-21.6%
Counterfeiting/Forgery	2	7	2	-71.4%	16	13	-18.8%
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	21	28	30	7.1%	77	64	-16.9%
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	9	13	6	-53.8%	22	8	-63.6%
Embezzlement	3	4	1	-75.0%	8	3	-62.5%
Extortion/Blackmail	1	0	1	-	0	2	-
Fraud Offenses	65	33	48	45.5%	136	127	-6.6%
Homicide Offenses	0	1	0	-100.0%	1	0	-100.0%
Intimidation	14	7	9	28.6%	23	34	47.8%
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	0	0	no crimes	0	0	no crimes
Larceny/Theft Offenses	136	109	123	12.8%	362	274	-24.3%
Motor Vehicle Theft	5	5	6	20.0%	17	19	11.8%
Robbery	3	1	0	-100.0%	11	1	-90.9%
Sex Offenses	6	7	5	-28.6%	21	22	4.8%
Simple Assault	57	43	47	9.3%	146	103	-29.5%
Stolen Property Offenses	6	2	1	-50.0%	11	1	-90.9%
Weapon Law Violations	5	2	2	0.0%	10	7	-30.0%



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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 – March 2021

Report #	Location	Date	Time	Vehicle Movement	Ped In Crosswalk	Injury Category
21-7144	3615 Washtenaw Ave	3/13/2021	1:03 PM	backing	no	c
21-8230	N. Main and Dot St. Dexter Ave. and Lynn	3/22/2021	1:05 PM	turning left	yes	a
21-9298	Anne Ct.	3/30/2021	8:29pm	going straight	no	c

<p>Injury Legend:</p> <p>K - Fatal Injury (any injury which results in death)</p> <p>A - Suspected Serious Injury (Any injury other than fatal which prevents normal activities and generally requires hospitalization)</p> <p>B - Suspected Minor Injury (Any minor injury that is evident to others at the scene)</p> <p>C - Possible Injury (Any possible injury that is reported or claimed)</p> <p>O - No Injury (No indication of injury)</p>
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Transportation Project Updates April 2021

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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](#).

Geddes Road Watermain

This project consists of a watermain replacement between Windycrest and Earhart. No changes to the road configuration are anticipated. Due to the limited work space, the road will be open to local traffic only during construction. Through traffic will be detoured using Huron Parkway, Glazier Way, and Earhart. Construction is scheduled to begin in late May/early June.

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). A public meeting on the design concept occurred on March 11, 2021. The construction contract was approved by City Council on April 5, and construction is anticipated to begin in April or May. More information is available on the [project website](#).

Scio Church Road (Maple to Seventh)

The project includes watermain and stormwater work, resurfacing, installation of bike lanes, new sidewalk, and crosswalks. More information is available on the [project website](#). City Council approved removal of on-street parking in favor of buffered bike lane installation at their November 16 meeting. Some delays in the plan review process with MDOT have been experienced, however construction is still expected to begin in the summer of 2021.

Fuller Court Sidewalk Gap Project

This project includes the filling gaps in the sidewalk system along Fuller Ct. (south side) from 2250 Fuller Ct. to the east edge of the University of Michigan property at the corner of Fuller Road & Fuller Court. Construction began on April 12, and is scheduled to be substantially completed by early June.

Sidewalk Gaps

Gaps in the sidewalk system that are expected to be filled in 2021 include:



- Barton Drive (north side from Brede to Pontiac)
- Boardwalk Drive (east side from Eisenhower to Oakbrook)
- Jackson Avenue (south side from Wagner to Park Lake)
- Scio Church Road (north side from Landmark Court to Winsted and Greenview to Seventh)
- Stimson Street (both sides; near State Street)
- Yost and Eli (at frontage of 2609 Yost Avenue)
- Manchester (near Washtenaw)

Ellsworth/Research Park Drive Intersection

Directional boring for underground utilities and signal connections occurred the week of November 9, 2020. The signals have been installed. The concrete work to install the crosswalks is expected to occur in early June.

Bridge Maintenance Project

This project consists of capital maintenance work on several of the City's bridges, including the Broadway bridges, the Fuller Road bridge (east of Maiden Lane), and the Island Drive bridge over Traver Creek. While no major changes to the roadways are anticipated, there will be detours set up for this work. Construction is currently underway on the Island Drive and Broadway bridges and will begin on the Fuller Road bridge over the Huron River the week of April 19.

Projects Currently in Design/Planning

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 will occur in 2021, with construction anticipated for 2022.

People-Friendly Streets Part 2

Public engagement occurred over a series of workshops and online information sessions on March 9, 10, and 11, 2021. Concepts for Division, Catherine/Miller, State, Fourth, and other areas downtown were shared and discussed. A [workshop summary](#) can be found on the [project website](#).

State Street (Huron to William)

This project is being designed jointly with the Downtown Development Authority. The project scope includes resurfacing, watermain work, non-motorized improvements, and streetscaping. Design and public engagement work are underway, and construction is scheduled for 2022. A [workshop summary](#) can be found on the [project website](#).



Other Updates and Information

Curbside Management Study

Staff are aiming to release a Request for Qualification (RFQ) in spring 2021 with the understanding that the study may have to be undertaken with a phased approach.

“Healthy Streets” - Transportation opportunities for social distancing

[A public engagement survey tool](#) was used to solicit community input from March 5 to April 2, 2021. We received 963 comments: 457 in support; 393 in opposition; and 111 other. The design was completed by the engineering firm and an invitation to bid was released on April 9. The proposed program includes 34 Neighborhood Slow Streets, and deployments on Main St (William to Stadium), N Packard (Hill to State), and S Packard (Eisenhower to city limits). The projects will be presented to the Transportation Commission and Planning Commission at their joint meeting on April 20, 2021 and a recommendation will be sought from the Transportation Commission before bringing the resolution to City Council (scheduled for May 3, 2021). More information is available on the City’s Healthy Streets [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:

- Jackson/Highlake/I-94 East ramp – MDOT will signalize the intersection to improve the safety of this intersection, especially for those accessing the on-ramps for I-94E. In tandem with this project, the City made improvements to the sidewalk on the south side of Jackson at Highlake. Concerns have been voiced from the neighborhood about the turning radius of a curb extension and meetings are scheduled to discuss these improvements with the neighborhood, MDOT, City staff and elected officials.

Streetlight Implementation

16 new streetlights are being processed with DTE for installation in the coming months. 321 streetlight outages were addressed by DTE in 2021.

Transportation Plan Update

The document has been updated in response to comments received during the community review of the draft plan. The Planning Commission and Transportation Commission will have a joint session on April 20, 2021 to review the final draft and make a recommendation to City Council. Staff anticipates bringing the document before City Council for adoption consideration in May or June (pending the recommendation from the Transportation and Planning Commissions). The latest version of the document and other related materials can be found on the project website:

a2gov.org/visionzero.