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Washtenaw Area Transportation Study

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2002 Major Construction Projects

The following table is a list of major construction projects scheduled to begin or be resumed during the 2002 construction season. The table includes the location of the project and a brief description of the type of improvements being undertaken. Also listed is the agency or agencies responsible for the project, the estimated construction start and completion dates, project funding sources and approximate project costs. Following the table is a chart that illustrates the distribution of the construction projects by project type. Maps that show the project locations can be found on page 8. Projects with unspecified locations or on local streets are not shown on the maps.

Project Location and Improvement	Agency	Funding Source	Estimated Start	Estimated Completion	Construction cost
Broadway Bridges Reconstruction Project: complete demolition of earth filled arch bridge over Huron River as well as concrete encased steel beam bridge over Depot Street. Reconstruction of all approach roadways and reconfiguration of N. Division and Detroit.	City of Ann Arbor	Critical Bridge, STPU, Local	Fall 2002	Fall 2004	\$15,800,000
2002 Annual Street Resurfacing Project (47 streets) see pg. 6	City of Ann Arbor	Local	April 2002	November 2002	\$ 4,500,000
Nixon Road Improvements- from Hav-erhill to Green Road, paving of gravel portion of Nixon from Green to bridge over M-14.	City of Ann Arbor	Local	Summer 2002	Fall 2002	\$ 1,155,000
State/Ellsworth and Ellsworth/Varsity Intersection Improvements- Widening southbound South State St. to allow dual left turn lanes onto Ellsworth and construction of a paved bus stop at Ellsworth and Varsity.	City of Ann Arbor	CMRP, Local, Private	April 2002	July 2002	\$ 490,000
Stadium Boulevard Guardrail Improvements Project- Stadium Boulevard Bridge over South State St. and the RR tracks.	City of Ann Arbor	Safety, Local	Summer 2002	Fall 2002	\$ 250,000

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West Liberty Street Reconstruction - from Stadium Blvd. to 150 meters east of Virginia and I-94 to S. Maple, underground storm water retention and above ground detention, new curb and gutter, sidewalks, bicycle lanes and paving.	City of Ann Arbor	STPU, Local	March 2002	October 2002	\$ 3,980,000
Various Locations - Water main replacement and pavement reconstruction.	Saline	Bond	May 2001	September 2002	\$ 1,555,000
Maple Road - from US 12 to Maplewood, design engineering, water main and pavement repairs.	Saline	TED F Bond	June 2002	December 2002	\$ 700,000
Congress - from Mansfield to Michigan, pavement reconstruction.	Ypsilanti	STPU, Local	Fall 2001	Fall 2002	\$ 750,000
Citywide - Installation of new water mains, upgrade substandard systems. Repair, replace and/or reconstruct 47 streets. See pg. 7	Ypsilanti	Bond	April 2002	August 2002	\$10,600,000
Tyler Road - From Wiard Rd. to Cul-de-sac at US-12 pavement reconstruction, construction of a two-lane roadway with curb and gutter, drain improvements. Includes resurfacing Dorsett and drainage improvements on Gates.	WCRC, Ypsilanti Twp.	MTF, Local	June 2002	October 2002	\$ 1,200,000
Tyler Road Bike path - Grove Road to Ecorse, construct multi-use path on the south side of Tyler Road.	WCRC, Ypsilanti Twp.	Federal, Local	June 2002	August 2002	\$ 500,000
Dixboro Road Bridge over the Huron River - 700' N of Geddes Road to 1000' S of Huron River Dr., construct new 4-lane bridge over the Huron River and Railroad tracks in Ann Arbor Twp. Construct 5 lane approaches, rebuild Dixboro intersections at Geddes and Huron River Drive.	WCRC	Critical Bridge, STPU, UP-TRAN, MTF	December 2002	June 2004	\$ 8,500,000

Project Location and Improvement	Agency	Funding Source	Estimated Start	Estimated Completion	Construction cost
State at Avis and State at Morgan intersection - Install traffic signal, construct three lane intersection with curb and gutter, pavement resurfacing.	WCRC	MTF, Private	June 2002	September 2002	\$ 250,000
Jackson Road , from Myrtle Road to Honey Creek Bridge, reconstructed as a four-lane blvd. with curb and gutter, and drainage improvements.	WCRC	High Priority, State, Scio DDA,	July 2001	September 2002	\$ 9,000,000
Huron Street at James L. Hart Parkway - Traffic light installation and roadway resurfacing.	WCRC	State, Private, MTF	December 2001	June 2002	\$ 250,000
Wagner at Liberty Intersection - Installation of traffic light and curb and gutter, construction of left turn lane and pavement reconstruction.	WCRC	STPU, Build MI III, MTF	July 2002	November 2002	\$ 1,000,000
US-23 Bridge under Warren Rd. - Replace damaged I-Beam, slab and rail.	MDOT	Bridge	May 2002	August 2002	\$ 133,000
US-12 Michigan Ave. - Austin Road east to Saline River, widen for turn lane, curb and gutter, resurfacing and a bridge deck overlay and railing replacement.	MDOT	CMAQ	May 2002	October 2002	\$ 2,500,000
US-12 BR (Michigan Ave) - M-17 (Hamilton) to M-17 (Ecorse), Signal interconnect.	MDOT	CMAQ	May 2002	July 2002	\$ 450,000
Capital Preventative Maintenance see pg. 9	MDOT	CPM	Summer 2002	Fall 2002	\$ 552,000
I-94 at Zeeb - Widen bridge to 5-lanes, construct sidewalks and add new EB on-ramp.	MDOT	ICNR	May 2002	November 2002	\$ 9,100,000
I-94 BL - Maple/Stadium intersection, add right turn lane on SB Maple, improve signal phasing.	MDOT	CMAQ	May 2002	October 2002	\$ 800,000
M-14 - Godfredson Road Vicinity, construct new park and ride lot.	MDOT	Roadside	September 2002	November 2002	\$ 128,000

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US-12 - I-94 to Hillsdale W Co Ln, upgrade signage.	MDOT	Signs	May 2002	November 2002	\$ 490,000
Crack Seal Project - 6 miles local and major streets.	Ann Arbor	MTF	June 2002	October 2002	\$ 80,000
Surface Treatment Project , application of chip seal, slurry or microseal by contractors and city staff to 9.5 miles local and major streets.	Ann Arbor	MTF	June 2002	October 2002	\$ 505,000
Raised Reflectors - reflectors will be refurbished by city staff on 71 lane miles.	Ann Arbor	MTF	June 2002	October 2002	\$ 25,000
Intersection Pavement Marking Project will include application of permanent thermal plastic pavement markings at 65 selected intersections on local and major streets.	Ann Arbor	MTF	May 2002	October 2002	\$ 78,500
Major Street Long-Line Project - 85 linear miles of permanent thermal plastic pavement markings.	Ann Arbor	MTF	May 2002	October 2002	\$ 75,000
Dexter Ann Arbor Road at Dan Hoey - Intersection realignment, traffic signal installation, curb and gutter construction and restoration.	Dexter	MDOT, GF, Private	June 2002	August 2002	\$ 295,000
Water Main Improvement -Upgrade and replace water mains and resurfacing roadways. See pg. 5	Chelsea Village	CTF, Local	April 2002	November 2002	\$ 2,400,000
Adam and Madison St. - Upgrading storm sewers and resurfacing on Adam from East to Madison and on Madison from Jackson to Washington.	Chelsea Village	Local	June 2002	October 2002	\$ 500,000
Blake Transit Center - 4th Ave., City of Ann Arbor, Construct passenger waiting area, installation of shelters, new lighting and displays.	AATA	Federal CTF	May 2002	July 2002	\$ 150,000
Pontiac Trail Bus Turnout - Construct turnout with shelter near Arrow wood Trails in the City of Ann Arbor.	AATA	Federal CTF	May 2002	August 2002	\$ 20,000

Washtenaw County Natural Areas Preservation Program

The Washtenaw County Natural Areas Preservation Program was initiated by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners through the passage of Natural Areas Ordinance No. 128, which provides procedures and standards for the protection of natural land by the County. Funding for the Natural Areas Preservation Program was accomplished through approval of a November 2000 millage referendum. Sixty-four percent of those voting approved the county-wide ¼ mill tax (millage) to fund the program, which will allow the county to purchase natural area lands and conservation easements for their ecological, scientific and recreational benefits. The ordinance contains provisions for the formation of a group of citizens/experts to advise the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission, the organization charged with administering the program. County residents with expertise in land trust/conservation, wildlife management, environmental education, real estate/development, land use planning, botany/forestry and fisheries/aquatic ecology comprise the Natural Areas Technical Advisory Committee (NATAC).

Members were appointed to NATAC in the summer of 2001 and have been meeting regularly since September of that year. Their goal is to identify parcels of land which, through long-term preservation, will contribute to:

- Preservation of the natural, ecological diversity/heritage of Washtenaw County
- Complement the existing network of publicly and privately protected lands.
- Maximize the public benefit

In order to accomplish these goals NATAC has adopted the following major objectives:

- Generate recommendations on the acquisition of suggested properties
- Provide technical information relevant to management and long-term protection of potential acquisitions
- Suggest potential opportunities to collaborate with local, state and federal government agencies and non-government organizations, as appropriate

Properties that are recommended by NATAC will be reviewed by the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission, the Washtenaw County Metropolitan Planning Commission and the Local Unit of Government where the property is located. If the decision of the Parks and Recreation Commission is to proceed, the

landowner will be made an offer to purchase the property at its fair market value, as established by a certified appraisal. Any land purchased will be maintained by the Parks and Recreation Commission for passive recreation uses. As such, any land purchased will not be developed intensively but, depending on its characteristics and location, may have some ancillary improvements to facilitate access.

Approximately \$27.5 million will be generated for land acquisition by the millage during the period 2002-2011. It is likely that the first parcel of land to be protected through the Natural Areas Preservation Program will be acquired later this year (2002).

Chelsea Village Water Main Construction Project Locations

Street	Cross Streets
M-52	Old US-12 to Sibley Road
McKinley Street	Dewey Street to the school
Dewey Street	M-52 to McKinley Street
Elm Street	McKinley Street to Taylor Street
Jackson Street	M-52 to Madison
East Street	Jackson Street to Washington
Van Buren Street	M-52 to East Street
Lincoln Street	M-52 to Grant Street
Dale Street	Wellington to dead end
Meadow Lane	Wilkinson Street to dead end
Old Manchester Rd.	M-52 to Coliseum Drive
A.D. Mayer Drive	Madison Street to the school

The City of Ann Arbor Annual Street Resurfacing

Street	From	To
Burwood Ave.	West Liberty St.	Thaler Ave.
Catherine St.	Fourth Ave.	State. St.
N. First St.	Miller Ave.	West Kingsley St.
Lakeview Dr.	Parklake Ave	Gralake Ave.
Park Lake Ave	Jackson Rd.	Lakeview Dr.
Thaler Ave.	Stadium Blvd.	Burwood Ave.
Wildt St.	Sunset Rd.	West Summit St.
Briarcliff St.	Aurora St.	Renfrew St.
Bardstown Trail	Windmere Dr.	Charter Pl.
Penberton Ct. #6,8,10	Penberton Dr.	Dead End
Pine Brae Dr.	Earhart Rd.	Earhart Rd.
Placid Way	Traver Rd	Tuebingen Pkwy.
Placid Way Ct. #1-4	Placid Way	Dead End
Traver Blvd.	Nixon Rd.	Lakehurst Ln.
Trenton Ct.	Bluett Dr.	Dead End
Waldenwood Ct. #5-7	Waldenwood Dr.	Dead End
Waldenwood Ct. #13-19	Waldenwood Dr.	Dead End
Avalon Pl.	Vinewood Blvd.	Dead End
East Haven Ave.	Heatheridge Ave.	Dead End
Heatheridge Ave.	Vinewood Blvd.	Dead End
E. Heatheridge Ave.	Heatheridge Ave.	Dead End
E. Huron River Dr.	Hickory Ln.	Huron Pkwy.
Ridgeway St.	Geddes Ave.	Dead End
Riverview Dr.	Au Sable Pl.	Riverview Ct.
Vinewood Blvd.	Geddes Ave.	Navarre Cir.
Davis Ave.	Third St.	Wilder Pl.
Fifth Ave	Hill St.	E. Madison St.
Hoover Ave.	S. Main St.	Greene St.
Koch Ave.	S. Main St.	Third St.
Norway Rd.	Austin Ave.	Scottwood Ave.
Shadford Rd.	Packard St.	Ferdon Rd.

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Meeting Updates

The American Planning Association's 2002 National Planning Conference is being held in Chicago this year between April 13-17th. The Transportation and Community Track sessions begin Sunday at 1 pm and conclude on Wednesday at 2:15 PM. They have a full schedule of seminars on rural and urban issues, creating partnerships, resolving conflicts and much more. For a detailed listing of sessions and accommodation information, log onto their website at www.planning.org.

The Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) is holding their 7th Annual Traffic Safety Summit meeting. This will be held at the Holiday Inn South in Lansing on April 30th and May 1st, 2002. Registration forms are available on-line at www.ohsp.state.mi.us.

The Highway Traffic Safety Programs Civil and Environmental Engineering Division at Michigan State University is holding a course entitled "Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety, Planning & Design Concepts" in Okemos on May 7th and in Kalamazoo on May 9th, 2002. Additional courses being offered in May are: Introduction to Sight Distance on the 8th, Introduction to Traffic Signals on the 14th & 15th, Introduction to Traffic Signal Design on the 16th and Advanced Roadside Design on the 21st. For more information contact Laura Taylor at (517)353-1790 or e-mail taylorl@egr.msu.edu.

The Michigan Society of Planning is hosting their annual Planning Michigan Conference on October 2-5, 2002. The conference will be at the Radisson Hotel in Kalamazoo. If you are interested in speaking, contact the Society at (248) 553-7526 or at info@planningmi.org.

For information about upcoming planning events related to the Northeast Area Plan in the City of Ann Arbor, or to be on the Plan Mailing List, contact the Ann Arbor Planning Department at (734) 994-2800, or e-mail at: planning@ci.ann-arbor.mi.us. Updates on this project can be seen on the City website at www.ci.ann-arbor.mi.us.

31st Annual Bike-a-thon

The Ecology Center is holding EcoRide 2002, an annual fundraiser, on Sunday, June 9th. In addition to four great rides - a 10, 30 and 60 mile route along the Huron River and beautiful countryside west of Ann Arbor and the 2 mile neighborhood loop, there will be lots of fun and festivities! Try a pre-ride stretch and after ride massage, recumbent bike test rides, spinning demos, or just relax in the shade and enjoy some great food and music!

There are many sponsorship opportunities available for businesses and individuals. If you are interested in knowing more about this event or being an EcoRide sponsor, contact Denise Flynn, Development Director and EcoRide Coordinator, at (734) 761-3186 x 110 or denisef@ecocenter.org.

For details or to request a brochure visit the ecology Website: www.ecocenter.org or contact them by phone at 734/761-3186 x 111.



AATA Planning for Fare Increases

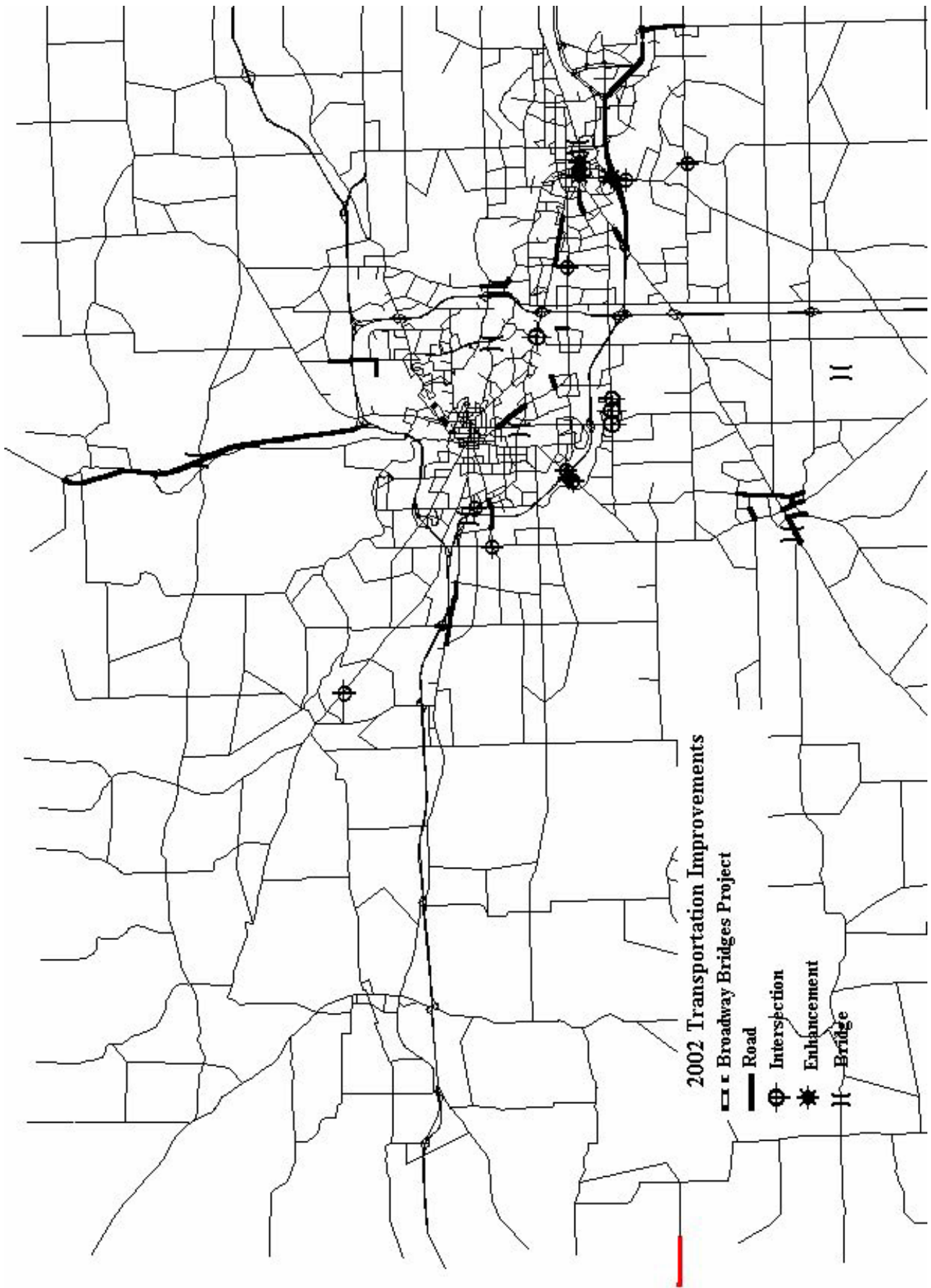
The Ann Arbor Transportation Authority is working on a proposal to increase fares and reduce underused routes as means to stay within their budget. With the expected cuts in transportation funding, most transportation agencies are struggling with this issue of how to maintain existing services. The cash fare in Ann Arbor is proposed to increase to \$1.00 from the current \$0.75 fare. This would be the first fare increase in Ann Arbor since 1991.

A process has been established to provide information to the public and solicit comments. Currently the proposed changes are scheduled to be posted on the website (www.aata.org) on April 19th, 2002. Press releases will go out at the same time along with postings at the transit center and on board buses. As part of the public participation process, staff is planning on holding meetings at the Ann Arbor Public Library and the Ypsilanti District Library. Public comments can also be submitted by mail, telephone, and e-mail. It is expected that public comments will be collected through April and May, incorporated into the plan in June, advertised in July and incorporated near the end of August.

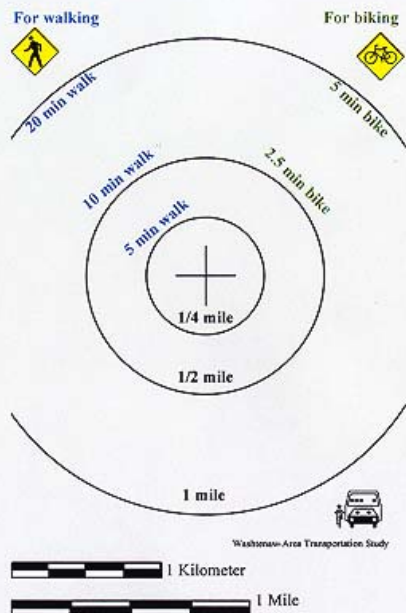
The City of Ypsilanti's Water Main replacement and Street Rehabilitation Program

The following street's are on the City's 2002 program list:

- Bellevue
- Cambridge (Kingwood to Roosevelt)
- Cambridge (Collegewood to Kingwood)
- Collegewood (Cortland to Roosevelt)
- Collegewood (Bellevue to Courtland)
- Courtland (Collegewood to Washtenaw)
- Fairview Circle Hillside
- Kewanee Kingwood
- Mansfield (Washtenaw to Collegewood)
- Oakwood (N. of Washtenaw)
- Oxford Roosevelt
- University Court
- Whittier (Bellevue to Courtland)
- Whittier (Courtland to Roosevelt)
- Witmire
- Arnet Center
- Davis Ford
- Mildred Towner
- Tyler Babit
- Ferrier Grove
- High (W. of Park to Prospect)
- Lincoln Locust
- Ninde North
- Park Photo
- Cherry Ct. Dwight
- Gordon (Dwight to Prospect)
- Hemphill
- Holmes (W. of Prospect)
- Stanley Norris
- Carver (Forest to Thomas)
- Charles (Holmes to Dead End)
- Thomas (Prospect to Charles)
- Ann Jarvis
- Jeness
- N. Adams (Forest to Cross)
- St. Johns (Lowell to End)



*Scaled to the City of
Ann Arbor Bikeway Map*



Walking and Bicycling Template Now Available

Communities throughout the country have been focusing on ways to improve the non-motorized transportation facilities in their jurisdiction. Washtenaw county is no different, as seen by the non-motorized components of many of the projects scheduled for this construction season.

To assist in the evaluation process, Chris Gruba, an intern with the Washtenaw Area Transportation Study (WATS) has developed a walking and bicycling template. Based on an average walking speed of 3-4 miles per hour and an average bicycling speed of 10-12 miles per hour, this template is scaled to the Ann Arbor side of the City of Ann Arbor & Washtenaw County Bicycle Map. The overlay is a tool that can be used to aid in the determination of reasonable walking and bicycling distances. Approximate walking time, approximate bicycling time, and measured distance are marked on each of the radiating circles. These are available at the WATS office, 2nd Floor, 705 N. Zeeb Rd. Ann Arbor.

Street Resurfacing Continued From Page 6

Street	From	To
Tappan St.	Hill St.	Oakland Ave.
Tappan St.	S. University Ave.	Hill St.
Third St.	Mosley St.	Davis Ave.
S.University Ave.	E. University Ave.	S. State St.
Wellinton Ct.	Cambridge Rd.	Dead end
Cardinal Ave	Butternut St.	Sharon Dr.
Easy St.	Packard Rd.	Towner Blvd.
King George Blvd.	Packard Rd.	Eisenhower Pkwy.
S. Main Lane	S. Main St.	Northerly 350'
Pittsfield Pl.	Pittsfield Blvd.	Westerly 654'
Seventh St.	Delaware Dr.	Dead End
City Dr.	Miller Ave.	Dead End
Colgate Circ.e	Loyola Dr.	Dead End
Foss Ct.	Fulmer St.	Dead End
Loyola Dr.	Pomona Rd.	Dead End
Newport Pl.	Miller Ave.	Dead End
Patricia Ct.	Patricia Ave.	Dead End
Sequoia Pkwy.	Maple Rd.	Ravenwood Ave.
Spring St.	Miller Ave.	Sunset Rd.

MDOT Capital Preventative Maintenance

MDOT's CPM Program

I-94
US-23 to E. JCT US-12
Bituminous Crack Treatment

US-23 BR
Summit to Huron River Drive
Overband Crack Filling

M-17 Westbound
Normal to Huron
Overband Crack Filling

M-14
West Tri-level to East Tri-level
Bituminous Crack Treatment

I-94
Fletcher Road to M-14
Bituminous Crack Treatment

M-153
Frains Lake to E Washtenaw Co Line
Overband Crack Filling

Pittsfield Citizens Green Ways Committee Organizes the Second Annual Township Heritage Hike and Bike Tour

Saturday, April 27, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

(Rain date Sunday, April 28, 1:30 PM to 5 pm)

Bring the family, and your bike or walking shoes, and join the Citizens Green Ways Committee for this spring event. We will enjoy the beautiful natural areas of central Pittsfield Township, and learn about projects to promote non-motorized transportation in the community. After the tour, there will be a social hour with live music, food, and fun with a clown and kites. Participants will have the opportunity to view the Pittsfield Green Ways maps and plans, and provide comments and suggestions.

Both the hike and bike routes will start and end at the Township administration building at 6201 W. Michigan Ave., west of Platt. The bike route will be approximately 15 miles and the hike will be 5 miles. Riders must wear helmets.

The tour is free. Please register by calling the Parks and Recreation Department at 996-3056 by April 15th. Late registration will take place at 9:00 a.m. before the tour starts.



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