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2003 Major Construction Projects

The following table is a list of major construction projects scheduled to begin or be resumed during the 2003 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.

Project Location and Improvement	Agency	Funding Source	Estimated Start	Estimated Completion	Construction Cost
2003 Annual Resurfacing Project (52 Streets) see page 7	City of Ann Arbor	MILL, MTF	Spring 2003	Fall 2003	\$4,650,000
Broadway Bridges Reconstruction Project - Complete demolition of earth filled arch bridge over Huron River as well as concrete encased steel beam bridge over Depot. Reconstruction of all approach roadways and reconfiguration of N. Division and Detroit. Reconstruction of Depot St. Between Broadway and N. State is also included.	City of Ann Arbor	Critical Bridge, STPU, Local	Winter 2003	Fall 2004	\$17,775,000
Crack Seal Project – 5.5 linear miles on local and major streets.	City of Ann Arbor	MTF	June 2003	October 2003	\$ 68,000
Surface Treatment Project - Application of chip seal, slurry or microseal by contractors and City staff to 7.5 linear miles of local and major streets.	City of Ann Arbor	MTF	June 2003	October 2003	\$295,000
Raised Reflectors – Reflectors will be refurbished by city staff on 71 lane miles of City streets.	City of Ann Arbor	MTF	June 2003	October 2003	\$25,000

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Intersection Pavement Marking Project - will include application of permanent thermal plastic pavement markings at 80 selected intersections on local and major streets.	City of Ann Arbor	MTF	May 2003	October 2003	\$90,000
Major Street Long-Line Project - 100 linear miles of permanent thermal plastic pavement markings.	City of Ann Arbor	MTF	May 2003	October 2003	\$95,000
Eisenhower Parkway - will be resurfaced from Boardwalk to Stone School Rd.	City of Ann Arbor	Local	Summer 2003	Fall 2003	\$1,200,000
Malletts Creek Bridge - Install a pedestrian bridge over Malletts Creek adjacent to South Main Street.	City of Ann Arbor	STPE, MTF, Local	Fall 2003	Fall 2003	\$223,000
Blake Transit Center - Information panels and lighting will be added. The sidewalk will also be replaced.	AATA	Federal, CTF	April 2003	June 2003	\$150,000
Chelsea Village Water Main Construction Projects – Various locations see page 6.	Village of Chelsea	CTF, local	April 2003	August 2003	\$870,000
East Henry Street - Pavement reconstruction and Pleasant Ridge - Water main replacement and pavement reconstruction.	City of Saline	Bond	May 2003	September 2003	\$600,000
Dexter – Ann Arbor at Dan Hoey – Complete intersection realignment and improvements from 2002. Minor restoration and clean up.	Village of Dexter	MDOT, Local, Private	June 2002	Spring 2003	\$295,000
Summit Street – Reconstruction between Michigan Ave and Cross St.	City of Ypsilanti	STPU, Local	May 2003	November 2003	\$250,000
Citywide local street improvements Reconstruction and pavement rehabilitation. See list on page 6.	City of Ypsilanti	Mill	Spring 2003	Fall 2003	\$500,000
Washtenaw Hamilton to Huron - Resurface, rehabilitate, repair or reconstruct pavement.	City of Ypsilanti	STPU, Local	Spring 2003	Fall 2003	\$240,000

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Wagner from Liberty to Jackson - reconstruct Wagner as a three lane road between Liberty and Jackson and intersection improvements at Liberty.	WCRC	STPU, BMIII	April 2003	August 2003	\$1,498,000
Ypsilanti Township Overlay Program - Rehabilitation and resurfacing of various subdivision streets within the township.	WCRC	Local	July 2003	November 2003	\$2,000,000
Hitchingham Road - Construction of a two-lane bituminous roadway and drainage improvements.	WCRC	Local, Private	May 2003	November 2003	\$2,500,000
Bartlet Road – Reconstruction of existing gravel road from Allen Road to Lenawee County to All-Season class A pavement. Drainage improvements and asphalt paving of Allen Road 400 ft east and west of the Bartlet intersection.	WCRC	Private	August 2002	August 2003	\$800,000
Clark and Washtenaw Community College Entrance – Construct three lanes on Clark and realign WCC entrance, install traffic signal.	WCRC	Local, Private	June 2003	August 2003	\$320,000
Dixboro Road Bridge over the Huron River - Construct a new four-lane bridge over the Huron River and the Railroad tracks. Construct five lane road approaches and rebuild the Geddes & Dixboro intersection and the Huron River Drive & Dixboro intersection.	WCRC	STPU, MTF, Local	July 2003	June 2005	\$9,000,000
Freer Road – Paving of the existing gravel road, install or replace curb	WCRC	Private	Spring 2003	August 2003	All costs paid by developer
Tyler Road – Finish landscaping and slope restoration work between Wiard road and the Cul-de-sac at US-12.	WCRC	Local	June 2002	May 2003	\$1,300,000
Whittaker Road – Finish paving a five-lane bituminous roadway, complete slope restoration work between Stony Creek and Huron River Drive in Ypsilanti Township.	WCRC	Private	August 2002	August 2003	\$800,000

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Hitchingham Road Bridge – Construction of a new bridge over Buck Creek.	WCRC	Critical Bridge	January 2003	June 2003	\$300,000
Jackson Rd. Boulevard, Myrtle Street to Honey Creek – Construct a new four-lane boulevard and two new bridges over Honey Creek. Reconstruct the Zeeb Rd. & Jackson Road intersection, new water mains and landscaping.	WCRC	HPP, Local	March 2003	June 2003	\$9,000,000
Jackson Road Extension – Construction of two lane concrete surface, drainage and water main relocation.	WCRC	Private	June 2003	August 2003	\$400,000
Main Street in Whitmore Lake – Resurfacing of roadway, installation of traffic signal at E. Shore Drive intersection and Barker Rd. intersection.	WCRC	TEDF-D, MTF	August 2003	November 2003	\$800,000
Maple-Foster Road Bridge Rehabilitation – Rehabilitation of structural steel, painting, new bridge deck, and bank stabilization.	WCRC	Local	March 2003	August 2003	\$600,000
Packard Road - Mill pavement and resurface roadway between the US-23 bridge and Golfside Road in Pittsfield Township.	WCRC	STPU, Local	August 2003	November 2003	\$312,000
Plymouth Road – Resurfacing of roadway from M-153 to Wayne County.	WCRC	TEDF-D, Local	August 2003	November 2003	\$850,000
Talladay Road Bridge – Construction of new bridge over Paint Creek in Augusta Township.	WCRC	Critical Bridge	March 2003	July 2003	\$300,000
Tyler Road Non-motorized Path – Construction of a multi-use non-motorized path on the south side of Tyler Road.	WCRC	STPE, Local	April 2003	July 2003	\$500,000
Whitmore Lake Road – Resurfacing of roadway between Warren Road and Five Mile in Northfield Township.	WCRC	TEDF-D, Local	August 2003	November 2003	\$850,000

Asset Management Approach Hits Michigan



In June of 1999 the Governmental Accounting Standards Board published its statement #34 (GASB 34). It requires state and local governments to begin reporting the value of their infrastructure assets. This was the result of a push towards accrual accounting which shows the value of current infrastructure in a financial report, not just the cost of new construction.

The Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC) was created in PA 499 of 2002 in order to “develop and present to the State Transportation Commission...procedures and requirements as are necessary for the administration of the Asset Management process.” PA 499 built on the recommendations of the Act 51 Transportation Funding Study Committee.

GASB 34 along with other principles will be applied by the TAMC to assist with it’s responsibilities.

Currently, individual road agencies monitor the condition and lifetime of roads within their own jurisdiction. Different equipment used for data collection results in a road monitoring system which is not uniform from agency to agency.

Asset Management is a process that will bring uniformity to the monitoring of all roads and bridges in Michigan that are eligible for federal funding.

The process begins by taking an inventory of all 39,000 miles of roads eligible for federal funding with the same data collection equipment. The inventory will measure the condition of each road and rate it in one of five categories ranging from no maintenance needed to reconstruction.

The results will be used in a regional scale in hopes that it will provide a more maintainable statewide road system.

For more Information contact the chair, TAMC at
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County to County Worker Flows Available from 2000 Census



The US Census has released worker flow data for all of the fifty states and the District of Columbia. The information is broken down to the county level. There are two tables available for each state. One table shows the number of people that work in a particular county and the other table shows where people who reside in a particular county work. The data reveals that Washtenaw County remains an “importer” of workers. This means that more people come from outside the county to work, than people who live within the county and work in a different one. According to the 2000 County to County worker flow data from the Census, there are 169,169 workers age 16 and older that reside in Washtenaw County, of these, 129,808 work in Washtenaw County. This means 39,361 residents work outside Washtenaw County. There are 199,850 people that work in Washtenaw County. This means Washtenaw County imports 30,681 more people to work than it exports. Residents of Washtenaw County listed 136 different counties (and countries) as their place of employment while residents of 173 counties listed Washtenaw County as their place of employment. This data, and data from every county can be downloaded from the US Census website at:

www.census.gov/population/www/cen2000/commuting.html.

A table of worker flows will be provided in our upcoming July newsletter.

Michigan Department of Transportation Projects Coming Soon...

At the time of printing, the Michigan Department of Transportation’s (MDOT) projects were not made available. MDOT is planning a press release to announce it’s TIP projects in April 2003. For more information on news releases or any other information from MDOT, visit their website at:

www.mdot.state.mi.us



City of Ypsilanti Water Main Replacement and Street Reconstruction

Anna	Bellevue	
Courtland (Washtenaw to Cross)	Cambridge (Kingwood to Roosevelt)	Ainsworth Circle
Douglas	Cambridge (Collegewood to Kingwood)	Linden
Elbridge	Collegewood (Courtland to Roosevelt)	Ferris (West of Hamilton)
Marion	Collegewood (Bellevue to Courtland)	Pleasant
Elm	Courtland (Collegewood to Washtenaw)	Ferris (Hamilton to Huron)
Grant	Fairview Circle	Woods
Hiawatha	Hillside	Middle
North Congress (Mansfield to Wallace)	Kewanee	Warner
Oakwood (Washtenaw to Congress)	Kingwood	W. Ainsworth (Michigan to Ferris)
Owendale (Washtenaw to Cross)	Mansfield (Washtenaw to Collegewood)	Depot Drive
Owendale (Congress to Cross)	Oakwood (N. of Washtenaw)	Helen
Pearl (Mansfield to Summit)	Oxford	Maple
Sheridan	Roosevelt	Maple Ct.
Sherman	University Court	Norris (Forest South to Oak)
Charles (Cross to Forest)	Whittier (Bellevue to Courtland)	Westmoreland
W. Ainsworth (Ferris to Ainsworth Circle)	Whittier (Courtland to Roosevelt)	Wallace
Oak (Norris to East End Cul-de-Sac)	Witmire	Osband
	Vought	Rice (Cross to 500' SE of Forest)
		Virginia

Coming Soon!

The 2004-2006 Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will be available on our website in May 2003. The TIP lists all transportation projects receiving state or federal funding in Washtenaw County. For more information visit us at:

www.miwats.org



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WATS Welcomes the University of Michigan

WATS is pleased to announce the addition of the University of Michigan as our newest member agency. With a student population of over 37,000 and a campus population producing 4.3 million transit rides annually, the University is a major traffic generator and transit provider. Their involvement in our regional planning process will strengthen our efforts towards a more efficient network for all. Hank Baier and Patrick Cunningham will represent the University on the Policy and Technical Committees.

Chelsea Village Water Main Construction Project Locations

Street	Cross Streets
M-52	Old US-12 to Sibley Road
Elm Street	McKinley St. to Taylor St.
Jackson St.	M-52 to Madison
A.D. Mayer Dr.	Madison Street to the school

There will also be various other tie-ins and service locations throughout the village as part of the Water Main Construction Project.

More information is available at <http://chelsea.mi.us>



Just how important is non-motorized travel? Ask yourself.
 Would you rather lose your ability to drive...
 or lose your ability to walk?

Ann Arbor Annual Street Resurfacing Projects

Name	From	To
Alley	Cambridge	East-West Alley
Alley	Lincoln	Olivia
E. Ann	N. Fifth	Division
E. Ann	Division	N. State St.
N. Ashley	Kingsley	Huron
S. Ashley	Washington	Madison
Baldwin Ave	Washtenaw	Granger
Baldwin Place	Baldwin Ave	End
Belmont Rd.	Melrose Rd.	Londonderry Rd.
Broadway St.	Baits	Plymouth
Cambridge Rd.	S. Forest	Lincoln Ave.
Catherine St.	Main St.	Fourth Ave.
Charter Pl.	Windemere	End N. Windemere
Chatam Wy.	Dead End	Bardstown
Easy St.	Towner	Packard Rd.
Elm St.	Washtenaw	S. University
Ferdon Rd.	Brooklyn	E. Stadium Blvd.
S. First St.	W. William	W. Madison
Forest Ct.	S. Forest Ave	Dead End
S. Fourth Ave.	Liberty	E. Madison
S. Franklin Ct.	Dean End	Franklin St.
Geddes Heights	Dead End	Geddes Ave.
Glastonbury Rd.	Runnymede	End
Greenhills Dr.	Earhart Rd.	Earhart Rd.
Hill St.	Packard	East University
E. Hoover Ave.	Greene	State
Huron Parkway	Glazier Way	800' N of Geddes
E. Huron River Dr	Huron Pkwy.	City Limits
Jackson	1200-1400' W. of EB I-94 ramp	
E. Liberty St.	S. State St.	Division
Linconshire Ln.	Warrington	Dead End
Melrose Ave.	Tuomy	Belmont
Nixon Rd.	Haverhill	N. side of Traver
Nob Hill Pl.	S. First	End/ Parking lot
Oxford Rd.	Geddes	Hill
Packard St.	Hill	State
Pontiac St.	City Limit	345'S of Brookshire
Research Park Dr.	1700-2175'E. of S. State St.	
Salisbury Ln.	Dead End	Dead End
South Blvd.	Dead End	Packard St.
Spring St.	Sunset Rd.	Miller Ave.
S. State St.	Packard	Hill
S. State St.	Under the Stadium	Blvd. Bridge
W. Summit St.	Daniel	W. Side of Wildt
Sunset Rd.	Spring	Water Plant Drive
Third St.	W. Huron St.	Liberty
Traver Rd.	Barton	E. to Old Cul-de-sac
Traver Ct.	Traver Rd.	Traver Rd.
Tuomy	Washtenaw	Melrose Rd.
S. University	Church	Oxford
W. Washington	S. Seventh St.	S. First St.
W. William	Ashley	S. Main St.

Get Out and Bike Week, May 12th -16th

The getDowntown Bike To Work Challenge is currently signing up downtown employers and local businesses to participate in this year's event to be held in conjunction with Get Out and Bike Week, May 12th -16th.



Why Bike To Work?

There are lots of good reasons to bike to work, it's good for your health, it's good for the environment, heck some would argue it's good for the soul. It can also build employee / employer relations, instill company pride and promote active living and safe bike routes. But for most employees, biking to work is a big step. The getDowntown Bike To Work Challenge gives employees an opportunity to try riding a bike to work.

How To Participate:

- Send the completed Company Sign Up form to register for the Challenge.
- Post "Bike To Work Challenge" info where people can see it at work.
- Use the "Bike To Work" tracking sheet to keep track of biking to work at your business during the week of May 12th-16th
- Fax/e-mail your results by May 23rd to Brandt Coultas.

Awards

Awards will recognize:

- All employers & employees who participate!
- The employer with the most employees biking to work May 12th-16th.
- The most miles biked to and from work by an employee May 12th-16th.
- The longest round trip bike commute.

Background: The *Bike To Work Challenge* is put on by the getDowntown Program and the Ann Arbor Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information on the getDowntown Program, visit www.getdowntown.org

Register yourself or your employer now!

For more information, please contact:

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 FAX: 734-665-4191
 Email: brandt@annarborchamber.org



Michigan Land Use Leadership Council Public Hearings



The Michigan Land Use Leadership Council (MLULC) is holding public meetings on April 21st in Gaylord and on April 28th in Marquette. The 26 member Governor-appointed council is charged with addressing the trends, causes and consequences of unmanaged growth and development in Michigan. The council is to provide recommendations to the Governor which will help reduce the impact of current land use development techniques within the State.

More info www.michiganlanduse.org

SAVE THE DATE!



Join us July 22– 25, 2003 at the Annual 3-C/MAR Conference. The conference will kick-off on Tuesday, July 22nd with an opening reception at the Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum. You don't want to miss our opening speaker, Ms. Gloria Jeff, new Director of Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).

Packed with informative sessions, keynote speakers, exhibits, special events and networking opportunities those attending this year's conference will have many options.

The site for this year's conference is Weber's Inn, located in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

For more information or to be added to the conference mailing list, please e-mail wats@miwats.org or call 734-994-3127.



SEE YOU THERE!



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