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2006 MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

The following table is a list of major construction projects scheduled to begin or resume during the 2006 construction season. Included is the location of the project and a brief description of the type of improvements being undertaken. The agency or agencies responsible for the project, the estimated construction start and completion dates, project funding sources and approximate project costs are also provided. A map that shows the project locations can be found on page 5.

| Project Location and Improvement | Agency | Estimated Start | Estimated Completion | Funding Source | Construction Cost |
|--|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|---|-------------------|
| Grove Road from Harris to Bridge - Mill and resurface road. Convert from 4 to 3 lanes and add bike lanes. | WCRC | May 2006 | July 2006 | STPU-\$400,000/ MTF-\$100,000 | \$530,000 |
| Holmes Road from Prospect to Rue Deauville - Reconstruct roadway | WCRC | April 2006 | November 2006 | STPU-\$880,000/ MTF-\$220,000 | \$1,675,000 |
| Judd Road Bridge over the Ann Arbor Railroad - Replace the existing bridge structure. | WCRC | June 2006 | October 2006 | Local Bridge State-\$1,450,000/ Local Bridge Federal/ MTF-\$75,000 | \$1,755,000 |
| Plymouth at Earhart - Construct dual eastbound left-turn lanes and second northbound through lane. | WCRC | April 2006 | August 2006 | Private Funds | \$550,000 |
| Textile Road at Tuttle Hill - Construct turn lanes and install a traffic signal. | WCRC | June 2006 | November 2006 | Private Funds | \$1,200,000 |
| Wagner Road from Liberty to Jackson - Reconstruct to a concrete 3-lane roadway with sidewalk on east side. | WCRC and City of Ann Arbor | July 2006 | November 2006 | Build Michigan III- \$739,000/ STPU-\$750,000/ MTF-\$200,000 | \$2,200,000 |
| Wallace Road Bridge over the River Raisin - Remove bridge structure; construct cul-de-sacs. | WCRC | September 2006 | December 2006 | Local Bridge State- \$400,000/ MTF-\$25,000 | \$425,000 |
| Wilbur Road Bridge over River Raisin - Replace existing structure | WCRC | September 2006 | December 2006 | Local Bridge State- \$700,000/Local Bridge Federal/MTF-\$25,000 | \$950,000 |
| Willis Road from Hitchingham to 1000' east of Whittaker - Widen road from 2 to 3 lanes with center turn lane. | WCRC/ Lincoln Schools | June 2006 | August 2006 | MTF/Private | \$700,000 |

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| Annual Local Street Resurfacing Program - a list of the streets that will be resurfaced can be found on page 4. | City of Ypsilanti | April 2006 | October 2006 | Bond | \$955,000 |
| River Street from Forest to City limits - Water main replacement and road reconstruction. | City of Ypsilanti | April 2006 | October 2006 | STPU-\$432,000/ Local-\$108,000 | \$540,000 |
| Forest Street from Prospect to Osband - Water main replacement and road reconstruction. | City of Ypsilanti | April 2006 | October 2006 | STPU-\$266,000/ Local-\$67,000 | \$333,000 |
| Lowell Street from Huron River Drive to St. Johns - Rehabilitate roadway | City of Ypsilanti | April 2006 | October 2006 | STPU-\$319,000/ Local-\$80,000 | \$399,000 |
| College Place from Forest to Cross - Water main replacement and road reconstruction. | City of Ypsilanti | April 2006 | October 2006 | STPU-\$125,000/ Local-\$29,000 | \$154,000 |
| CMAQ Project at various locations city wide - Traffic signal interconnection and modernization. | City of Ypsilanti | April 2006 | October 2006 | Federal-\$650,000/ Local-\$214,000 | \$864,000 |
| Freer Road between Dexter-Chelsea Road and A.D. Mayer Drive - Reconstruction | City of Chelsea | May 2006 | August 2006 | STPR-\$323,600/ Local-\$80,900 | \$404,500 |
| Freer Road between Washington Street and Trinkle Road - Relocate Washington Education Center Drive to intersection with Chelsea High School east driveway, install traffic signal, repave while adding center left turn lane as well as extended right turn lane into high school. | City of Chelsea | May 2006 | August 2006 | Federal:HES/Local | \$200,000 |
| E. Bennett Street from N. Ann Arbor to N. Harris - Replace water main & storm sewer and reconstruct pavement. | City of Saline | June 2006 | December 2006 | General Fund | \$300,000 |
| Woodland Drive from N. Ann Arbor to Maple - Mill and pave | City of Saline | June 2006 | December 2006 | Local:TIFA | \$220,000 |
| Mark Hannah from W. Henry to south end - Replace water main & reconstruct pavement. | City of Saline | June 2006 | December 2006 | General Fund | \$180,000 |
| Eastlook Drive from Old Creek to Willis - Mill and pave | City of Saline | June 2006 | December 2006 | General Fund | \$200,000 |
| Old Creek Drive from Willis to 250' north of Oakbrook - Reconstruction | City of Saline | June 2006 | December 2006 | STPU-\$560,00/ Local-\$340,000 | \$900,000 |
| Saline-Waterworks from N Ann Arbor to west city limits - Reconstruction | City of Saline | June 2006 | December 2006 | General Fund | \$400,000 |
| W. Stadium Improvements, Phase 1: Maple to Liberty (2005) - Final pave with pedestrian islands, Phase 2: Liberty to Pauline (2006) - Reconstruction with pedestrian islands and bike lanes. | City of Ann Arbor | March 2005 | November 2006 | STPU-\$4,087,000/ Local-\$1,498,000 | \$5,585,000 |

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| Ann Arbor-Saline from S. Main to I-94 - Resurface | City of Ann Arbor | April 2006 | June 2006 | Local | \$700,000 |
| N. Maple from Abbott to Dexter - Resurface | City of Ann Arbor | July 2006 | September 2006 | Local | \$230,000 |
| Pontiac Trail from 200' N of Northside to John A Woods - Resurface | City of Ann Arbor | August 2006 | September 2006 | Local | \$275,000 |
| Annual Local Street Resurfacing Program - a list of the streets that will be resurfaced can be found on page 6. | City of Ann Arbor | May 2006 | October 2006 | Millage | \$3,820,000 |
| Annual Surface Seal Program - Pavement preventative maintenance for 8 miles of roadway. | City of Ann Arbor | May 2006 | October 2006 | Local | \$450,000 |
| Annual Signal Upgrade Program - Signal modernization at various locations city wide. | City of Ann Arbor | March 2006 | November 2006 | Local | \$90,000 |
| Annual Sidewalk Repair Program - Repair sidewalks at various locations city wide. | City of Ann Arbor | March 2006 | November 2006 | Local | \$150,000 |
| US-23 over I-94, US-23/I-94 service drive bridges and Carpenter over I-94 - Deck replacement, repave, and substructure maintenance. | MDOT | February 2006 | September 2006 | Fed-\$10,400,000/ State-\$2,600,000 | \$13,000,000 |
| US-12 from south county line to Feldkamp - Resurface | MDOT | May 2006 | November 2006 | State Bond | \$7,104,000 |
| I-94 EB from Coleman to Harris and I-94 WB from Gill to Emerick - Construction of noise walls. | MDOT | March 2006 | October 2006 | State-\$6,030,000/ Local-\$670,000 | \$6,700,000 |
| M-52 from Roepke to Jackson County - Resurface pavement | MDOT | May 2006 | August 2006 | Fed-\$142,800/ State-\$35,700 | \$178,500 |
| M-52 at Pleasant Lake - Install left turn lane on M-52. | MDOT | September 2005 | September 2006 | Fed (CMAQ) | \$600,000 |
| US-23 from South county line to Bemis - Resurface pavement. | MDOT | April 2006 | May 2006 | Fed-\$1,072,000/ State-\$268,000 | \$1,340,000 |
| 13 Traffic signals on I-94BL and US-23BR be upgraded - locations of the signals are on page 4. | MDOT | September 2005 | September 2006 | Fed (CMAQ) | \$700,000 |
| Rest Area on I-94 east of Freer Road - Construct new rest area. | MDOT | September 2005 | September 2006 | Fed-\$4,500,000/ State-\$500,000 | \$5,000,000 |
| US-12BR from I-94 to Normal - Concrete patching, mill & single course overlay. | MDOT | June 2006 | August 2006 | Fed-\$605,600/ State-\$151,400 | \$757,000 |

| Project Location and Improvement | Agency | Estimated Start | Estimated Completion | Funding Source | Construction Cost |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| US-12 from I-94 to Wayne County - Resurface pavement | MDOT | June 2006 | August 2006 | State | \$632,000 |
| I-94 from Jackson County to M-14 - Crack seal pavement | MDOT | April 2006 | August 2006 | State | \$400,000 |
| Kensington from Ann Arbor to Grand - Reconstruct pavement, install storm drain and replace water main | Village of Dexter | April 2006 | September 2006 | General Fund | \$1,200,000 |

2006 WCRC PERMIT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

The following table is a list of privately funded construction projects scheduled to begin during the 2006 construction season. The table includes the location of the project and a brief description of the type of improvements being undertaken. Privately funded projects are completed under permit with the WCRC. There are not estimates or timing information for these projects.

| Project Location and Improvement | Township | Work Description | Subdivision/Company |
|----------------------------------|------------|--|-----------------------|
| Geddes Road at LeForge Road | Superior | Widen intersection for center turn lane. | Hyundai Motor Company |
| Maple South of Ellsworth | Pittsfield | Widen for center left turn lane. | Pine of Lake Forest |
| Merritt West of Tuttle Hill | Ypsilanti | Paving and drainage | Creekside Farms |
| Merritt East of Tuttle Hill | Ypsilanti | Paving and drainage | Creekside East |
| Platt North of Michigan | Pittsfield | Widen for center left turn lane. | Pittsfield Glen |
| Textile at Huron River Drive | Ypsilanti | Widen for center left turn lane. | Ponds at Lakewood |
| Textile West of Platt | Pittsfield | Reconstruct and pave | Pittsfield Glen |

2006 YPSILANTI LOCAL STREET RESURFACING PROGRAM

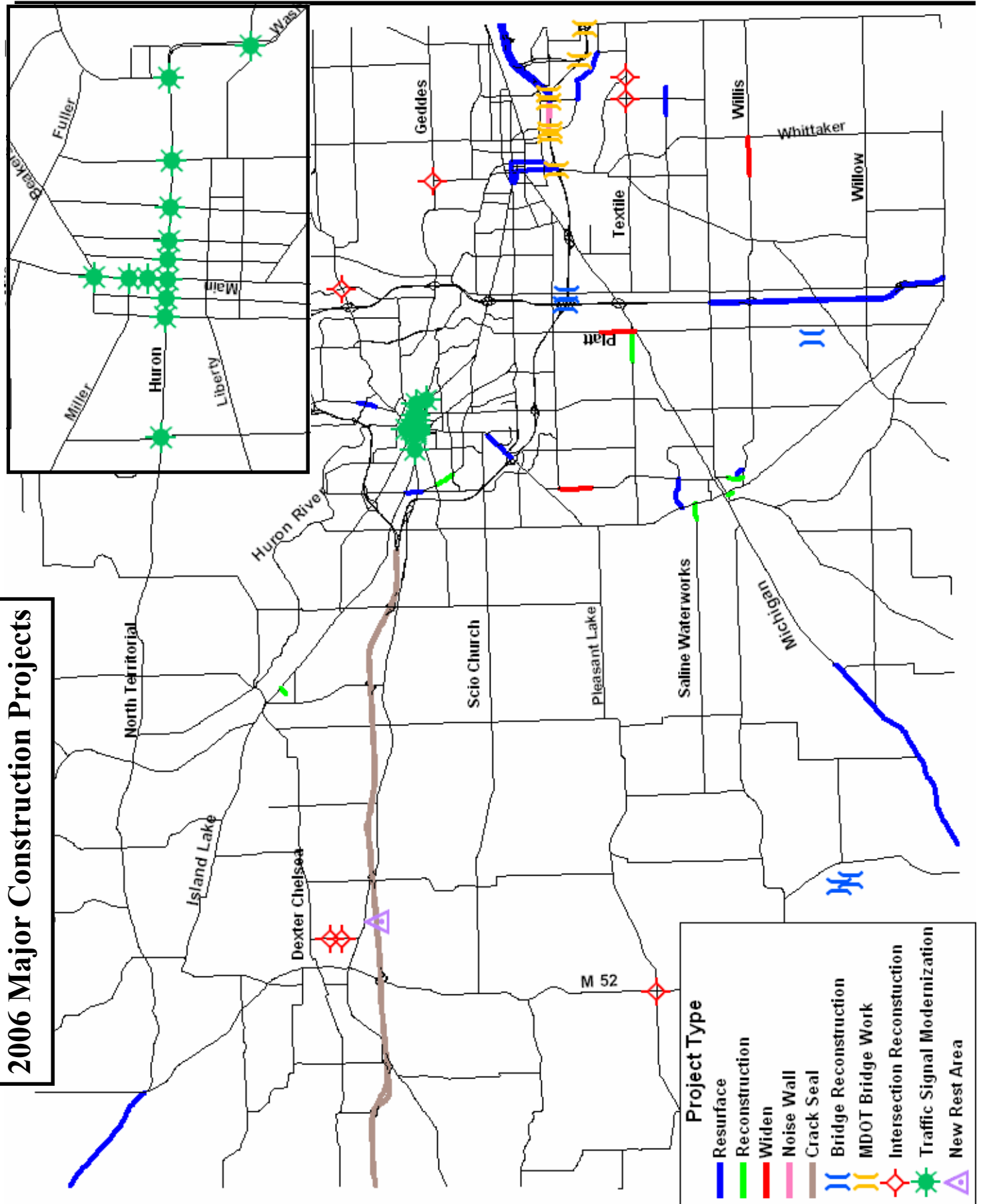
| Street | Limits |
|-------------|------------------------------|
| Forest | Prospect to Osband |
| North River | Forest to Holmes |
| Holmes | Prospect Rd to Rue Deauville |
| Lincoln | Railroad Track Removal |

TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON I-94BL AND US-23BR TO BE UPGRADED

| Street | At |
|-------------------|--|
| I-94 BL Huron | Seventh First Ashley Main Fourth Fifth Division State Glen |
| I-94 BL Washtenaw | Geddes |
| US-23 BR N Main | Ann Catherine Beakes |



2006 Major Construction Projects



| Project Type | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Blue line | Resurface |
| Green line | Reconstruction |
| Red line | Widen |
| Pink line | Noise Wall |
| Brown line | Crack Seal |
| Blue and yellow brackets | Bridge Reconstruction |
| Yellow brackets | MDOT Bridge Work |
| Red diamond | Intersection Reconstruction |
| Green star | Traffic Signal Modernization |
| Purple triangle | New Rest Area |

2006 ANN ARBOR LOCAL STREET RESURFACING PROGRAM

| Estimated Beginning and Ending Date | Street | Limits |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| April 6 - May 6 | Belmar Place | Potter to Berkley |
| | Keech | Main to Belmar |
| | Sandford Place | Winsted to Dunmore |
| May 6 - June 6 | Awixa | Lafayette to Geddes |
| | E University | Hill to Packard |
| | Minerva | S. Forest Ave to Olivia |
| | Observatory | Geddes to Washtenaw |
| June 6 - July 6 | Ashley | Felch to Kingsley |
| | Felch | Main to Ashley |
| | High | N. Division to N. State |
| | Second | W. William to W. Jefferson |
| | Third | Washington to Huron |
| | Washington | Third to First |
| | July 6 - August 6 | Penberton #3 |
| Penberton #4 | | Penberton to dead end |
| Pine Ridge | | Dexter to dead end |
| Traver | | WB/Lakehurst to Nixon |
| Waldenwood #1 | | Waldenwood to dead end |
| August 6 - September 6 | Broadway | Baits to Plymouth (by Upland) |
| September 6 - October 6 | Argonne | Nixon to Lexington |
| | Woodmanor | Packard to dead end |



WESTERN WASHTENAW TRANSIT STUDY - UPDATE

The Western Washtenaw Regional Coordination Transit Study is nearing completion. The study examined how to preserve the services of the Chelsea Area Transportation System and the Manchester Senior Citizens demand response service. The study is also looking at how to provide a more unified, consistent demand response service to seniors and persons with disabilities that live within western Washtenaw County.

WATS conducted several public involvement meetings for the Western Washtenaw Regional Coordination Transit Study. The meetings took place at the Manchester Village Hall on January 25th and at the Chelsea Community Hospital on January 26th. The March public involvement meetings were held at the Emmanuel United Church of Christ on March 6th and at the Chelsea Retirement Community on March 15th. Attendees were shown a presentation about the study and were asked to complete a survey about the current transit service in western Washtenaw County.



At the next Steering Committee meeting, the committee will review and comment on the draft report. Look for the final report on the WATS website in late April. This study is a precursor to the countywide transit plan in the summer of 2006.



AATA PRESS RELEASE: NOTICE OF POSSIBLE CUTS IN AATA BUS SERVICE IN YPSILANTI



February 21, 2006: The City of Ypsilanti, faced with ongoing budget constraints, is considering a cutback in its share of funding for bus service in the city. Currently under consideration is the elimination of funding for the Ypsilanti portion of AATA Routes 3 – Huron River and 5 – Packard.

At the city's request, AATA provided a list of options for reducing service or increasing fares to lower the amount of funding required by \$80,000 for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2006. Routes 3 and 5 were selected by the city based on the level of funding required, the number of riders and the alternatives available for those riders. Funding to provide AATA transit service comes from a variety of sources, including passenger fares, and local, state and federal funds. The local share of funding for transit service within the city limits of Ann Arbor is supported by a dedicated property tax. The City of Ypsilanti, as well as the townships of Ypsilanti, Superior and Pittsfield, have entered into purchase of service agreements with AATA to provide local funds for bus service in those communities. A portion of state and federal funding is allocated to provide service in each of the participating jurisdictions, which reduces, but does not eliminate, the need for local funding. AATA has signed additional agreements with, and receives funding from, Eastern Michigan University for Route 33 service and with the University of Michigan for the MRide program, which pays for the passenger fares for trips taken by individuals boarding with a valid MCard, and Route 36. AATA also receives funding from the Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority and participating downtown Ann Arbor employers to support the go!pass program. The AATA management staff is working on the details of the proposed service reduction. Route 3 would not operate east of St. Joseph Mercy Health Center and Route 5 would not operate east of Hewitt Road. The specific routes and schedules have not yet been determined, but will likely include time changes for these routes. The effects on other routes are also being considered, particularly Route 4 – Washtenaw, which has full buses several times a day.

Over the past few years, AATA has worked cooperatively with the City of Ypsilanti to preserve transit service, despite a worsening financial situation. It is AATA's understanding that this service reduction is proposed only after other alternatives to reduce costs and raise revenues have already been made or considered. Any reduction in service in Ypsilanti will have a serious impact on the people who use the service, and will also affect people who live in other areas who use these routes, as well as employers and businesses throughout the urban area. Once the City of Ypsilanti makes a decision on funding and bus service, AATA will provide opportunities for public input before a final decision is made by the AATA Board of Directors in June. Until Ypsilanti makes a decision, you may direct your questions and comments to the City of Ypsilanti.

AATA Press Release from www.aata.org

For updates on the Stadium Boulevard project bus detours in the City of Ann Arbor check on www.aata.org or on www.miwats.org.

LATEST ADDITIONS TO THE WATS LIBRARY

- ◆ Traffic Safety: The Road to Healthy Living, 2005 Annual Evaluation Report / Office of Highway Safety Planning
- ◆ 2004 Annual Air Quality Report / Air Quality Division of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
- ◆ Geddes Road Corridor Study / Superior Township, Michigan
- ◆ Evaluation of getDowntown go!pass program / Urban and Regional Research Collaborative, A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, and The University of Michigan



UPDATE ON NON-MOTORIZED PLAN

The Washtenaw Area Transportation Study has been working with local road agencies and municipalities to assemble a list of non-motorized needs around the county. This combined list of potential projects will be reviewed by the Non-motorized plan Steering Committee at its next meeting on March 30, 2006.



The non-motorized projects address deficiencies such as sidewalk gaps, lack of non-motorized facilities leading to major destinations and important linkages between existing non-motorized facilities. These deficiencies were identified in an earlier portion of plan development working with local communities and the public through a series of public meetings.

A draft Non-motorized Plan for Washtenaw County will be posted on the WATS website by July of this year for public comment. WATS will also hold a series of meetings before August with the public before the plan is finalized by the WATS Policy Committee in September.

If you would like more information or to make a comment on non-motorized transportation, call the WATS office at 994-3127, email to buckr@miwats.org, mail to WATS, 705 N. Zeeb Rd, Ann Arbor MI 48103, or access the comment form online at http://www.miwats.org/index_info/OnlineCommentsheet.pdf

