

# THE VEHICLE

## Washtenaw Area Transportation Study

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### 2009 MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

The following table is a list of major construction and resurfacing projects scheduled to begin or resume during the 2009 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 identifying the project locations can be found on page 7.

Project Location and Improvement	Agency	Estimated Start	Estimated Completion	Funding Source	Construction Cost
East Liberty from Main to Division - Resurface	Ann Arbor	June 2009	June 2009	Millage	\$194,600
Fourth from Huron to Liberty - Resurface or possible reconstruct	Ann Arbor	April 2009	June 2009	Millage	\$100,000
Maiden Lane from Broadway to Fuller - Resurface	Ann Arbor	May 2009	July 2009	Millage	\$229,000
State from Stimson to 3850' south - Resurface	Ann Arbor	June 2009	August 2009	Millage	\$835,300
Packard from Fifth to Hill - Resurface	Ann Arbor	August 2009	October 2009	Millage	\$363,400
Huron River Drive from Main to Bird - Reconstruct	Ann Arbor	May 2009	October 2009	Millage	\$1,283,000
Huron Parkway and Nixon Road Intersection - Install roundabout and resurface Nixon from Huron Parkway to Plymouth	Ann Arbor	April 2009	August 2009	Millage, CMAQ, STPU	\$1,500,000
West Stadium from Pauline to 650' east - Reconstruct with utility improvements	Ann Arbor	April 2009	July 2009	Stimulus	\$2,162,823
Non-motorized improvements city-wide - Improve and expand non-motorized system	Ann Arbor	Summer 2009	Fall 2009	Stimulus	\$250,000
Packard signal interconnect - Stadium to Eisenhower	Ann Arbor	Summer 2009	Fall 2009	Stimulus	\$300,000
Washtenaw from Glenwood to Tuomy - Addition of non-motorized path to northeast side of road	Ann Arbor	June 2009	September 2009	STPU, Local	\$1,414,200
Fuller/Geddes from Glen to US-23 - Signal interconnect	Ann Arbor	May 2009	November 2009	MTF	\$1,347,658
Non-motorized improvements in various locations - Addition of bike lane striping etc.	Ann Arbor	May 2009	October 2009	STPU, MTF	\$70,000

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<b>Pedestrian Safety various locations</b> - Addition of 3 pedestrian islands, signage, and countdown signals	Ann Arbor	April 2009	May 2009	Safety	\$99,200
<b>Annual Local Street Resurfacing Program</b> A list of streets that will be resurfaced can be found on page 4	Ann Arbor	April 2009	September 2009	Millage	\$1,645,883
<b>County from Marvin to Dexter</b> - Reconstruct	Milan	June 2009	July 2009	GF, MTF, MDOT STP Small Urban	\$638,000
<b>S. Harris from US-12 to Pleasant Ridge</b> - Storm sewer and pavement replacement	Saline	July 2009	September 2009	GF	\$350,000
<b>S. Lewis US-12 to W. Henry</b> - Water main, sanitary, pavement replacement	Saline	June 2009	August 2009	GF	\$130,000
<b>Ann Arbor from US-12 to Bennett</b> - Rehabilitate	Saline	Summer 2009	Fall 2009	Stimulus	\$210,000
<b>Annual Local Street Resurfacing Program</b> A list of streets that will be resurface can be found on page 4	Saline	June 2009	October 2009	General Fund	\$320,000
<b>Plymouth Road bridge over Fleming Creek</b> - Replace existing bridge	WCRC	July 2008	November 2009	STPU, STP Bridge, Local Bridge, MTF	\$800,000
<b>Milan-Oakville from 0.5 miles east of Gooding to Milan City limit</b> - Reconstruct existing 2 lane roadway with drainage improvements and paved shoulders	WCRC	May 2008	November 2009	STPR, TEDF-D, MTF	\$2,800,000
<b>Jackson from 0.2 miles west of Zeeb to 0.2 miles west of Baker</b> - Construct 4 lane boulevard with curb and gutter, bike lanes and sidewalk	WCRC	June 2008	December 2009	Scio DDA, STP High Priority, STPE, Scio Twp Sewer Funds	\$14,000,000
<b>Hewitt from Packard to Huron River Drive</b> - Mill and resurface roadway	WCRC	May 2008	September 2009	STPU, MTF and YCUA	\$1,000,000
<b>Plymouth at Gottfredson</b> - Install Traffic signal and add turn lanes	WCRC	August 2008	November 2009	Safety, Developer funds and MTF	\$480,000
<b>East Delhi Bridge over the Huron River</b> - Rehabilitation of existing bridge	WCRC	July 2008	July 2009	Local Bridge funds, Scio Twp, HCMP, E. Delhi Bridge Conservancy, MTF	\$1,500,000
<b>Dexter Main St. Bridge over Mill Creek</b> - Resurface bridge	WCRC	July 2008	July 2009	MDOT Local Bridge Funds, MTF, General Fund and DDA	\$2,520,000
<b>Platt Greenway from Ellsworth to US-12</b> - Construct 10' wide non-motorized pathway	WCRC	June 2009	October 2009	Enhancement and High Priority and Pittsfield Twp GF	\$1,200,000
<b>Willow Rd. Bridge west of Whittaker</b> - Replace existing bridge structure	WCRC	Summer 2009	Fall 2009	MTF	\$180,000
<b>State, Old State, Moon and Michigan Ave, State St. Crossing</b> - Reconstruction and widening, updating traffic signals	WCRC	September 2009	August 2009	Developer funded	\$1,300,000

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<b>Whittaker at Stony Creek - Miner widening, construct roundabout</b>	WCRC	Summer 2009	Fall 2009	Stimulus	\$1,300,000
<b>Preventive Maintenance, Countywide - Resurface</b>	WCRC	Summer 2009	Fall 2009	Stimulus	\$100,000
<b>Holmes from Michigan to Spencer - Reconstruct, add bike lanes and sidewalks</b>	WCRC	Summer 2009	Fall 2009	Stimulus	\$1,275,729
<b>S. Mansfield from Michigan to end - Reconstruct 2 lane roadway, base and drainage improvements</b>	Ypsilanti	April 2009	August 2009	TEDF-D	\$802,000
<b>Mainsfield from Washtenaw to Westmoreland - Reconstruct 2 lane roadway, base and drainage improvements</b>	Ypsilanti	May 2009	August 2009	STPU	\$345,000
<b>LeForge from Huron River Dr. north to bridge approach - Shallow concrete overlay of bridge deck, approach work and slope protection repairs</b>	Ypsilanti	June 2009	August 2009	Bridge Program	\$387,000
<b>College Place from Cross to Forest - Reconstruct</b>	Ypsilanti	Summer 2009	Fall 2009	Stimulus	\$204,000
<b>Mansfield from Westmoreland to Congress - Reconstruct</b>	Ypsilanti	Summer 2009	Fall 2009	Stimulus	\$100,000
<b>MDOT University Region TSC wide - Crack sealing</b>	MDOT	Summer 2009	Fall 2009	Interstate Maintenance	\$506,667
<b>M-52 from Dutch Drive to I-94 - Cold mill, resurface, and widening</b>	MDOT	Fall 2009	Fall 2020	STP, Michigan Betterment	\$10,900,000
<b>M-52 at Waldo - Correct horizontal curve</b>	MDOT	Fall 2009	Fall 2010	Safety	\$524,000
<b>M-17 from US-23 to Normal - Full depth concrete pavement repair</b>	MDOT	June 2009	August 2009	MTF	\$1,083,000
<b>US-23 Northfield Church Rest Area - Replace building</b>	MDOT	Fall 2009	Fall 2010	MTF	\$2,750,000
<b>I-94 from Jackson Co line to Freer - Mill and Resurface</b>	MDOT	Fall 2009	Summer 2009	Stimulus	\$6,000,000
<b>I-94 from Freer to Parker - Cold milling and 2 course overlay</b>	MDOT	Summer 2009	Fall 2009	Stimulus	\$18,400,000

## 2009 ANN ARBOR LOCAL STREET RESURFACING PROGRAM

## 2009 SALINE LOCAL STREET RESURFACING PROGRAM

Estimated Beginning and Ending Date	Street	Limits
April - May	<b>Fair Oaks</b>	Washtenaw to Norway
	<b>Briarcliff</b>	Prairie to end
May - June	<b>Glendaloch Circle</b>	Glendaloch to end
	<b>Hill</b>	Oxford to Onondaga
June - July	<b>Cherokee</b>	Baldwin to Ferdon
	<b>Fernwood</b>	Packard to Lorraine
	<b>Sylvan</b>	White to Packard
	<b>Tappan</b>	Oakland to University
	<b>Anderson</b>	Packard to Ferdon
July - August	<b>Virginia</b>	Jackson to Fair
	<b>Soule</b>	Liberty to end
	<b>Elmcrest</b>	Miner to end
August - September	<b>Ashley</b>	Felch to Kingsley
	<b>Lincoln</b>	Cambridge to Wells
	<b>Summit</b>	Main to Fourth
	<b>Hiawatha</b>	Barton to end
	<b>Dundee</b>	Drive extension

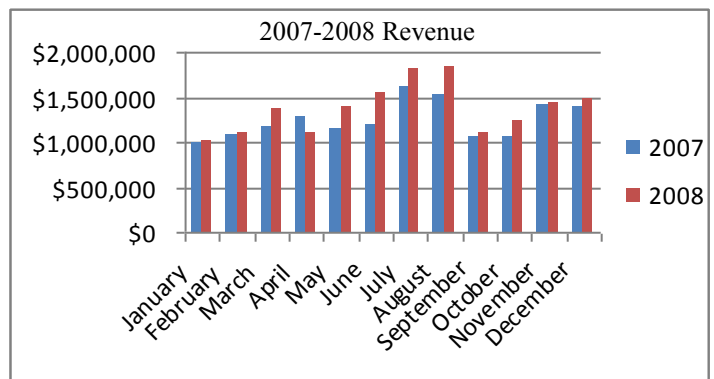
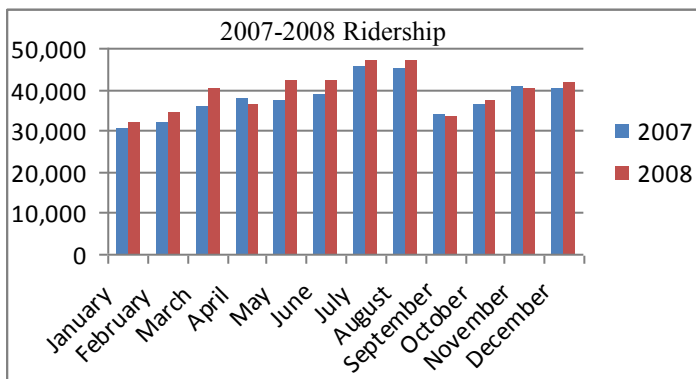
June - August	<b>Risdon</b>	S. Harris to end
	<b>Owen</b>	N. Harris to end
August - October	<b>Teft Cout</b>	Woodland to end



## AMTRAK CONTINUES RIDERSHIP AND REVENUE GROWTH IN 2008

As in 2007, AMTRAK, Wolverine ridership and revenues continued to grow over the previous year. Ridership rose in 2008 by nearly 5% while ticket revenues are up 10% as more people are electing to use transit service between Ann Arbor and Chicago.

In addition to the welcome increases in ridership, \$1.3 billion in stimulus money has been allocated to Amtrak as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Stimulus funding will double Amtrak's budget for system improvements over the next two years. Some of AMTRAK's shovel ready projects to date include replacing 100+ year old infrastructure in Connecticut and Delaware (\$125 million), and installing "positive train controlling signal systems" in Kalamazoo (\$60 million).



## WASHTENAW COUNTY 2008 TRAFFIC VOLUMES FALL

WATS participates annually in the federally required Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) which evaluates traffic volumes on randomly selected road segments across the County, and inventories road conditions and geometrics every three years. Analyzing traffic volume records is useful in identifying growth areas, and areas that will likely need improvements to address travel demand. Typically, WATS sees a range from flat volumes to modest increases. In 2008, however, many roads had significantly reduced volumes ranging in decreases in traffic of up to 35% from 2007 to 2008. Some areas in the County, particularly near Jackson Ave. and Zeeb Rd. in Scio Township, did have a small increase. A map of HPMS segment volume increases and decreases is presented on pg. 6.

### YPSILANTI FREIGHT HOUSE RECEIVES \$100,000 GRANT

The Friends of the Ypsilanti Freight House have received a grant for \$100,000 from the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation. The group is committed to getting the Freight House reopened and useable by the public as the building is a familiar landmark in the City of Ypsilanti and is on the Historic Register. The Friends of the Freight House plan on using the grant money to procure the architectural and engineering work needed as a first step in reviving the Freight House. With the designs for the building complete, construction work estimated to be \$550,000 can be bid. Since the city of Ypsilanti acquired the Freight House in 1979, the building has been used for a variety of public uses including most recently as a farmers market. What the Freight House will ultimately be used for is still being discussed, but one possibility is the Ypsilanti Station for the Ann Arbor to Detroit commuter service. For more information on the history of the Freight house or how you can get involved, visit [www.foyf.org](http://www.foyf.org)

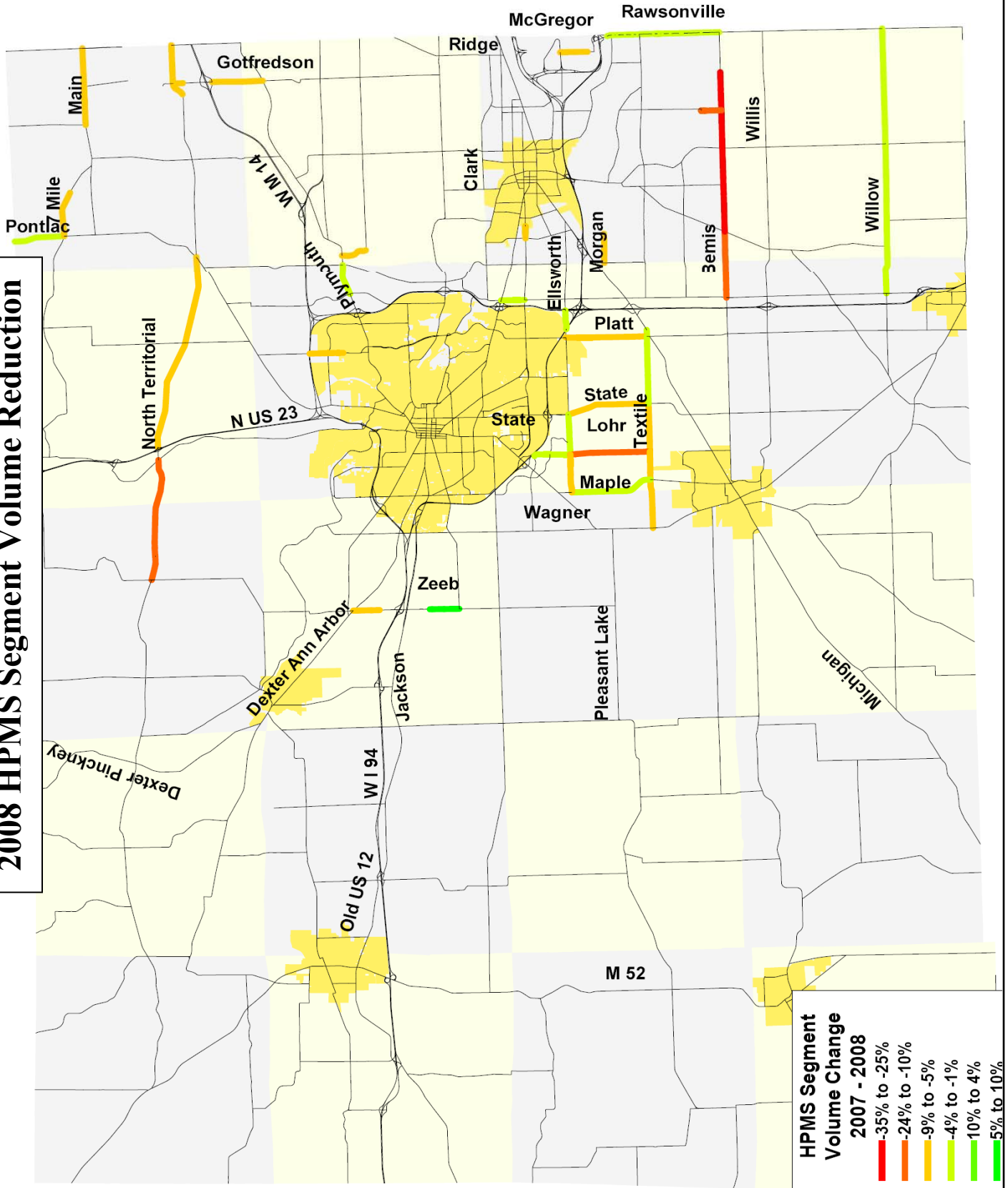


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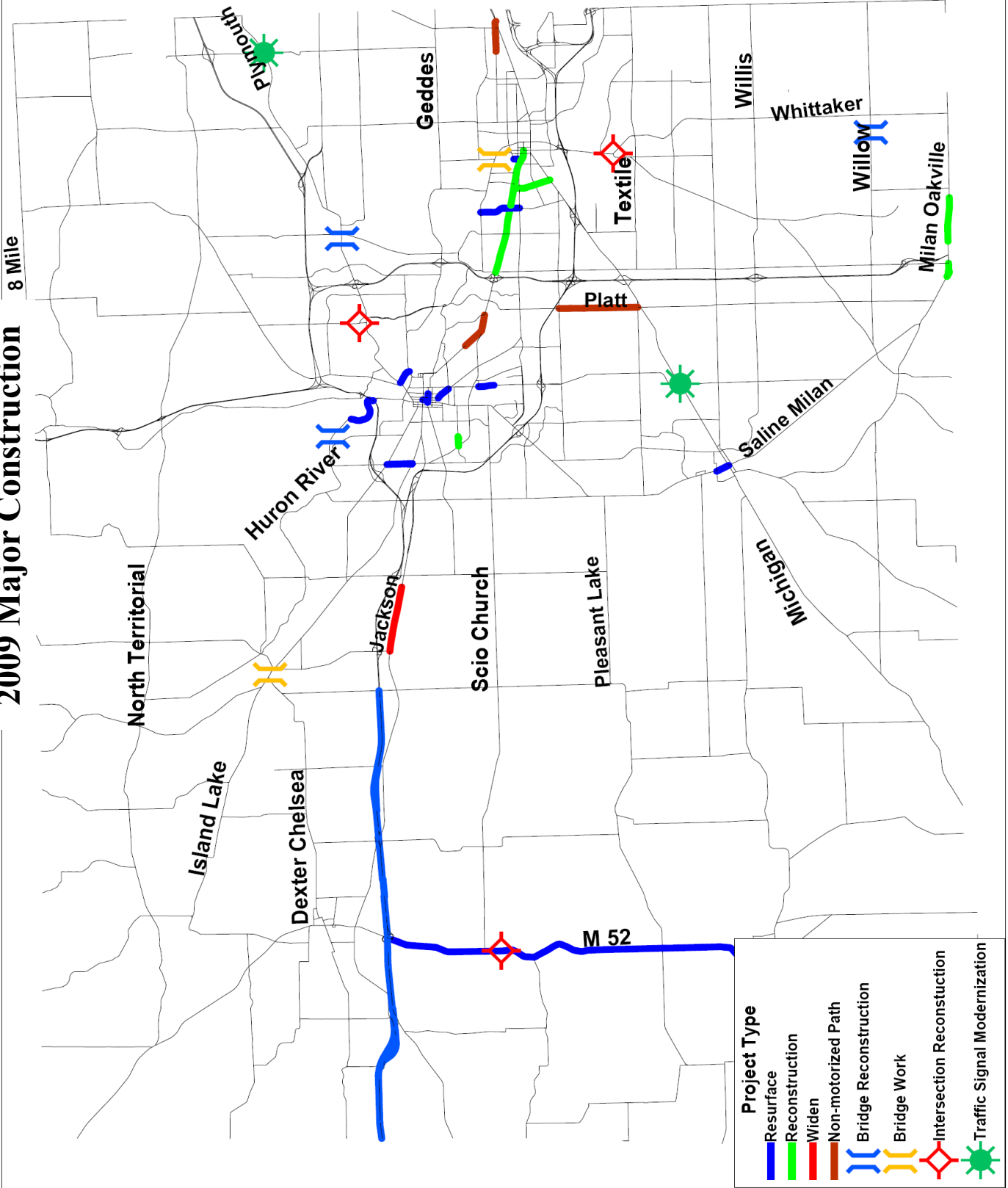
The WATS website, [www.miwats.org](http://www.miwats.org), has just been updated with a fresh new look, and easier access to the data, reports, plans and traffic updates available through WATS. Whether you are looking for a traffic count on a county road, the Transit Plan for Washtenaw County, or just want to find out more about what WATS does and who are members of the agency, go to [www.miwats.org](http://www.miwats.org)

# 2008 HPMS Segment Volume Reduction



# 2009 Major Construction

8 Mile



Project Type	
	Resurface
	Reconstruction
	Widen
	Non-motorized Path
	Bridge Reconstruction
	Bridge Work
	Intersection Reconstruction
	Traffic Signal Modernization

## THE ECONOMIC STIMULUS PLAN & WASHTENAW COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

On Tuesday February 17th, President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act into law. A major component of the far reaching plan is investing in infrastructure, including critical components such as the nations roads and public transportation systems. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has been allocated a budget of \$27.5 billion to distribute throughout the US and Puerto Rico. As the \$850 million funding allocation reaches Michigan, 75% will be used for MDOT projects while 25% will be available for local agencies to complete projects. Washtenaw County will be receiving \$6.4 million in urban fund, \$650,000 in rural and \$6.1 million in transit funding.



Guidelines for projects to be programmed using the stimulus funding include: shovel ready, submission via the existing local planning and prioritization process required for federal aid dollars. This process includes funds for urban and rural areas as well as prioritization of transit system funding. The process requires that projects be on the National Functional Classification (NFC) system of roads (local streets not eligible). Additionally, projects for consideration must be engineered and able to be delivered by the respective agencies within one year of receiving stimulus funding (March 2010). Agencies that have obligated at least half of their projects within six months will receive prioritization in receiving additional funds from agencies that have not been able to obligate their funding.

WATS, working closely with the local agencies responsible for maintaining the county's NFC roads, selected a project list chosen from potential future year work programs. The list of projects was expanded to include additional projects to give Washtenaw County every advantage if additional funding becomes available.

In addition to County transportation infrastructure, the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority (AATA) also received significant stimulus funding of nearly \$6.1 million. To take full advantage of their funds, AATA will commit half of the funds as a part of an approved federal grant within one 180 days, and the remaining funding within 365 days. Plans for a new park-and-ride lot at US-23 and Plymouth Rd, four new hybrid buses and improvements to bus stops such as extended sidewalks and bus pull offs are planned.

For a list of Washtenaw County transportation construction, MDOT transportation construction, and AATA projects visit: [www.miwats.org](http://www.miwats.org)

### ANN ARBOR DDA RECEIVES TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT GRANT

The City of Ann Arbor and the Ann Arbor DDA have been awarded a transportation enhancement grant to help pay for non-motorized streetscape projects on Fifth Ave. from Beakes to Packard and on Division from Packard to Detroit St. Congratulations! The improvements include decorative sidewalks, crosswalk, planters, landscaping, decorative street lights, trees, tree grates, trash receptacles, benches and bike hoops. Project construction will be carried out in phases, with the first phase including Fifth and Beakes, Fifth and Liberty and Division and Packard intersections beginning in 2008. This enhancement project benefits downtown Ann Arbor by "providing the necessary visual cues and amenities necessary to change the corridor from its current vehicle-oriented nature to the proposed multi-modal environment". The total project budget is \$1,967,904 which includes \$983,952 in federal funds and \$983,952 in matching funds from the city of Ann Arbor DDA.



## WATS 2035 LONG RANGE PLAN PUBLIC MEETING RESULTS

WATS is well under way in the development of the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan for Washtenaw County (2035 Plan). As announced in the January edition of The Vehicle, WATS held the first public involvement meeting in the development of the 2035 Plan on January 14th at Washtenaw Community College. The purpose of the meeting was to familiarize the public with the transportation deficiencies identified throughout the county (pavement, bridge, congestion, safety, transit and non-motorized), and to seek public input on the plan's goals and objectives used to resolve the deficiencies over the next five years.

WATS presented each deficiency on large-scale maps, and explained the significance of both the 2035 Plan and the transportation areas being addressed. Attendants were given comment sheets addressing each area of the plan, as well as the current list of objectives, including:

- Promoting a safe and secure transportation system
- Providing accessibility and mobility for all people and goods
- Investing strategically in transportation infrastructure to enhance the vitality of the community and
- Protecting and enhancing the environment.

Attendants were also asked to participate in a funding exercise budgeting transportation funding into each of the areas addressed by the plan. The breakdown of participant funding recommendations are as follows: Transit - 28%, Non-motorized - 20%, Bridge - 15%, Congestion - 14%, Pavement - 13%, Safety - 10%. A summary of the comments provided can be found on the 2035 Plan blog at <http://wats2035lrp.blogspot.com>. Please feel free to leave any additional comments while you are visiting, such as places where there are poor pavement conditions or congested areas.

WATS next step in plan development will be to distribute the deficiencies, along with data collected during the public involvement meeting, and financial forecasts from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) to the responsible agencies. WATS will be holding public meetings throughout the County seeking comment on the plan, and will provide the Draft Plan countywide for public review.

### PUBLIC REVIEW LOCATIONS FOR DRAFT 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

WATS values public comment through the development of all agency plans. As early as mid-May 2009, the Draft 2035 Plan will be available for review for 45 days. Please feel free to visit a location near you to review the Draft 2035 Plan. WATS has taken care to identify pavement, bridge, transit, safety, congestion and non-motorized deficiencies throughout the county, by your comments in the plan development process are part of what makes planning for Washtenaw County's future work.

Ann Arbor City Hall	Northfield Township Library
Ann Arbor Public Library - Loving Branch	Pittsfield Township Hall
Ann Arbor Public Library - Northeast Branch	Saline District Library
Ann Arbor Public Library - West Branch	Sharon Township Hall
Ann Arbor Public Library - Main Branch	UM Hatcher Graduate Library
Ann Arbor Transportation Authority	Washtenaw Area Transportation Study
Augusta Township Hall	Washtenaw County Road Commission
Chelsea Village	Webster Township Hall
Dexter District Library	York Township Hall
Dexter Township	Ypsilanti Department of Public Works
Dexter Village Offices	Ypsilanti City Hall
Manchester Village	Ypsilanti District Library
Northfield Town Hall	Ypsilanti Township Civic Center

## The Vehicle Has Gone Green!

WATS is committed to operating an environmentally sustainable office. To aid in this effort the agency has begun offering the option to receive THE VEHICLE electronically. Choosing to receive electronic communication will save WATS production and delivery costs, not to mention a number of trees!

If you would like to start receiving THE VEHICLE electronically, send an email to Nick Sapkiewicz at [sapkiewiczn@miwats.org](mailto:sapkiewiczn@miwats.org) with "green newsletter" in the subject line. Additionally if you would like updates from WATS on transportation related legislation initiatives, public meeting, plans, etc. just let WATS know in your email.



### MICHIGAN TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

With the recent election of the current Michigan Congress come changes to the congressional committees. A strong proponent of quality transportation in Michigan, Representative Pam Byrnes of House district 52 in Washtenaw County is now chair of the House Transportation Committee. She was elected the first female



Washtenaw County Road Commissioner in 2000. As State Representative, she hosted a County Transit Town Hall and was an active member of the Michigan Transportation Funding Task Force. Ms. Byrnes has been active in supporting the development of basic and comprehensive transportation options to support Michigan's economy. Ms. Byrnes was also selected Speaker Pro-Tem of the House by her fellow caucus members, serves as Chair of the Higher Education Appropriations Committee, and recently served on the Natural Resources Committee. More information is available at [pambyrnes.com](http://pambyrnes.com)

