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Route Ypsilanti - Safer Streets ~ Safer Ypsilanti

Non-Motorized transportation improvements coming to city streets this summer

St. Joe's, City of Ypsilanti, and WATS collaborate on improving safety on Ypsilanti's roads

YPSILANTI – (April 20, 2021) - The City of Ypsilanti is collaborating with St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor and Washtenaw Area Transportation Study (WATS) to explore traffic -calming measures to reduce speeds on city streets and improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists. The following streets are part of this city effort:

- Second Ave, from Michigan Ave. to Monroe
- Cross, from Prospect to River St.
- Prospect, from Cross north to City Limits
- N. Mansfield, from Washtenaw Ave to Congress

Ypsilanti and partner agencies will be testing low-cost design concepts aimed at walking and bicycling improvements. The design concepts are being informed by NACTO, (the [National Association of City Transportation Officials](#)) and the MMUTCD ([Michigan Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices](#)).

“The City of Ypsilanti is committed to creating an environment that supports the health, safety, and welfare of all of our residents and visitors. By enabling people to bike and walk to work, for errands, for exercise, and for recreation, and by encouraging drivers to drive more safely within the City, we can help everyone lead longer, healthier, and more fulfilling lives,” stated Frances McMullan, City Manager. “As we recover from the effects of coronavirus, it’s more important than ever to support healthy living.”

"St. Joe's is focused on community efforts aimed at positively influencing the social determinants that influence one's health to reduce the health disparities we know exist in our community, " said Alonzo Lewis, president, St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor, and Livingston hospitals. "Supporting the city of Ypsilanti and WATS to create safer streets and promote pedestrian and bicycle use is a great example where we can influence our community's broader health and wellbeing."

The project areas were chosen for this project due to recent and recurring complaints about driver behavior, including speeding, as well as requests to improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities in these areas.

As the project gets underway, miwats.org/route-ypsilanti will be updated with project details and opportunities for public engagement.

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