

Downtown Ann Arbor Public Restroom Pilot

Location review and discussion with AAPD, 7.26.2023

- Chief Amy Metzger
- Lt. Corey Mills

Overall feedback:

- They recognize the need for more public restrooms and are supportive of the initiative.
- They are willing partners. We specifically discussed coordinating emergency response and providing safety input before, during, and after the pilot.
- They are not going to say no to any location. Their recommendation is to pilot restrooms in the most active, highly visible locations. The Washington street location and State Street area locations rise to the top for them. They also suggest spacing the units further apart to increase overall access and benefit.

Site-specific feedback:

1. 200 block of north Fourth Ave, west side of the street, south of Catherine Street
 - a. Concern - The location with the most concern due to lower activity levels and a known, steady narcotic distribution location nearby.
 - b. Considerations: If we choose to pilot this, they can track related calls.
2. 100 block of East Washington, north side of the street just east of Main Street
 - a. No concerns - The most preferred location due to high levels of activity and visibility.
3. 200 block of West Liberty, East of First Street
 - a. Concern - The slope of this block and the safety/access impact of that.
4. 500 block of East Liberty, south side if the street just west of Maynard
 - a. No concerns – This location is active and visible enough.
5. 300 block of South State Street, east side on the Diag side
 - a. No concerns – This location is active and visible enough.

Other locations discussed:

- 600 block of east William Street, south side of the street
 - No concerns – this location is active and visible enough.

Since the 100 block of E. Washington location near Main Street is supported by all criteria, we did not review the other nearby Washington and Fourth Ave locations with the PD.