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Springfield Seeks Applicants for Main Street Safety Project Strategic Advisory Committee

The City of Springfield is accepting applications from Springfield residents, and business and property owners to serve on the Main Street Safety Project Strategic Advisory Committee; applications will be accepted until noon on August 10, 2018. The City is seeking applications to fill up to 16 volunteer positions representing a variety of community stakeholders. The Springfield Planning Commission will appoint members to the strategic advisory committee at their September 5, 2018 meeting.

Members will be appointed to serve for the duration of the planning phase of the Main Street Safety Project that will occur over the next 2 to 3 years. Tentatively, there will be 3 to 4 meetings per year and could be scheduled during the work day, in the evening or both.

The primary purpose for the committee is to inform the project by providing advice and direction to the development of the Main Street Facility Plan. The Committee plays an advisory role and produces recommendations for the project team, the Springfield Planning Commission, the Main Street Governance Team, and the Springfield City Council.

Individually, committee members will serve as a liaison to their neighborhood, organization, or agency. Committee members will be responsible for attending meetings, reviewing materials, providing insight on community concerns or issues, and sharing information with other community members and bringing viewpoints back to the group.

What: Applications being accepted for Springfield's Main Street Safety Project Strategic Advisory Committee

Who: Springfield residents, and business and property owners

When: Applications will be accepted until noon on August 10, 2018 at the City Manager's Office at 225 Fifth Street in Downtown Springfield

Where: Applications are available in the City Manager's Office at 225 Fifth Street in Downtown Springfield or at <http://www.springfield-or.gov/bcc.htm>

Project Purpose: Springfield's Main Street is consistently ranked as one of the most unsafe city streets in Oregon based on the severity and frequency of traffic crashes. The Oregon Department of Transportation and the City must address this problem to save lives, reduce injuries, and lessen property damage due to crashes. The purpose of the Main Street Safety Project is to select infrastructure solutions that will make Main Street safer for people walking, biking, driving, and taking transit.

The selected safety improvements will provide for the movement of goods and people, support the economic viability of the corridor, accommodate current bus service and future transit solutions, and complement traffic safety education and enforcement. Over the next 2 to 3 years, this project will pull together detailed analysis and extensive community outreach to inform the selection of design concepts for infrastructure improvements to improve safety on Main Street from 20th to 72nd.

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