

City of Springfield BPAC

2024 WORK PLAN



OVERVIEW

The BPAC Committee: The Springfield Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee was established in 2011 and is a volunteer body that provides input to the Springfield City Council and staff on bicycle and pedestrian issues, policies, programs, education, and facilities.

MEMBERS

Infrastructure Subcommittee:

- Doug Bovee
- Patty Brisco
- Paul Meltzer
- Deven Ralke

Safe Streets Subcommittee:

- Elena Coleman
- Kevin Campbell
- Keith Dickey
- Jenya Kielpinski
- Rachel Glaeser

Liaisons:

- Michelle Weber, City Council Liaison
- Seth Thompson, Planning Commission Liaison
- Jack Blashchishen, Safe Routes to School Liaison
- Simon Daws, Willamalane Liaison
- Brad Albee, Eugene Active Transportation Committee Liaison

STAFF

- Andrew Larson, Senior Transportation Planner
- Michael Liebler, Transportation Planning Engineer

In 2021, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee chose to change from having a “Programming Subcommittee” and a “Planning Subcommittee” to having an “Infrastructure Subcommittee” and a “Safe Streets Subcommittee.” The committee adjusted due to the lessons learned in the Covid-19 context with a narrower work plan. With the Covid-19 pandemic waning, the committee will begin hybrid in person meetings and be able to perform more hands-on work in the community. Additional work items may be added as the committee settle into a post pandemic working environment.

INFRASTRUCTURE SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

Climate Friendly Area Downtown Gap Analysis

- Work with staff to complete the necessary gap analysis for the identified downtown CFA.
- Staff will identify the gap analysis needs and work with the committee on scheduling.
 - **Lead:** Elena Coleman/Drew Larson
 - **Supporting members:** Doug Bovee
 - **Partners and resources:** City of Springfield
 - **Timeline:** Ongoing
 - **Budget:** n/a

Advise City of Springfield’s Capital Projects

- Review capital projects as requested.
- Review the Transportation System Plan (TSP) and advise staff on high priority projects and research funding sources.
 - **Lead:** All
 - **Supporting members:** All
 - **Partners and resources:** City of Springfield, Lane Council of Governments, LTD
 - **Timeline:** Ongoing
 - **Budget:** Identify grants and pursue funding

Identify Quick Build Projects and Identify Funding

- Proactive review of intersections and other crossings to improve safety.
- Identify funding sources for staff to pursue.
 - **Lead:** TBD
 - **Supporting members:** TBD
 - **Partners and resources:** City of Springfield, Willamalane, Lane County
 - **Timeline:** Ongoing
 - **Budget:** Identify funding opportunities

Bicycle and Pedestrian Counts Pre & Post a Capital Projects

- Identify a capital project to conduct a pre-project bike/ped count.
- Ask LCOG to count at a specific intersection or roadway.
- Revisit the project post construction and recount.
 - **Lead:** Doug Bovee
 - **Supporting members:** Paul Meltzer
 - **Partners and resources:** City of Springfield, Lane Council of Governments
 - **Timeline:** Summer 2024
 - **Budget:** n/a

SAFE STREETS SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

Community Outreach and Education for Path Etiquette and Electric Assist Vehicle Safety

- Advise staff on preparation of path etiquette and electric assist handouts, flier, and other educational materials.
- Assist LCOG transportation options staff with path etiquette campaign and ongoing education and outreach efforts.
- Advise staff on municipal code language and possible changes associated with path etiquette, safety, and operations.
 - **Lead:** Keith Dickey
 - **Supporting members:** All
 - **Partners and resources:** City of Springfield, Willamalane, LCOG
 - **Timeline:** Summer 2024 – Fall 2025: Ongoing
 - **Budget:** N/A – City can support with printing costs

Promote Bicycle and Pedestrian Service Request Tool and Walk/Bike Springfield Website

- Use various modes of communication to highlight the “Walking and Biking Maintenance Request Tool” (<http://bit.ly/SpringfieldRequest>)
- Create a new “Report an Incident/Near Miss” like the Service Request Tool; coordinate with PD for system management.

DRAFT Language:

City of Springfield bicycle and pedestrian service requests

Use [this link](#) to report concerns regarding walking and biking in Springfield, Oregon. Depending on the nature of the request, it may take more time to address. We appreciate your participation and patience in keeping our infrastructure operating well. If you would like to speak with our operations staff directly, please call 541.726.3761

For the safety of you and those around you, please do not attempt to report concerns while in motion.

Possible Communication Options:

- Social Media, Email, Text Blast, Newsletters, Newspaper, Posters & Flyers.
- Sign Installations (Strategically place along paths with the QR codes)

Possible Action Items:

- Create short “script” or “blurb” that invites Springfield residents to report needed street repairs, and how to use the location option or drop a pin.
- Create campaign to release “blurb” throughout Springfield.
- Create list of entities/businesses/partners.
 - **Lead:** Rachel Glaeser
 - **Supporting members:** All
 - **Partners and resources:** bit.ly/Springfield Request tool
 - **Timeline:** TBD
 - **Budget:** N/A – City can support with printing costs.

Walk Bike Springfield Webpage

- Improve the website to be user friendly.
- Address All Ages and Abilities.
- Identified walks and rides/group rides.
 - **Lead:** Keith Dickey
 - **Supporting members:** All
 - **Partners and resources:** bit.ly/Springfield Request tool
 - **Timeline:** TBD
 - **Budget:** N/A – City can support with printing costs.

Safe Streets Audits

- Review the City’s ADA Transition Plan and identify additional areas where infrastructure is insufficient.
- Work in partnership with Better Eugene-Springfield Transportation (BEST), American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), and Springfield Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) to host safe streets audits in areas of concern as directed by council or BPAC committee interest.
- Invite Councilor from audit wards and Mayor to participate.
- Identify infrastructure and programming improvements to increase safety for people walking, rolling, and riding throughout Springfield.
- Provide infrastructure recommendations to appropriate community entities and BPAC Planning Subcommittee to further implementation of identified improvements.
- Consolidate all previous safe streets audits.
 - **Lead:** Kevin Campbell
 - **Supporting members:** Rachel Glaeser
 - **Partners and resources:** BEST, AARP, Springfield SRTS, Willamalane, LCOG
 - **Timeline:** Conduct audits in focus areas as they arise.
 - **Budget:** N/A – City can support with printing costs.

Bike / Ped Master Plan

- Weigh in on the priorities of the project and identify existing plans and specific elements we want to include/exclude to create a scope of work and narrative.
 - **Lead:** Drew Larson
 - **Supporting members:** All
 - **Partners and resources:** BEST, AARP, Springfield SRTS, Willamalane, LCOG
 - **Timeline:** 2024 - 2026
 - **Budget:** n/a

Open Streets Feasibility

- **Lead:** Rachel Glaeser
- **Supporting members:** All
- **Partners and resources:** BEST, AARP, Springfield SRTS, Willamalane, LCOG
- **Timeline:** 2024 - 2026
- **Budget:** n/a

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD AND OTHER REGIONAL AGENCY PROJECTS & PROGRAMS

The BPAC plays a key role in providing feedback and input regarding City of Springfield and other agency projects and programs. The City of Springfield will likely seek input from the committee on the following projects, as well as future projects, as appropriate to coordinate with project and program schedules.

- Annual bike lane restriping maintenance
- Climate Friendly Equitable Communities Rule Making implementation