

City of Springfield BPAC

List of Accomplishments 2017



OVERVIEW

Established in 2011, the Springfield Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) is a volunteer body providing input to the Springfield City Council and staff on bicycle and pedestrian issues, policies, programs, education, enforcement and facilities. The current members started their terms in January 2016 or January 2017.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2017

- **Maintained two subcommittees: *Programming and Planning***
 - Subcommittees met every other month, and all voting members participated on a subcommittee.
- **Maintained liaison to attend Eugene Active Transportation Committee meetings**
 - A committee member was selected to act as a Springfield BPAC liaison. They attended the Eugene Active Transportation Committee (ATC) meetings, kept Eugene ATC members updated on Springfield projects and programs, and shared ideas with the Springfield BPAC that they gleaned from the Eugene ATC.
- **Submitted Letters of Support**
 - The BPAC wrote a letter of support for the amendments to the Safe Routes to School funding in the Transportation Bill (HB2017) to the Oregon Joint Committee on Transportation.
 - The BPAC wrote a letter to request inclusion of bicycle and pedestrian facilities along S. 28th Street and invited the project manager to attend a meeting to respond to questions.
- **Northbank Path Lighting Recommendation**
 - BPAC submitted memo to City Council with a recommendation to pursue path lighting along the Northbank Path from I-5 to W D St.
- **Provided an overview of BPAC activities at a Lane County Transportation Advisory committee meeting**
- **Co-Hosted Mill Race Path Bike Ride with Eugene Active Transportation Committee**
 - Rode the path and discussed various design elements for replication across the metropolitan area.
- **Participated in community events to share biking, walking, and safety information**
 - Wheels by the Willamette
 - May event - walking and biking interactive feedback map to identify desired improvements
 - September event - BPAC recruitment and request tool outreach
 - Mill Race Path Opening
 - BPAC members attended the opening celebration of the path Jan 2017
 - Safe Kids West 5/13/2017
 - Educated kids and parents on rules and safety of walking and biking, and handed out safety gadget prizes

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- Springfield Farmers' Market 9/15/17
 - Helped recruit volunteers for Safe Routes to School Bike Safety Education community rides with middle school classes
- **Continued bike/walk light distribution campaign**
 - Distributed front and back lights purchased in 2016 to increase visibility and safety for vulnerable and low-income community members.
- **Acted in Springfield transportation videos**
 - BPAC members volunteered for the Mill Race Path project video presented at the path opening celebration in early 2017
- **Promoted Travel Oregon's Bike Friendly Business (BFB) Program**
 - Mayor Lundberg wishes to see increased participation among Springfield businesses. To support, the Programming subcommittee has:
 - Learned the application process and requirements
 - Procured informational handouts and digital files
 - Designed an easy-to-use onboarding checklist for interested businesses
 - Provided BFB content for Chamber of Commerce newsletters
 - Shared BFB materials and information with Point2Point personnel for distribution at employment fairs
 - Visited 12 Springfield businesses to deliver Bike Friendly Business information packets and discuss onboarding in the program
 - Discussed follow-up timing, protocol and support for interested businesses
- **Continued discussion and preliminary planning for a Springfield open streets event**
 - An annual Springfield open streets event would:
 - Highlight active lifestyle choices for citizens of all ages and abilities and support businesses along the route
 - Educate citizens about transportation options and infrastructure changes
 - Create an enjoyable, community-building event for residents of all ages
 - The programming subcommittee has:
 - Outlined basic event framework in collaboration with planning staff
 - Volunteered at multiple Eugene Sunday Streets events to evaluate elements for inclusion or improvement at a Springfield event
 - Received positive support from Willamalane, AARP, Point2Point, Chamber of Commerce, Lane Independent Living Alliance, Springfield School District, the City Manager's office, Sprout, Eugene Sunday Streets and the Springfield Police Department
 - Met with Willamalane staff members to discuss partnership, realistic timing and route considerations
 - Together with Willamalane staff, began drafting a document outlining the event's vision and mission

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- The programming subcommittee will continue to support open streets event planning and next steps including taking the draft event concept to the City Executive Team and City Council for approval and support.
- **Worked with City to Develop and Launch Web-based Bike-Ped Citizen Request Tool**
 - Worked with City to develop bit.ly/SpringfieldRequest tool that community members can use on either their mobile devices or computers to report maintenance needs to maintain a better network of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure throughout Springfield.
 - Promoted new tool at Farmers' Market 9/15/17 and Wheels by the Willamette 9/22/17.
- **Determined walking and biking safety improvements**
 - Provided feedback on project prioritization for walking and biking safety improvement funding that was secured by the City through STP-U funds.
 - Advised staff on wayfinding plan development for Northbank Path to Downtown and Middle Fork and Mill Race Paths, suggested crowdfunding to finance project
 - Compiled background information for lighting along Northbank Path proposal
- **Provided input on current planning projects and studies**
 - Striping color on Gateway Mall two-way cycletrack and signage additions
 - 13th connector and crossing
 - Virginia-Daisy Bikeway
- **Provided input on Springfield Police Department Crosswalk Education events**
 - Invited Police department to present at meeting and discussed update on mini-grant that the department received to do crosswalk education events throughout the community March - September once per month. BPAC commented on locations and overall expressed support for effort.
 - Police department provided summary in the fall after events were completed.
- **Promoted greater diversity and inclusion at Springfield walking and biking events**
 - Distributed best practices document that describes how to host an event to be more inclusive of people with various disabilities to City, Willamalane, Point2Point at LTD, and Safe Routes to School staff who host events.
- **Served on the TSP Code Update Stakeholder Sounding Board**
 - Representing the interests of bicyclists and pedestrians, BPAC members provided feedback on proposed changes to the transportation code
- **Hosted guest speakers on a variety of transportation-related topics**
 - **Point2Point** - Long-Term Bike Parking Options
 - **Lane County Public Health** - Effects of Behavior & Environment/Opportunities
 - **Safe Routes to School** - Program Update
 - **SmartTrips** - Thurston Program Report
 - **ODOT** - Active Transportation Liaison Introduction
 - **Springfield Police Department** – Crosswalk Education Events, Distracted Driving
 - **Willamalane** – Thurston Hills Natural Area Update