



City of Springfield BPAC 2020 Report

Overview

Established in 2011, the Springfield Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) is a volunteer body of nine voting members that provides input to the Springfield City Council and staff on bicycle and pedestrian issues, policies, programs, education, enforcement and facilities. BPAC meets every other month. Subcommittees meet during the remaining months. Accomplishments are listed below. Due to Covid-19, the committee had to be flexible and make several adjustments to the 2020 Work Plan.

Key Highlights from 2020

4th Street Bike Route

BPAC recommended bicycle wayfinding and sharrows enhancements to 4th Street from Broadway to A St at the end of 2019. The planning work for the project was completed in spring 2020, signs have been made and materials purchased, and the City hopes to have installation completed by the end of 2020.

S. A Street at 4th Street Crosswalk Enhancement Funding

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) has identified funding to complete the S. A Street at 4th Street crosswalk enhancement that BPAC wrote a [letter of support](#) for in December 2018. ODOT and the City of Springfield are starting to develop an intergovernmental agreement so that the City can deliver the project with funding from ODOT's Sidewalk Improvement Program. The agreement and funding will also address a right-hook safety concern on Main Street approaching 14th Street.

Pedestrian Network Inventory

BPAC members collaborated with City staff and volunteers to establish a data collection method and collect sidewalk condition inventory data for about 25% of the City's street network.

West D Street

BPAC contributed feedback about the problems and needs along West D Street and the Northbank Path transition onto West D Street via a committee member [questionnaire](#). Following the questionnaire, BPAC received a presentation and discussed a draft design concept with staff. In August, BPAC heard and received comments from community members concerned that the draft concept lacked a dedicated, separated bike facility. In October, the committee continued discussions and reviewed draft materials to communicate to City Council. In December, the committee approved [a letter](#) to send to City Council and identified a spokesperson to provide public comment.

Light Distribution

Given public health Covid-19 guidelines, BPAC members identified partnerships with Springfield service organizations to distribute walking and biking lights since in-person community events, such as Wheels by the Willamette, did not happen this year. These partnerships included Egan Warming Center, Ebbert United Methodist Church, the Springfield Library, Carry it Forward, and Catholic Community Services. 360 walking lights and 255 pairs of bike lights were distributed to community members in 2020 to help them be visible and safer while walking and biking.

Bike Fix-It Stations

The Metropolitan Policy Committee approved a bicycle enhancements grant that allocated some funding to establish bike fix-it repair stations in Springfield. BPAC members researched the types of fix-it stations available, costs associated with installation, and ongoing maintenance challenges and costs. The committee recommended installing two bike fix-it stations and retaining funds for maintenance costs. The committee members are most interested in seeing the two stations installed at the following top three locations: Springfield Transit Station, Springfield Justice Center, Gateway Transit Station.