

City of Springfield
225 Fifth Street
Springfield, OR 97477
Re: Capital Improvement Program Update

October 12, 2021

Dear Springfield City Council:

The Springfield Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) discussed the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) update at our August and October meetings. We discussed the highest priority items to fund next for pedestrian and bicycle transportation in Springfield and came to agreement on our highest priorities. Four projects rose to the top, in the following order:

- 1) Laura Street (Transportation System Plan project US-2)
- 2) West D Street - more funding (TSP project PB-15)
- 3) E Street Bikeway (TSP project PB-24)
- 4) 48th Street / G Street / 52nd Street Path (TSP project PB-55)

Laura Street: This urban standards project is a timely, high priority project. Lane County has a \$3 million funded project tentatively scheduled for construction in 2024 that will complete the bike lanes, sidewalks, planter strips, and lighting for the county owned segment of the street. Our recommendation is to fund the upgrades along the remaining City owned segment to have continuous, well lit pedestrian and bicycle routes along all of Laura Street.

West D Street: The BPAC would like to emphasize that West D Street continues to be a priority both for the BPAC and community advocates. We want to make sure that this project continues to be a priority of the City Council, and staff. We want to ensure that the City of Springfield is able to make upgrades to West D that meet the needs of all users and that funding is sufficient to realize community vision. Past, current, and expected future public comment to the BPAC has continued to emphasize problems with the current roadway design and associated safety issues.

E Street Bikeway: This project will help serve as a key east-west bicycle route. The pavement condition appears to be deteriorating. It would be beneficial to complete the bikeway project at the same time as pavement preservation on this street.

48th Street / G Street / 52nd Street Path: This path will connect the Virginia-Daisy Bikeway to the future McKenzie River Connector Path and provide an off street, north-south connection.

Additionally, the BPAC would like to see more ADA ramps, lighting upgrades, bike lanes, and more separation added to bike facilities throughout the city. We would like to see funding focused on census blocks with higher percentages of households that do not have access to a car and where more lower income community members live. Our recommendation of projects above considered the socioeconomic and car ownership demographics throughout Springfield.

Sincerely,

Springfield Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee