

# City of Springfield BPAC 2021 Report



## Overview

Established in 2011, the Springfield Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) is a volunteer body of nine voting members and four non-voting liaisons 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 the Covid-19 pandemic, the committee met virtually via online meeting rooms during the entire 2021 calendar year.

## Key Highlights from 2021

### Bike Fix-It Stations

At the end of 2020, BPAC recommended installing two bike fix-it stations and retaining funds for maintenance costs. The committee members were most interested in seeing the two stations installed at the following top three locations: Springfield Transit Station, Springfield Justice Center, Gateway Transit Station. This project has been awaiting the availability of \$7,000 of Regional Bicycle Enhancement grant funds prior to proceeding.

### Advising City on Bike Parking Facility Upgrades

In preparation to receive \$86,500 of Regional Bicycle Enhancement grant funds to install quality, safe, and secure bike parking facilities throughout Springfield, BPAC approved a [bike parking upgrades recommendation](#). The recommendation includes focusing on equity, popularity, and security and also includes outreach methods for project staff to consider when implementing this grant funded project.

### Promoting Bicycle and Pedestrian Service Request Tool

BPAC members worked with City staff to develop, print, and distribute posters and handouts to promote the use of the [bit.ly/SpringfieldRequest](https://bit.ly/SpringfieldRequest) tool to request walking and biking maintenance needs.

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## Pedestrian Network Inventory

BPAC members collaborated with City staff to continue collecting sidewalk condition inventory data on the City's street network. The inventory is approximately 40% complete.

## Safe Streets Audits

BPAC had an initial partner meeting with Better Eugene-Springfield Transportation (BEST), Springfield Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS), and American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) to start planning for in-person neighborhood audits. The committee plans to do a pilot audit with the organizers and then start the first community member involved safe street audit in Councilor Rodley's ward in early 2022. Invitations to participate in audits in each of the Council wards will be coming to Councilors and the Mayor next year.

## Capital Improvement Program Update Recommendation

Staff presented on the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) update. Following the presentation, BPAC approved a recommendation that reflects the committee's desire for specific projects and equitable investments in the 2023-2027 CIP. View the details of the [BPAC CIP Recommendation](#) on the committee webpage.

## West D Street

BPAC continued to discuss and advise staff and City Council on the West D St and Northbank Path connection improvement project. Members shared the [BPAC West D St letter](#) at the January 4<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting to articulate the needs and desires for improvements. The committee continued to emphasize the importance of sufficiently funding this project to address the needs of people walking, biking, and using other forms of transportation in this area as part of the CIP Recommendation. Staff provided a project update, including the presentation of an additional future design concept, at the December meeting. The committee supports moving forward with using immediately available funds to construct short term traffic calming, sharrows, and path transition realignments with further study of protected bike lanes on West D St and a longer term goal of an elevated path.

## Path Naming Input

BPAC discussed potential path names for a planned east-west multi-use path south of Main Street along the former Booth Kelley and Weyerhaeuser Haul Roads. Willamalane recently worked with developers to build a portion of the path from S. 48<sup>th</sup> Street to Bob Straub Parkway as part of the Woodland Ridge subdivision development. The committee would like to see a path name selected that applies to the full east-west path segment from the connection point at S. 28<sup>th</sup> at the Mill Race Path to Bob Straub Parkway. Willamalane is consulting with various community groups on suggestions for a path name. This process will likely be complete in early 2022.

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## S. A Street at 4th Street Crosswalk Enhancement Funding

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) funded and completed a crosswalk enhancement on S. A Street at 4th Street that BPAC wrote a [letter of support](#) for in December 2018. ODOT also completed the lane shift and bike lane conflict striping project on Main Street approaching 14<sup>th</sup> Street to address a safety concern. Both of these were funded through a \$10 million statewide funding allocation from ODOT to make immediate safety upgrades around the state. For more project information, visit [the project webpage](#).

## Other 2021 BPAC Activities

- Bylaw update
- Ground Rules and Protocols update
- Regional Transportation Plan update presentation and discussion
- Electric devices and path etiquette discussion
- Capital projects overview presentation



*Figure 1: ODOT Crew Installing Crosswalk*