

City of Springfield BPAC

2021 – 2022 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:

- David Leedom
- Bryce Mayall
- Teresa Roark
- Dennis Weirich

Safe Streets Subcommittee:

- Kevin Campbell
- Mitchell Coon
- Julia Johnson
- Joe Pruski

Liaisons:

- Kori Rodley, City Council Liaison
- Andrew Landen, Planning Commission Liaison
- Indigo Larson, Safe Routes to School Liaison
- Simon Daws or Eric Adams, Willamalane Liaison
- Andrea Plesnarski, Eugene Active Transportation Committee Liaison

STAFF

- Emma Newman, 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. Many of the “Programming Subcommittee” action plan items were limited due to the public health guidelines during the global pandemic. BPAC is choosing to have a more narrowed initial work plan, with the hopes that in-person community outreach events may be able to resume later in 2021 and into 2022 and additional items may be able to be added later when work can be done in person again.

INFRASTRUCTURE SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

Install Two Bike Fix-It Stations and Establish Ongoing Maintenance Plan

- Confirm installation locations and meet with property owners to gain approval
- If soliciting ongoing sponsorships, work with staff to provide communication memo to City Council prior to meeting with potential sponsors
- Support with implementation of fix-it station installations at two locations
- Establish ongoing maintenance plan for fix-it stations
 - **Lead:** Teresa Roark
 - **Supporting members:** Dennis Weirich, David Leedom, Bryce Mayall
 - **Partners and resources:** Springfield, LTD, and possibly Willamalane
 - **Timeline:** Funds to become available with Regional Bicycle Enhancements in November 2021 at the earliest
 - **Budget:** Approx. \$6,000 from Regional Bicycle Enhancements grant, potential for additional maintenance funding through sponsorships

Advise City of Springfield on Bike Parking Facility Upgrades across Springfield

- Advise staff on how to implement the bike parking facility upgrades identified in the Regional Bicycle Enhancements grant, including prioritization of locations to approach with an offer to install bike racks
 - Develop criteria to inform recommendations (i.e. security, popularity, equity)
- Reach out to people who bike for input on where to locate future bike racks
- Reach out to Bicycle Parking app creator and explore opportunities to collaborate
 - **Lead:** David Leedom
 - **Supporting members:** Bryce Mayall, Teresa Roark, Dennis Weirich
 - **Partners and resources:** City of Springfield, Lane Council of Governments
 - **Timeline:** Prioritized location recommendations by end of 2021. Funds available to purchase bike racks in November 2021 at the earliest. Installations in 2022.
 - **Budget:** Approx. \$88,000 from Regional Bicycle Enhancements grant

Expand Bike Share further into Springfield

- Support staff with user knowledge, recommendations, and community outreach in the expansion of bike share into Springfield, including soliciting feedback on where to locate bike share hubs and the desired extent of the service area
- Communicate BPAC recommendations to City Council
 - **Lead:** Bryce Mayall
 - **Supporting members:** TBD
 - **Partners and resources:** City of Springfield, Willamalane, City of Eugene, Cascadia Mobility / PeaceHealth Rides, University of Oregon Transportation, Lane Transit District, Lane Council of Governments, community based organizations

- **Timeline:** Summer 2022 – Fall 2023; estimated launch in spring 2023
- **Budget:** Transportation Options Specialist staff time; potential revenue from Cascadia Mobility’s grant applications to Oregon Health Authority and Oregon Department of Transportation to fill a portion of operational funding needs, expand the low-income fare programs, and refurbish 100 donated pedal bike share bicycles; PeaceHealth sponsorship; and anticipated applications for grant funding (i.e. Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) competitive grant in fall 2022)

SAFE STREETS SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

Promote Bicycle and Pedestrian Service Request Tool

- Use various modes of communication to highlight the “Walking and Biking Maintenance Request Tool” (<http://bit.ly/SpringfieldRequest>)

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
- Add to newsletters
- Newspaper
- PDF Printable Posters
- PDF Printable Flyers
- Etc.

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:** Julia Johnson
- **Supporting members:** Joe Pruski
- **Partners and resources:** bit.ly/SpringfieldRequest tool
- **Timeline:** TBD
- **Budget:** N/A – City can support with printing costs.

Create an Inventory of Existing issues in Pedestrian Facilities

- Identify where sidewalk facilities terminate and where access ramps currently do not exist across Springfield
- Use data collection tool developed by City of Springfield geographic information system (GIS) staff to document pedestrian network gaps with description, photos, and indicate whether a solution is in a City plan
 - Conduct site visits throughout Springfield to take photos and assess “not compliant” or “maybe compliant” ramps
 - Review existing planning documents ([Springfield 2035 Transportation System Plan](#), [Springfield Bicycle Plan](#), [Main Street Safety Project](#), and [ADA Transition Plan](#)) to identify if improvements are identified as projects in these plans
 - Propose recommendations for signage, striping, and alternate routing
- Review bit.ly/SpringfieldRequest form and ensure ADA is incorporated
- Develop a prioritized list for access ramp and sidewalk improvements in order to assist the City with how to utilize limited funding for ADA improvements
 - **Lead:** Kevin Campbell
 - **Supporting members:** Julia Johnson, Mitchell Coon, Joseph Pruski
 - **Partners and resources:** City of Springfield, Willamalane, Disability Services Advisory Committee at LCOG, Lane Independent Living Alliance (LILA), BEST, AARP, and SRTS
 - **Timeline:** Assessment ongoing, start implementing identified solutions by spring 2022
 - **Budget:** Potential funding includes City of Springfield funded capital projects, Capital Improvement Program (CIP) funds of about \$10,000/year in improvement system development charges (SDCs), about \$200,000 in CIP ADA funds, and the possibility of some HB2017 Keep Oregon Moving gas tax funding

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 each of the Springfield Council Wards using the [AARP Walk Audit Tool Kit](#).
- Invite Councilor from each ward 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.
 - **Lead:** Joe Pruski
 - **Supporting members:** Kevin Campbell
 - **Partners and resources:** BEST, AARP, Springfield SRTS, City of Springfield
 - **Timeline:** Conduct audits in all Council Wards by end of 2022.
 - **Budget:** N/A – City can support with printing costs.

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.

- West D Street & Northbank Path Transition
- Main Street Safety Project
- Walking and Biking Network Improvements
- Annual bike lane restriping maintenance
- Path naming along Haul Rd (S. 28th to Bob Straub Parkway)