

City of Springfield BPAC

2023 – 2024 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
- Patty Brisco

Safe Streets Subcommittee:

- Kevin Campbell
- Christopher Manuel
- Keith Dickey
- Julia Johnson

Liaisons:

- Michelle Weber, City Council Liaison
- Andrew Buck, Planning Commission Liaison
- Jack Blashchishen, Safe Routes to School Liaison
- Simon Daws, Willamalane Liaison
- Andrea Plesnarski, Eugene Active Transportation Committee Liaison

STAFF

- Andrew Larsen, 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 with a narrower work plan. With the Covid-19 pandemic waning, the committee will begin hybrid in person meetings and be able to perform more hands-on work in the community. Additional work items may be added as the committee settle into a post pandemic working environment.

INFRASTRUCTURE SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

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
 - **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 2023.
 - **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

Advise council on ongoing Main Street Facility Plan development and design.

- Advise council on bike and pedestrian elements of the proposed and future potential Main Street Facility Plan.
- Assist in public outreach and informational efforts supporting Main Street Facility Plan development and adoption.
- Communicate BPAC recommendations to City Council periodically while in development and at time of adoption.
 - **Lead:** Bryce Mayall, David Leedom, Patty Brisco
 - **Partners and resources:** City of Springfield, Oregon Department of Transportation
 - **Timeline:** Spring 2023 – End of Facility Planning and Adoption Process
 - **Budget:** N/A

SAFE STREETS SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

Community Outreach and Education for Path Etiquette and Electric Assist Vehicle Safety

- Advise staff on preparation of path etiquette and electric assist handouts, flier, and other educational materials.
- Assist LCOG transportation options staff with path etiquette campaign and ongoing education and outreach efforts.
- Advise staff on municipal code language and possible changes associated with path etiquette, safety and operations.
 - **Lead:** Keith Dickey
 - **Supporting members:** Christopher Manuel
 - **Partners and resources:** City of Springfield, Willamalane, Lane Council of Governments
 - **Timeline:** Summer 2023 – Fall 2024: Ongoing
 - **Budget:** N/A – City can support with printing costs

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.
- Sign Installations (Strategically place along paths with the QR codes)

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:** Keith Dickey
- **Partners and resources:** [bit.ly/Springfield Request tool](https://bit.ly/SpringfieldRequestTool)
- **Timeline:** TBD
- **Budget:** N/A – City can support with printing costs.

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 areas of concern as directed by council or BPAC committee interest.
- Invite Councilor from audit wards 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:** Kevin Campbell
 - **Supporting members:** Julia, Chris, Keith
 - **Partners and resources:** BEST, AARP, Springfield SRTS, City of Springfield, Willamalane, LCOG
 - **Timeline:** Conduct audits in focus areas as they arise.
 - **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 & North bank Path Transition
- Walking and Biking Network Improvements
- Annual bike lane restriping maintenance
- Path naming along Haul Rd (S. 28th to Bob Straub Parkway)
- Climate Friendly Equitable Communities Rule Making implementation
- Willamalane Comprehensive Planning