

Summary of May 6, 2021 Meeting with Andy Krar, Vladimir Caceres, Peter Shumway with Betsy Johnson and Deborah Huber

Grant Requests

- I. [MassDOT Shared Streets](#): Main St @ Pinevale in Indian Orchard; also suggested St. James Blvd @ Holy Cross St.
- II. [MassWorks](#): West Street @ Avocado– proposal to be finalized in June after receiving feedback. WBS to create a video of the West St. intersection & get both Councilor and State Senator Gomez to support. Proposal also included Econ Development Dept’s project to make Chestnut St. 2-way. Betsy indicated that plan needs to have Chestnut go 2-way all the way to State St. (or at least to Edwards.)
- III. [MassTrails](#): Highland Rail trail 25% design --stiff competition, mostly likely hear in July
- IV. Levee work & Riverside Rd access to Riverwalk – pending
- V. [MassDOT Complete Streets](#): resubmittal of final projects from 1st Prioritization Plan, unlikely to get because Springfield also funded

Project Updates

- I. Tapley & St. James intersection – a MassDOT state project. Virtual hearing on May 25. Includes addressing concern about students crossing Tapley bridge to walk to Van Sickle Middle School.
- II. The “X” – hearing soon, shared use path to replace bike lanes and save trees
- III. Reviewed bike lane versus sharrows on Chestnut St. south of Carew & issue of parking in bike lane on Sundays by the church– a 2021 repaving project; also that MassDOT is proposing an intersection redo for Chestnut & Carew

Other Projects/Items

- I. Add signage and raised “table” crosswalk where bike lane on Bicentennial Highways joins Cooley St. (Deb has been told that signs will be up soon.)
- II. Reported on City Council committee meeting with Chris Cignoli about State St. Library crossing
- III. Need for retiming of traffic lights, additional pedestrian improvements from Independence senior housing across to the Ray Jordan Senior Center across Roosevelt Ave. (learned this evening that WalkBoston is going to be doing a walk audit about this issue.)
- IV. Reinforced idea of providing for bicycle/ped accommodation along Roosevelt Ave. from Wilbraham Rd. to East St. (address being able to walk to schools along the road)
- V. Crosswalk/pedestrian light – something to cross Dwight St. at Union Station to Frank B. Murray (could be a Shared Streets project)
- VI. Crossing from Liberty across E & W Columbus to Clinton St. entrance to Riverwalk (issues with Amtrak and at-grade RR crossing.
- VII. Striping of the fog line/shoulder line to indicate where can park and where should not park.
- VIII. New Complete Streets Prioritization list – new template from MassDOT. Deb received a copy, seeking comments.
- IX. Need to signage to Downtown Springfield on Rte 5 southbound before Memorial Ave. exit
- X. Riverwalk connections to Chicopee/Agawan/Longmeadow – Springfield is currently just working to be in compliance with Army Corps requirements related to the levee.