

Springfield Complete Streets Prioritization Plan Update (April 7, 2020)

Vision: The vision of the Springfield Complete Streets Prioritization Plan is to facilitate the development of a transportation network that will:

(From the Springfield Pedestrian and Bicycle Complete Streets Plan)

- Improve the quality of life for all Springfield residents
- Attract new residents to the city
- Strengthen Transit Oriented Development (and last miles for walking and biking)
- Provide pedestrians and bicyclists with safe places to walk and bike
- Improve the safety of walking infrastructure around schools and site new school facilities in locations that are accessible by foot
- Allow pedestrians and bicyclists to share the transportation network with motorized forms of transportation (including automobiles, buses, and trucks)
- Provide a network of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure that is safe and comfortable for people of all ages and abilities to walk or to use bicycles (including electric assist bicycles), wheelchairs or other forms of active transportation to commute to work and school; access public transit, food, and shopping; participate in civic and social events; and recreate.

WBS notes:

- Painted crosswalks at **bus stops** (PVTA, school)– need to have painted crosswalks to have crossing guard (McKnight, SRTS, Wayfinders)
- Safety for walking to Senior Centers, public buildings

Project Goals

- Engage the community in the process of identifying barriers to walking and biking, and ways to increase the number of people walking and biking in Springfield
- Identify areas in need of improvement for walkability [determine a measure]
 - Implement recommendations of walk audits that have been completed
- Identify a network of bicycle lanes (of all types) and shared use paths to allow for use by all levels and abilities
- Identify priority projects for 2020 Complete Streets Prioritization Plan
- Increase miles of striped bike lanes
 - Consider parking when planning for bike lanes
 - Look at protected bike lanes and side paths
- Improve traffic safety for all road users including motorists
- Improve accessibility for people with wheelchairs
- Make connections to existing and planned connections to existing and planned shared use paths
- Connections across bridges

Specific projects (WalkBike Springfield)

- Crossing at Main and Mill St (next to Balise Collision) – currently no ped crossing
- 5-st intersection – Locust, Mill, Dickinson and Orange
- Armory rotary
- Connect McKnight trail to Union Station and Riverwalk
- Sidepath or shared use path along Roosevelt
- Southern end of Riverwalk (dream)

- State Street Library crossing
- Bea will send some specific project ideas – near Brookings School – walk audit was done before school was constructed. Walk Audit is planned with Walk Boston
 - o Central Street construction – next to Brookings School
- Riverwalk needs handicapped access near Plainfield Street – current access does not meet code near Laurel St – too narrow, does not meet code
 - o Riverwalk is old and crumbling –needs to be re-surfaced
 - o Section over train tracks
 - o (Surveyors on Chicopee Line) (?)
- Carew Street (Dream – Chicopee to WSpringfield)
- Dwight Street (Dream list)
- Crosswalk at exit from Rte 20 to Hwy – ped crossing sign – no crosswalks on on and off ramps
- One side of Bicentennial Hwy as Bike Path
- Better crosswalks for every public facility
- Riverwalk – not accessible – parking near Pride Station when gates are closed
 - o Public parking at State Street (underway)
 - o Regular parking lots along the Riverwalk
 - o Can't park at BBall Hall of Fame

Plans and Reports

- Springfield Pedestrian and Bicycle Complete Streets Plan
- Springfield Complete Streets Policy
- Springfield Complete Streets Implementation Guide
- Springfield Open Space and Recreation Plan (2015)
- Climate Action & Resilience Plan
- Opportunity Zones (2020)
- **Capstone projects**

Projects in Design or Construction Phase

- The X (will this include a shared use path component?) (Design)
- North End Pedestrian Path (under CT River RR) between Plainfield and Birnie Ave (Construction)
- McKnight Trail from Armory St to Hayden ave (Design – 2022)
- Reconstruction of Birnie Ave at Gerena School – Pedestrian Tunnel (Design)
- Central Street
- St James Ave/Boulevard corridor