

**WalkBike Springfield**  
*Residents working to improve the safety of  
walking and bicycling in Springfield*

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This letter from WalkBike Springfield asks that the DPW and the Traffic Commission, if necessary, review and make changes that are needed to improve bicycling and pedestrian safety.

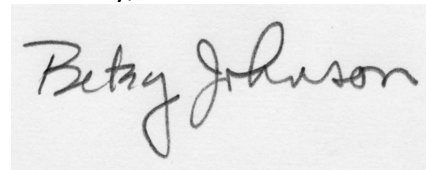
- 1) The confusing 3-way (and not 4-way) stop signs at Lincoln and Magazine Streets.
- 2) West side of Chestnut Street between Alexander St. and Calhoun St. are marked with a bicycle lane, but also signed for parking, including a handicap space. Parking in bicycle lanes is prohibited by State Law (Section 4D <https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter89/Section4D> )
- 3) There is a similar issue regarding bike lanes and parking permitted signage on Oak Street between Front and Nagle Streets

Overall, there needs to be a review of where bicycle lanes were installed and now need “No Parking in Bicycle Lane” signage – or remove the bicycle lane and replace with sharrows.

We also ask that Springfield install clearer signage regarding the 25 mph default speed limit. Just saying “Thickly Settled, 25 mph” is not well understood. Attached is the much clearer sign being used in Chicopee.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Betsy Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Betsy Johnson  
Convener, WalkBike Springfield

Cc: Hector Velez