

**WALKBIKE SPRINGFIELD**  
**January 28, 2020 6 PM**  
**MEETING NOTES**  
**Granny's Baking Table 309 Bridge Street**

**I. Roadway Projects, Street Repavings & Complete Streets**

2020 Complete Streets Demo: Becky Basch from Pioneer Valley Planning Commission reported on the planning for this annual event. The plan is to hold it in conjunction with the McKnight Block Party on June 13, rain date, June 20 around the Thompson Triangle on St. James, Worthington, and Clarendon Streets (to be confirmed at the McKnight NC meeting on Feb. 11. ) We discussed demonstrating a protected (with parked cars) bicycle lane, a [2-stage turn queue bicycle box](#) (such as being planned for the Tapley/St. James intersection), needed crosswalks, sign to McKnight trail, etc.

"X" Project - A few WalkBike activists met with a representative from Trinity church, Forest Park Neighborhood Council and Andy Krar and Luca Mineo (the engineer on the project). The design engineering firm, Fuss & O'Neill, has been re-contracted by the City to respond to all the comments submitted about the 25% design (this should be done in the next month or so). The plans are now available at [https://www.springfield-ma.gov/dpw/fileadmin/images/Projects/X\\_Planning\\_Study/25\\_design\\_plan\\_set.pdf](https://www.springfield-ma.gov/dpw/fileadmin/images/Projects/X_Planning_Study/25_design_plan_set.pdf). Luca can be emailed about the project at [lmineo@springfieldcityhall.com](mailto:lmineo@springfieldcityhall.com). Forest Park Neighborhood Association is holding a public meeting on the "X" Re-design on Feb. 11 at 6 PM at the Forest Park Middle School.

2020 Paving List - attached with the minutes is the preliminary 2020-2021 paving list. We need to learn more about how DPW will be paring down the list. We discussed the need to be more attentive to where bicycle lanes might be included so as to not interfere with existing on-street parking. But, we also want to make sure gaps in our proposed bicycle network might get filled as part of a repaving project. The 2019-2020 list is at <https://www.springfield-ma.gov/dpw/index.php?id=236>.

PVPC Technical Assistance for updating CS Plan - Springfield Planning Department has submitted the formal request to Pioneer Valley Planning Commission to provide the City technical assistance related to updating our Complete Streets Plan.

**III. Safe Routes to School**

MassDOT Western Mass Safe Routes to School staff, Patrick Higgins described short video pieces from Safe Routes to School that could be useful for creating a bicycle safety curriculum or use with a presentation to school bus drivers. The following are links to these videos:

General

<https://vimeo.com/aecomvizstudio/review/345491151/1ac23655b9>

Helmets

<https://vimeo.com/aecomvizstudio/review/344832491/6d6878d58f>

Signaling

<https://vimeo.com/aecomvizstudio/review/345256393/b9cf4e9d02>

Road Signs

<https://vimeo.com/aecomvizstudio/review/345115306/71a27a1525#>

Riding in Roadway

<https://vimeo.com/aecomvizstudio/review/345255672/1347a56b04>

Patrick is also going to provide us with some of the student-designed anti-speeding yard signs developed during last year's SR2S contest. He is also working closely with folks in Springfield related to the grant received for improving crosswalks, etc. to the **Deberry and Homer schools**. A walking audit related to the existing and new combined school is scheduled for March 16. WalkBoston is also involved with this project.

School Committee Outreach - WalkBike Springfield is working with Wayfinders related to educating the school committee about Safe Routes to School and hopefully getting them onboard to improve conditions for walking and bicycling to all Springfield schools. Betsy is also scheduled to participate in the 3 minute "Speak Out" at the March 12 School Committee meeting to advocate for adoption of a bicycle safety curriculum for middle school students.

#### **IV. Next Steps?**

- Signage changes project (from Dec. meeting) - next step documenting and sending to
- Street lighting budget letter - attached
- Central Library State St. Crossing - There will be an effort to pull together a small group session of key constituents (Armoury Quadrangle Civic Assoc., Springfield Museum, Cathedral, Cathedral Condos) to brainstorm alternatives. Jim described solution whether there is a new pedestrian signal, but one synced with the Maple/Chestnut/State intersection.
- 413 Wheel Park (Community Preservation Grant deadline - April 1, 2020)
- Riverwalk Point Person - Follow-up happening (see attached email)
- Riverwalk Banners & Interpretive Signs - this is a project funded with Community Preservation funds with banners at all entry points and 14 descriptive placards along the length of the Riverwalk.
- "Try 25" Yard Sign Project - Patrick offered to augment our signs with the SR2S signs about speeding that were created by students for the 2019 contest. Information about the 2020 contest at <https://www.mass.gov/event/student-yard-sign-design-contest-2020-02-25t080000-0500-2020-03-27t180000-0400>
- Good Neighbor Handbook - A final draft is ready to submit to the City
- Logo - all encouraged to use [free apps](#) to come up with designs.

#### **V. Other Issues/Activities**

- 2020 Bike Week Planning Meeting - **Feb. 4**, 6 PM HCC
- Community Advocates Meeting, **Feb. 6**, 5:30, Brookings School
- "X" Re-design on **Feb. 11** at 6 PM at the Forest Park Middle School.
- WalkMassachusetts Network Meeting - **Feb. 12**, 1-5 PM Framingham
- WalkBoston Annual Meeting - **March 25** - 5-8 PM Boston

### **NEXT Meetings (keeping to Tuesdays Every 5-6 week)**

**March 10**

**April 7**

**May 26**