

WalkBike Springfield Virtual Meeting Notes December 10, 2020

I. Complete Streets Prioritization Plan

We had a thorough discussion of the identified pedestrian/bicycle safety improvement projects. We agreed that the list is more extensive than a list of projects for MassDOT Complete Streets projects. But, the list should be viewed as an overall agenda of projects that the City should strive to undertake over the next years – with City funds, other state funds such as Safe Routes to School, Chapter 90, Shared Streets, and more.

A document with the updates from the meeting is **ATTACHED**. *In the next week, send [Becky Basch](#) additional comments.*

II. Other

-- [Springfield Stewardship Mapping Project \(STEW-MAP\)](#) This is a project being undertaken by ReGreen Springfield with the US Forest Service and the City of Springfield. It aims to identify and network all in Springfield concerns about open space. WalkBike Springfield will complete the survey. *[If you are part of another group involved with open space in Springfield, please have them complete the survey.]*

-- [Oct. 21 Cyclist fatality](#) A 23-year-old cyclist was killed with a crash with a truck near the intersection of Roosevelt and Bay. Deb has been in contact with the family, and has been researching the City's policy about placing memorials, such as "ghost bikes". The "Clean City" unit supposedly does not remove memorials, only extra items such as candles, flowers that are left.

-- **RiverWalk Access @ North Riverfront Park** Due to the current suspension of operation of the Pioneer Valley Riverfront Club, the gate to parking there for the Riverwalk has sometimes not been opened. Deb now has a key and is working with Ben Quick and other volunteers to have the gate open 8 am – 5 pm.

-- **McKnight Trail:** Discussion is ongoing with Buckeye Pipeline about right-of-way ownership and use of the trail, but Buckeye is allowing DPW to go ahead with the design process. Meanwhile, MassDOT is still being encouraged to resolve the ownership issue. The Mass Trails folks are involved.

-- **Wayfinder Advocates:** [Climate Change & Health Equity Survey](#). This project looks to get community input on which of four advocacy efforts should be part of a funding proposal. The four activities are:

[Community Choice Energy](#)

[Complete Streets Prioritization in Previously Redlined Neighborhoods](#)

[Free and Safe Buses](#)

[Racial and Health Equity Impact Assessment](#)

Watch the videos and then take the survey:

English survey - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CCHEenglish2>

Encuesta en español - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CCHEespanol2>

For additional information or to review one-page fact sheets on the four climate policies visit the LiveWell Springfield website: www.livewellspringfield.org/springfield-climate-justice-initiative/

-- **413 Wheel Park**: The contract between the CPC and Parks has supposedly been signed. We are requesting involvement in the development of the RFQ for the consultant. It was mentioned that folks at Competitive Edge in East Longmeadow have convened folks who are looking to develop an indoor facility.

-- **Library Crossing** – Armoury Quadrangle Civic Association will be hosting a video meeting on January 21, 2021 to brainstorm ideas about improving pedestrian safety from the library parking lot to the Central Library across State Street. Chris Cignoli and Andy Krar have been invited. Councilor Lederman will be attending.

-- **[ALL Springfield](#)** Use this link to join all neighborhoods, Springfield only NextDoor. This will let you hear about Springfield-relevant notices.

NEXT MEETING (VIRTUAL)

Thursday, January 14, 2021 @ 6 PM