

WalkBike Springfield

May 11, 2020 Meeting Notes

Video/phone conference with Springfield chief city engineer Andy Krar and engineer Hector Velez

Complete Streets: MassDOT Application

Hector reported that work on a submittal for Complete Streets funding to MassDOT is being prepared for the July 1, 2020 deadline. It will include the remaining projects from the initial Prioritization Plan. Exceptions being Fort Pleasant (Water & Sewer still doing work there) and Breckwood Boulevard (too much existing parking to move ahead with a bike lane). Instead looking to add additional bike racks near bus stops and for sidewalk repair in East Springfield. In a few weeks we can help review the narrative.

Current Projects

Andy said that he is working on the striping design for the ***Mill/Locust/Hancock/Orange/Dickinson intersection*** – to include some sections with marked parking and bike lanes, He will circulate a proposal in a few days. We discussed how crosswalks should be painted to aid pedestrians crossing the area – felt to be too dangerous for any mid-block crosswalks.

He is hoping that we can jointly do an assessment of the arterial streets repavings being proposed over the next five years to determine the best Complete Streets treatment – so repaving funding might be combined with Complete Streets funding. We discussed the need to try to implement more protected bicycle lanes. We indicated that there had been opportunities to narrow the travel lanes, such as on Bradley Rd, Additional “road diets” should be considered.

We then discussed the need for a more thorough assessment of the intersections where new ***crosswalks*** are needed as well as which existing crosswalks need enhancement and repainting (especially by schools). Andy indicated that crosswalks just needing repainting most likely could be addressed during the summer 2020 repainting – get him a list.

Complete Streets Prioritization Plan Update

Becky Basch from PVPC said that wiki maps to gather suggestions for projects is nearly complete. WalkBike Springfield is holding a session about using the map on Thursday, May 14 at 6 PM.

Zoom meeting link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88910163698?pwd=eVhObi9seGx1ZnM2N2pOZk04SmZidz09>

Meeting ID: 889 1016 3698. Password: 011147

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The links for the Wiki maps are as follow:

Working group (BE Committee/WalkBike Springfield):

<https://tinyurl.com/2020-SPFLD-CS-WIKI-WORKING>

Public Comments (no additional layers – just the comment map):

<https://tinyurl.com/2020-SPFLD-CS-WIKI-PUBLIC>