

WalkBike Springfield Meeting August 10, 2023 Notes

OUR 8TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING – We spent a few moments discussing some of our successes: World Day of Remembrance events; Complete Streets MassDOT funding; Fort Pleasant road diet, and more.

Treasurer Report: WBS has a current bank balance of \$1,035.91; \$500 received from volunteering at Iron Man event (thank you, thank you to our volunteers!); \$1,000 paid to Deborah Huber for the Roosevelt Ave. Project

Roosevelt Ave. Project Update: We have received 66 survey responses. Please [complete](#) and share with others! Together with WalkMassachusetts, Springfield Mass in Motion, and Wayfinders, we conducted a walk audit on July 20 from Sci Tech High School to the Roosevelt/Wilbraham intersection. WalkMassachusetts is writing up the report. As part of the WalkMassachusetts Walk Audit Academy, we will conduct an additional audit on **August 27 at 3 PM**. We will conduct a walk and wheelchair roll with residents of Independence House to the Jordan Senior Center on **September 18 at 11 am**. During September/early October we will be scheduling additional audits. The community forum will be on Thursday, **October 26** at Springfield Prep Charter School at 2071 Roosevelt Ave. Deb and Betsy recently met with a representative from Big Y and seeking contacts for Smith & Wesson and Eversource.

WalkMassachusetts Walk Audit Academy – this is a program piloted last year in Worcester and this year being done in Springfield. Teams across the City are participating. Each team watches a series of videos, selects an audit location, conducts the audit, and then attends a final team sharing event. A [zoom meeting](#) on **August 22 at 6 PM**. Program description *attached*. Let walkbikespringfield@gmail.com know if you will be part of our team.

Give 4 feet Signs Update – we shared our suggestions as discussed at the July 13 meeting with Hector, who is still awaiting the signs from MassDOT. *List attached*. Mentioned was the need for such signs at the ends of bike lanes. Hector will schedule a meeting when the signs are received.

Complete Streets Council Advocacy – the Mayor referred our letter to DPW Commissioner Cignoli. We followed up with more on who should be on the Council. We discussed needing to provide a detailed description of the Council's purpose, responsibilities -- in other words the Council's charter. We will research this information from other similar councils.

World Day of Remembrance Nov. 19 2023 – We agreed that the event should continue to be held on the Central Library steps. This will be a main focus of the WBS September meeting.

[WalkMassachusetts Network Zoom Meeting – Aug. 16 @ 1 PM - on Signals](#). All of the programs are then posted at [WalkMassachusetts Youtube account](#)

NEXT MEETING: September 21, 2023 at 6 PM