

WalkBike Springfield June 9, 2022 Meeting Notes

I. Review of Bicycle Network (5/12 meeting summary attached)

We reviewed the summary and discussed that we need to differentiate better between “side paths” and “off road paths”. We do need to still review further road where “road diets” should be considered.

Need to follow-up on how to get all of Springfield’s marked bike lanes/paths on Google maps and PVPC list, etc. There is a new [MassDOT mapping portal](#) that may help with this.,

II. 2022 Paving List (attached)

We discussed which roads should improve pedestrian and bicycle accommodation when being repaved. Deb will review Goodwin Street (Page Blvd to Pinevale) and Liberty Street (Chicopee line to Armory); Betsy will review Birchland Ave (Wilbraham to North) and White Street (Belmont to E. Longmeadow line) and Rifle Street (Allen to Hancock); Jim will review Sumner Ave. (Daytona to Converse) and Sumner Ave. (Longhill to Ft. Pleasant – does this connect to X Project?)

Need others to contact “311” and indicate that Dwight Road from Tiffany to Franconia Golf Course is in desperate need of repaving!

III. Roadway Projects Updates

Trial of road narrowing for State Street. Narrowing needs to start closer to Spring/School to help Elliot St. crossing, More needed to slow cars.

IV. Rail trail updates

No updates

V. Bike Month Summary

Both the morning Riverwalk ride and the Mural Ride attracted folks from beyond Springfield (5 for the morning; 1 for the mural ride.). Definitely will do again with more concerted outreach.

VI. Other

- Asking Councilor Lederman to have the Council’s Maintenance & Development Committee to get an update on the “X” project because DPW is not planning additional public meetings
- [WalkMassachusetts Network](#) Meeting, Wed. June 15 @ 1 PM
- Will promote Deb’s [Competitive Edge summer bicycle rides](#), especially the one for newbies held on Mondays.
- Will schedule a walk of the newly opened Chicopee Riverwalk – target date of July 21.
- No WalkBike Springfield meeting in July