

# WalkBike Springfield August 8, 2024 Meeting Notes

## Ironman

Received \$800 for volunteering. Will plan to help again on June 8, 2025. Thanks again to Jim Gurzenski for helping with signing up WBS volunteers and Deb Huber for completing the application.

## Breckwood Ave. Repaving

Deb reported that a protected bike lane is now painted with 11' vehicle lane. Preference would be for a wider bike lane and narrower buffer. Needs signage/sharrows where lane ends. Confirms the need for outside review of striping plans.

Safe Street for All federal grant. Todd reminded us that some of the funds are for **education**. We need to advocate that DPW engineers attend UMTC Baystate Roads workshops towards better understanding Complete Streets, Pedestrian Safety Counter Measures, etc. For example there is a workshop on August 22 on speed management.

## Speed Limit Reductions

Attorney Robert Shewchuk of the Traffic Committee decided that speed limit reductions requests should first be sent to DPW preferably at the request of a neighborhood council. After DPW confirms the Traffic Commission would review, with City Council confirmation. The approval will then be sent to MassDOT Traffic Engineer by DPW Director Cignoli. Meanwhile the Traffic Commission is open to installing additional stop signs (especially creating 4-way stops). We discussed that the speed hump process has not been publicized and is too onerous. Needs further discussion with Councilor Fenton.

World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims – Sunday, November 17, 2024 at 1 PM on steps of Springfield Central Library on State St. We will again focus on the Hampden County fatalities, with Springfield again leading all! Jim will confirm having Rev. Ballard and his EMT nephew (coming). Zoom workshops to help with event planning being held monthly. Focus on acknowledging what Chicopee has done since having since having so many pedestrian fatalities in 2022.

## Bus Stop Location Safety Initiative

MassDOT has an initiative to improve crossings to bus stops -- [youtube](#) of a presentative about the program. Todd will follow-up to determine if the funding program is still available. The sites we identified on Roosevelt Ave. could be a focus for improvements in Springfield.

## DPW Engineering Advisory Committee.

We discussed how to follow-up with City Engineer Andy Krar on his offer to host an Advisory Committee. We agreed to start with a group of about 6 including WBS activists, Jeff McCullough of PVPC, Way Finders rep, Peter Shumway. We will suggest the first Thursday morning of the month from 8 -9 am.

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2024 AT 6 PM**