

City of Springfield BPAC

List of Accomplishments 2016



OVERVIEW

The Springfield Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) was established in 2011 and is a volunteer body which provides input to the Springfield City Council and staff on bicycle and pedestrian issues, policies, programs, education, enforcement and facilities. The current members started their terms in December 2015 or January 2016.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2016

- **Amended Bylaws**
 - Reviewed Bylaws and updated language to reflect the committee's evolution. The updates included adding the Springfield Safe Routes to School Coordinator as a non-voting liaison on the committee.
- **Established two subcommittees: *Programming and Planning***
 - Subcommittees meet every other month, and all voting members participate on a subcommittee.
 - The **Programming** subcommittee engages in:
 - Education & Outreach
 - Collaboration
 - Safety
 - Equity & Accessibility
 - The **Planning** subcommittee engages in:
 - Performing on-bike field visits to visually assess needs city-wide (visits included Virginia-Daisy, D St path area, D St, E St, Gateway cycle track)
 - Analyzing infrastructure for all ranges of bicyclists and pedestrians
 - Identifying improvement opportunities
- **Established liaisons to attend Eugene Active Transportation Committee meetings**
 - Two committee members were selected to act as primary and secondary Springfield BPAC liaisons. They attended the Eugene Active Transportation Committee (ATC) meetings, kept Eugene ATC members updated on Springfield projects and programs, and shared ideas with the Springfield BPAC that they gleaned from the Eugene ATC.
- **Contributed to Virginia-Daisy Bikeway planning**
 - The BPAC conducted site visits by bike
 - Provided feedback to planning staff
 - Attended Open House events
 - Distributed Virginia-Daisy Bikeway and safety information at a community event
 - Provided committee-approved public comment to City Council
- **Participated in community events to share biking, walking, and safety information**
 - Wheels by the Willamette (two events)
 - Willamalane Douglas Gardens Park tabling event

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- **Created a bike light distribution campaign**
 - Worked with City to purchase front and back bike lights to provide to vulnerable and low-income community members to increase visibility and safety
 - Scheduled winter distribution of bike lights to begin December 21st, 2016
- **Acted in Springfield transportation educational safety videos**
 - BPAC members volunteered for the Flashing Yellow Arrow educational videos
- **Promoted Travel Oregon's Bicycle Friendly Business Program**
 - Mayor Lundberg has encouraged increased participation among Springfield businesses. To support, the Programming subcommittee has:
 - Learned the application process and requirements
 - Drafted a list of businesses to approach about participation
 - Procured informational handouts and digital files
 - Met with Springfield Chamber of Commerce and discussed partnering in outreach to area businesses and organizations
- **Researched and started initial discussions for a potential open streets event**
 - An annual Springfield open streets event would:
 - Highlight active lifestyle choices and support businesses along the route
 - Educate citizens about transportation options and infrastructure changes
 - Create an enjoyable, community-building event for residents of all ages
 - The programming subcommittee has:
 - Outlined basic event framework in collaboration with planning staff
 - Volunteered at a Eugene Sunday Streets event to gain scope of event
 - Attended an international Open Streets Summit in Portland
 - Met with Willamalane staff members to discuss partnership
 - Solicited partnership interest from AARP and Point2Point staff
 - The programming subcommittee will continue to support open streets event planning once a formal proposal is approved by City Council and event leaders are determined among partners.
- **Created an Infrastructure Planning Map**
 - Developed a [Google Map](#) that committee members can add to in order to indicate infrastructure challenges and barriers throughout Springfield in hopes that it could provide information that will be useful for a Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan when the City embarks on the official planning process.
- **Submitted Letters of Support**
 - The BPAC wrote letters of support for the Virginia-Daisy Bikeway Design Concept and the Mayors' Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets. The Committee Chair and Vice Chair presented both letters to City Council November 21st, 2016.