

# City of Springfield BPAC

## List of Accomplishments 2018



### OVERVIEW

Established in 2011, the Springfield Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) is a volunteer body providing 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 January 2017 or January 2018.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2018

- **Maintained two subcommittees: *Programming and Planning***
  - Subcommittees met every other month, and all voting members participated on a subcommittee.
- **Maintained liaison to attend Eugene Active Transportation Committee meetings**
  - A committee member and alternate were selected to act as a Springfield BPAC liaison. 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.
- **Northbank Path Lighting Recommendation**
  - BPAC responded to a questionnaire to gauge more details about the type and timing preferences for lighting along the Northbank Path. The questionnaire and response summary was forwarded to the Willamalane Board of Directors to discuss at their March 14, 2018 meeting.
  - Willamalane restriped the fog lines along the path and BPAC members worked with Willamalane staff to identify sections of the path for maintenance to reduce bumpy surface hazards through the section just to the east of the boat ramp. A tree was removed and asphalt pathway improvements will occur soon.
- **Northbank Path Safety Signs**
  - Reviewed content and advised on path safety sign design and implementation on Northbank Path along West. D St to educate users.
- **Northbank Path - Downtown - Mill Race - Middle Fork Path Wayfinding**
  - Reviewed wayfinding plan prior to creation and installation of signs to help people on bicycle navigate between the Northbank Path, Downtown, Mill Race Path, and Middle Fork Paths.
- **Hosted a PeaceHealth Rides Bike Share Demo Event**
  - BPAC members learned about PeaceHealth Rides bike share and test rode bicycles at Bob Keefer Center.
- **Participated in community events to share biking, walking, and safety information**
  - Wheels by the Willamette
    - May event - highlighted Safe Routes to School efforts and provided bicycle-blended smoothies for path users.
    - September event - distributed winter walking and biking safety gadgets, bike maps, and treats including bicycle-blended smoothies for path users.
  - Safe Kids West
    - May 12, 2018 - Educated kids and parents on rules and safety of walking and biking, and handed out safety prizes
- **Continued bike/walk light distribution campaign at 4 events**

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- Distributed front and back lights and/or reflective items to increase visibility and safety for vulnerable and low-income community members.
- Distributed lights at Point2Point Be Safe Be Seen fall safety event, Jerry's Fire and Life Safety Day fair, a Friday Art Walk, and the September Wheels by the Willamette
- Partnered with HIV Alliance, Lane Independent Living Alliance, Egan Warming Center, and Safe Routes to Schools to distribute lights to Springfield community members and low-income parents.
- **Assisted City Staff with Bike Friendly Community recognition steps**
  - Signs were installed at three main entrances to Springfield.
- **Promoted Travel Oregon's Bike Friendly Business (BFB) Program**
  - Mayor Lundberg wished to see increased participation among Springfield businesses. To support, the Programming subcommittee:
    - Hosted a Bike Friendly Business Movie Night in May to support local businesses in applying to become a Bike Friendly Business - six (6) applications were submitted at the Movie Night event.
    - BPAC members personally reached out to at least fourteen (14) Springfield businesses with invitations to the event.
    - Springfield Chamber of Commerce, Travel Lane County, City of Springfield, Point2Point at LTD, City of Eugene, Lane Council of Governments, and Travel Oregon sponsored the event.
    - BPAC coordinated with Point2Point to promote through the Business Commute Challenge packets and with Springfield Chamber of Commerce to include in the Chamber's e-newsletters.
    - Springfield went from having five (5) Travel Oregon Bicycle Friendly Businesses to having twelve (12), four (4) of which applied for recognition at the Movie Night event.
- **Continued discussion and preliminary planning for a Springfield open streets event**
  - An annual Springfield open streets event would:
    - Highlight active lifestyle choices for community members of all ages and abilities and support businesses along the event route
    - Educate citizens about transportation options and infrastructure changes
    - Create an enjoyable, community-building event for residents of all ages
  - The programming subcommittee has:
    - Volunteered at multiple Eugene Sunday Streets events to evaluate elements for inclusion or improvement at a Springfield event
    - Received positive support from Willamalane, AARP, Point2Point, Chamber of Commerce, Lane Independent Living Alliance, Springfield School District, the City Manager's office, Sprout, Eugene Sunday Streets and the Springfield Police Department
    - Met with Willamalane staff members to discuss partnership, realistic timing and route considerations
    - Together with City and Willamalane staff, began drafting a document outlining the event's vision and mission

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- The programming subcommittee will continue to support open streets event planning and next steps including seeking funds to provide the necessary resources to launch the program.
- **Promoted Bike-Ped Citizen Request Tool**
  - Promoted [bit.ly/SpringfieldRequest](http://bit.ly/SpringfieldRequest) tool that community members can use on either their mobile devices or computers to report maintenance needs to maintain a better network of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in Springfield.
- **Determined walking and biking safety improvements**
  - Advised staff on wayfinding plan development for Northbank Path to Downtown and Middle Fork and Mill Race Paths.
  - Identified, prioritized, and discussed solutions for 10 of the most prevalent areas across Springfield where bike facilities end.
- **Provided input on striping plans**
  - BPAC reviewed draft striping plan for summer maintenance and suggested a few additions to make biking more visible and safer in several locations.
  - Bike lane dots
- **SRTS Crossing Guard Program Assessment Tool**
  - Completed draft to in order to evaluate school crossing guard program and will start to collect data in the mornings in 2019
- **Events and rides**
  - I-5 Path Ride with Springfield BPAC and Eugene ATC members, May
  - Emeralds Game Ride, June
  - Cycle Oregon Ride, July
  - Walk+Roll to School Day, October
- **Hosted guest speakers on a variety of transportation-related topics**
  - **Springfield** - Walking and Biking Plans, Projects, and Programs, Main Street Safety Project, Regional Transportation and Safety Funding, Restriping, Walking and Biking in Europe
  - **Safe Routes to Schools** - Walk+Roll Challenge, Program Update, Crossing Guard Initiative
  - **Lane Transportation Advisory Committee** - Committee Updates
  - **ODOT** - Active Transportation Liaison re-introduction
  - **Lane Council of Governments** - Permanent Bike/Pedestrian Counter Presentation, Safe Lane Coalition
  - **Willamalane** - Bike Maintenance and Riding Events, Northbank Path Maintenance Updates
- **Listened to public comments from community members**
  - Centennial Blvd and Pioneer Parkway East right-hook concern
  - Better Eugene-Springfield Transportation (BEST) Board Recruitment
  - Walking group to support diabetes prevention
  - Mill Race Path appreciation with concern about mill particles in the air