December 11, 2018

City of Springfield 225 Fifth Street Springfield, OR 97477

Re: Ballot Measure 20-296, Street Repair Bond

Mayor Lundberg and City Council,

The Springfield Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) would like to provide public comment on the recent success of Ballot Measure 20-296, the Street Repair bond. We are pleased to hear that the quality of our eight most traveled streets will be improving and the backlog of street repair projects will begin to be addressed.

With the resurfacing of these streets comes a great opportunity to address additional safety measures for our community members that travel these streets by foot or bike. The Springfield Bicycle Plan and the Transportation System Plan identify paint and thermoplastic improvements like bike lanes, sharrows, and crosswalks that could easily align with the resurfacing of these streets and greatly improve the walking and biking environment of our most traveled streets. While we understand that the Street Repair Bond does not include funding for additional work outside of resurfacing, we encourage the optimization of contractor time and staff energy to address safety for more than one user group within such large projects.

The BPAC encourages City Council to consider this opportunity to add more safety infrastructure to our streets as they are resurfaced.

Sincerely,

Springfield Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

BPAC Chair, Claudia Denton

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