Can you give me a brief description about the Springfield TSP Implementation Project?

In 2014, the Springfield City Council and Lane County Board of Commissioners adopted the Springfield 2035 Transportation System Plan (TSP). The plan identifies the community’s long-term transportation needs and vision, which are expressed through goals, policies and action items. The TSP Implementation Project, completed in early 2020, updates transportation related elements of the Springfield Development Code and updates the TSP project list and maps to help further implement the transportation policies and actions established in the TSP.

Why is the TSP Implementation Project important? How does it benefit Springfield?

The amendments support economic development by allowing more efficient use of land through reduced parking requirements and revised street standards. They help create walkable neighborhoods by requiring street connectivity and sidewalks and bicycle facilities as appropriate. The amendments changed bicycle parking requirements to require high-quality racks, lighting for long-term parking, and provisions for over-sized bicycles to accommodate the expanding varieties of bicycle types and uses. The lighting standards updates improve energy efficiency and visibility, which can save lives on our streets.

The new code includes clear and objective standards for streets being built as part of residential developments. Housing projects that meet these standards can be approved quickly without first allowing for public input on the design of the streets.

What are the results of the TSP Implementation Project?

The TSP Implementation Project has resulted in:
1) Amendments to the Springfield Development Code; and
2) Amendments to the TSP project list and maps.

By amending these items, they further reflect the vision, goals, policies and actions outlined in the Springfield TSP. The updated code, maps and projects apply to development in Springfield after the two adopting ordinances (one for the Springfield Development Code and one for the TSP amendments) went into effect after both Springfield City Council and Lane County Board of Commissioners adopted them. The project also included companion changes to the Springfield Engineering Design Standards and Procedures Manual.
Who is affected by the results?

People developing land in Springfield might be affected by the changes to the Springfield Development Code. The Code is the regulatory document providing zoning, land division, and land use standards to implement the goals and policies in the community’s comprehensive plan and supporting plans, such as the Springfield 2035 Transportation System Plan. Changes have been made to transportation related elements in the Code including, but not limited to the street standards, vision clearance, street lighting, sidewalks, motor vehicle parking, and bike parking sections.

Where can I find the project materials?

The two ordinances (Ord. 6412 Springfield Development Code amendments and Ord. 6413 Transportation System Plan amendments) are available on the project web page at https://www.springfield-or.gov/city/development-public-works/transportation-system-plan/.

Hard copy format is available for viewing at the southeast Development and Public Works Department - Southeast at Springfield City Hall at 225 5th Street. Development planners are also available at the Development Counter to explain the changes.

Where can I learn more?

For more information on the project, please see TSP Implementation Project web page at https://www.springfield-or.gov/city/development-public-works/transportation-system-plan/.

Who can I contact if I still have questions?

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