

### **Main Street Safety Project**

Over the summer, \$6.9 million was awarded to the City by ODOT to build safety projects in Springfield. The City Council discussed the safety funding allocations from ODOT's safety program at their September 26<sup>th</sup> work session. The largest project is \$3.8 million in funding for a raised center median along Main Street. Main Street has one of the worst safety records in the state of Oregon. This project will create \$31 million worth of safety benefits. The objective of projects selected is to reduce the severity and frequency of all crashes with the overall goal of saving lives and reducing life altering injuries to people.

The City Council supported accepting additional funding to study and further analyze the potential benefits and impacts of a raised safety median. In order to develop a safety median project, the City and ODOT are required to involve each business and property owner along the corridor as part of the economic and safety analyses, and detailed design of street and private land access and circulation. We will continue working with business and property owners and the community on safety solutions for Main Street as we move forward.

## **Coordinating Main Street Safety Project with Transit Study**

The Main-McVay Transit Study appreciates the time and input business owners, property owners, and community members have contributed. Conversations are occurring among partner agencies to outline how the Main-McVay Transit Study will be adjusted to ensure coordination with the process to consider the Main Street safety median. In 2017, we will reach out and set up meetings with interested parties to discuss how both transit and safety efforts along Main Street will be coordinated moving forward.

#### **Governance Team Meeting**

The Governance Team meeting is being rescheduled from October 13, 2016 to later this fall and will cover the updated planning process and next steps. Meeting details will be posted on the project website once determined, as well as shared with the interested parties list via email.

### **Next Steps**

Staff will work with ODOT to identify a scope of work needed to research and analyze a possible raised center median on Main Street. We will keep you informed as additional next steps are identified.

To learn more about the project, <u>specific meeting times and dates</u>, the <u>design options being considered</u>, <u>FAQs</u>, and more, please visit <u>ourmainstreetspringfield.org</u>.

We want to hear your thoughts! To provide input, please submit comments or questions at http://ourmainstreetspringfield.org/feedback/ or call 541-682-3240.

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