

Main-McVay Transit Study Project

Phase 2

Frequently Asked Questions



Q: What is Phase 2 of the Main-McVay Transit Study?

A: Phase 2 of the Study will analyze and refine the most promising transit options and ultimately select a locally preferred solution.

In Phase 1 of the Study, Main-McVay Corridor residents, businesses and property owners, education representatives, community organizations, agency staff, and elected and appointed officials met to learn and understand growing concerns about safety, congestion, and quality of life that could be improved through transportation improvements.

Phase 1 considered technical analyses, reviewed a range of promising transit options and identified the most promising transit options. In spring 2015, the Springfield City Council and the LTD Board of Directors recommended the most promising transit options, based on stakeholder input, should move forward for additional study.

Q: What is the main purpose for Phase 2 of the Study?

A: The main purpose for Phase 2 is to evaluate the most promising transit options for the Main Street – McVay Highway Corridor as potential solutions to address growing concerns about safety, congestion, and quality of life that could be improved through transportation improvements.

The goal of Phase 2 of the Study is to identify the locally preferred solution that can be supported by the City Council and the LTD Board of Directors.

Q: Why is Phase 2 of the Study necessary?

A: Phase 2 will further study the most promising transit options to identify the locally preferred solution. The locally preferred solution will help address:

- Important transportation challenges and opportunities in the future as Springfield grows
- Enhance all modes of travel along the Corridor while maintaining flow to traffic and freight movement
- Help create a more attractive, welcoming, safer and economically vibrant “front door” business corridor for customers

Q: What are the recommended most promising transit options?

A: The most promising transit options that are being studied further in Phase 2 are:

- Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) - Options under consideration include extension of LTD’s EmX system from Springfield Station to Thurston Station on Main Street. A variety of BRT configurations are being considered that include transit running in mixed traffic and transit-only lanes.
- Enhanced Bus - Options include features to improve reliability, reduce transit travel times, and increase passenger comfort such as queue jumps and shelters; being considered along McVay Highway and Main Street.
- No Change - Under this option, there will be no change to existing service connections, lane configurations, routing, or station locations.

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Frequently Asked Questions Continued



Q: What changes will be implemented through this project?

A: It is likely that the transportation improvement options being considered will have some level of impact to fronting businesses and properties along the Corridor. The project team is working through the design solutions process to remove or minimize impacts as practical and reasonable while balancing the larger community values of safety and mobility.

As the Study moves through the design process and potential solutions are developed it is expected that the list of significant impacts will be reduced substantially as has been the case with the first two EmX projects in Springfield. The project team will work directly with business and property owners to avoid or reduce potential impacts to properties along the Corridor.

Q: What public outreach and involvement efforts are proposed for Phase 2 of the Project?

A: Based on community input, the Governance Team removed the widest Main Street Transit Design Option from consideration in May of 2016. Then in late 2016, the project was paused to coordinate with the Main Street Safety Project for community engagement. A fall 2018 online open house will include transit questions to help inform the preferred transit solution for Main Street. For prior engagement and outreach information and to sign up for project e-updates, visit the OurMainStreet Springfield website and click the Main-McVay Transit Study tab: <http://ourmainstreetspringfield.org/>

Q: Who can I contact if I have questions?

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Q: What area of Springfield is included in the Study Area?

A: The entire length of Main Street and McVay Highway to Lane Community College.

