



Downtown Languages: Outreach Summary

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, January 26th, 2021

LOCATION: Virtual – Zoom

TIME: 5:30-6:30 pm



**Downtown
Languages**
Education. Empathy. Equity.

In Attendance

Staff

Molly Markarian, City of Springfield

Allison Brown, JLA Public Involvement

Overview and Purpose

This outreach event was held in coordination with Downtown Languages. This engagement fulfills, in part, the Stakeholder Liaison Opportunities outlined in the Main Street Safety Project: Planning Phase Community Engagement & Communications Plan. Thirty community members were engaged in the outreach process at this event.

The outreach process combined presentation of information with facilitated group discussion. The project was introduced by Molly Markarian, City of Springfield, and discussion was led by Allison Brown, JLA Public Involvement when feedback was sought from these community members on the draft solutions ‘toolbox’ and recommendations.

Outreach Review

The presentation opened with Molly Markarian, City of Springfield, providing a review of the project purpose and safety problem being addressed. She then noted how community input to date informed the development of the draft solution ‘toolbox’ and recommendations and shared highlights from Technical Memo #15 (Refined Alternative Solutions).

Participants were encouraged to ask questions and were then guided through group discussion by Allison Brown, JLA Public Involvement, to gain feedback on the draft recommendations. Questions and comments shared orally and via the chat function were recorded by the project team.

Participant Questions & Comments

- Safety Problem
 - People drive way too fast on Main Street. People drive like it's a freeway! (reiterated many times).
 - Don't see a lot of signs/signals near the business areas of Main Street.
- Implementation
 - Why will it take 20 years to build?
 - Will you prioritize implementation in the most unsafe areas?
- Project Process
 - One participant was involved in an accident on Main Street (near 20th St.). She's getting better but has made it a goal to see fewer accidents on Main.
 - This is a good initiative, thank you for doing this.
 - Appreciate the opportunity to learn and share thoughts.
 - Thankful that we are doing this project.
 - This project is a good idea.
 - Happy that we are doing this type of meeting, educating folks and seeking input.
 - Progress for the City is progress for all.
 - There needs to be patience and tolerance – in the end it is all about that regardless of what infrastructure improvements you make.
- Roundabouts
 - Met with favor: people generally think they're a good idea.
 - Roundabouts seem like a really good way to improve safety.
 - Some concerns about making sure there are safe crossings for pedestrians at roundabouts.
 - Some concern about people not knowing how to walk or drive through roundabouts.
- Raised Medians
 - Even if you need to drive a little further to make a left turn or access a business, it seems worth it to protect lives and make things safer.
 - Quicker business access is not worth a life.
 - Medians met with favor.
 - The rules are for following. People don't respect the rules where you can't make left turns and make them anyway. Medians would really help that, especially near 28th.
 - People going in and out of businesses don't always respect pedestrians or people on bikes: medians are needed to make sure that people don't make illegal turns.
- Walking & Biking
 - You've done a good job with the pedestrian crossings on Main Street.
 - Safe crossings are needed for people walking.
 - It's too dark at night and a lot of cars won't stop because they don't see people, especially when it is raining. Also, crosswalks should be repainted/brighter.

- Sometimes people just press the button for the crossing but don't wait for the flashing lights. Also, cars go way too fast on Main Street, and don't seem to care about people walking. Some people accelerate instead of slow down when they see the flashing yellow lights. Education for pedestrians and for people driving is important (reiterated a number of times).
- Pedestrian safety should be prioritized.
- I live on Main and have two children in the house. I'm afraid to take the children outside.
- I live near Main, and people don't respect the rules or the signals.
- One person was killed near the intersection of Main and 28th: that's a dangerous intersection.
- Bikes travel in the wrong direction too often – the police should take action against that. A two-way cycle track might help.
- Freight
 - This is a commercial freight corridor but people live here – trucks breaking/downshifting make a lot of noise.
- Posted Speed Limit
 - Why is the speed so high?
 - Why isn't the speed limit 25 on Main Street, like it might be in most other 'downtown' areas?



LCOG Disability Services Advisory Council: Outreach Summary

MEETING DATE: Friday, January 15th 2021
LOCATION: Virtual – Zoom
TIME: 10:30-11:30 am



In Attendance

Staff

Molly Markarian, City of Springfield
Brian Barnett, City of Springfield

Overview and Purpose

This outreach event was held in coordination with the Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) Disability Services Advisory Council. This engagement fulfills, in part, the Stakeholder Liaison Opportunities outlined in the Main Street Safety Project: Planning Phase Community Engagement & Communications Plan. Twelve community members were engaged in the outreach process at this event.

The outreach process combined presentation of information with facilitated group discussion. The project was introduced by Molly Markarian, City of Springfield, and discussion was led by City staff when feedback was sought from these community members on the draft solutions ‘toolbox’ and recommendations.

Outreach Review

The presentation opened with Molly Markarian, City of Springfield, providing a review of the project purpose and safety problem being addressed. She then noted how community input to date informed the development of the draft solution ‘toolbox’ and recommendations and shared highlights from Technical Memo #15 (Refined Alternative Solutions).

Participants were encouraged to ask questions and were then guided through group discussion by City staff to gain feedback on the draft recommendations. Questions and comments shared orally and via the chat function were recorded by hand by the project team.

Participant Questions & Comments

- Roundabouts
 - Is there a roundabout planned on Bob Straub Parkway?
 - Roundabouts are important; I hope one is installed at 58th Street.
 - Where are roundabouts planned?
- Walking & Biking
 - Will you use talking pedestrian crossing actuation buttons?
 - Is it legal to use a rectangular rapid flashing beacon (RRFB) at a roundabout crosswalk?
 - How do you choose the time a RRFB remains on for each crossing?
 - Will you include an auditory message on the RRFB?



Timber Pointe: Outreach Summary

MEETING DATE: Thursday, February 18th 2021

LOCATION: Virtual – Zoom

TIME: 3:00-3:30 pm



In Attendance

Staff

Molly Markarian, City of Springfield

Emma Newman, City of Springfield

Overview and Purpose

This outreach event was held in coordination with Timber Pointe Senior Living. This engagement fulfills, in part, the Stakeholder Liaison Opportunities outlined in the Main Street Safety Project: Planning Phase Community Engagement & Communications Plan. Seven community members were engaged in the outreach process at this event.

The outreach process combined presentation of information with facilitated group discussion. The project was introduced by Molly Markarian, City of Springfield, and discussion was led by City staff when feedback was sought from these community members on the draft solutions 'toolbox' and recommendations.

Outreach Review

The presentation opened with Molly Markarian, City of Springfield, providing a review of the project purpose and safety problem being addressed. She then noted how community input to date informed the development of the draft solution 'toolbox' and recommendations and shared highlights from Technical Memo #15 (Refined Alternative Solutions).

Participants were encouraged to ask questions and were then guided through group discussion by City staff to gain feedback on the draft recommendations. Questions and comments shared orally were recorded by the project team.

Participant Questions & Comments

- Roundabouts
 - Excited about roundabout on 54th
 - There is confusion around how to use modern roundabouts
 - Lived in Bend – I like them!
 - Once you get used to them, they're great!
 - There were lots of problems at first with Pioneer Parkway/Harlow roundabout, but it has helped the traffic a lot as people have learned how to travel it. It's going to take a while for people to adjust.
- Raised Medians
 - Difficult, but if it's going to keep people safe we're going to have to do it.
- Walking & Biking
 - Sidewalks are really rough and are dangerous. There are gaps between sidewalk and I nearly fell because walker hit some bumps. Very happy when improved! I don't use the sidewalks now because they're too rough.
 - A participant noted that some of the individuals who expressed concerns about the poor conditions of sidewalks near Timber Pointe on Main Street at the previous presentation were not in attendance this time.
 - Lighting - could be better!



Springfield Chamber of Commerce – Government Issues & Economic Development Committees: Outreach Summary

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, December 8th, 2020

LOCATION: Virtual – Zoom

TIME: 8-9 am



In Attendance

Staff

Molly Markarian, City of Springfield

Loralyn Spiro, City of Springfield

Overview and Purpose

This outreach event was held in coordination with the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, engaging the Government Issues and Economic Development Committees. This engagement fulfills, in part, the Stakeholder Liaison Opportunities outlined in the Main Street Safety Project: Planning Phase Community Engagement & Communications Plan. Twenty-seven community members were engaged in the outreach process at this event.

The outreach process combined presentation of information with facilitated group discussion. The project was introduced by Molly Markarian, City of Springfield, and discussion was led by City staff. Additionally, feedback was sought from these community members on the draft solutions ‘toolbox’ and recommendations.

Outreach Review

The presentation opened with Molly Markarian, City of Springfield, providing a review of the project purpose and safety problem being addressed. She then noted how community input to date informed the development of the draft solution ‘toolbox’ and recommendations and shared highlights from Technical Memo #15 (Refined Alternative Solutions).

Participants were encouraged to ask questions and were then guided through group discussion by City staff to gain feedback on the draft recommendations. Questions and comments shared orally and via the chat function were recorded by hand by staff.

Participant Questions & Comments

- Project Process & Data
 - What is your project structure for review, feedback and approval for the project?
 - Your number of participants for the online houses in the first and second engagement rounds was very low and doesn't represent a majority of business and property owners on the corridor.
 - Are you considering multi-modal and greenhouse reductions as part of the project?
 - Please confirm the stated crash data. And, are the results of reduced speed included?
- Draft Recommendations
 - Are there short-term and long-term recommendations?
 - What is the ultimate recommendation?
- Potential Business Impacts
 - What do businesses on Main Street think? What is their temperature on the project and what are their concerns?
 - There seems to be a disconnect between the businesses on the corridor and the future impacts. Chamber wants to have a follow up presentation after the local access forums occur.
- Project Cost & Funding
 - What is the overall cost of the entire project? And, how much is secured now?
 - How much of the project is locally funded?
 - What are the specific funding sources?
 - Are grants being considered? Will it compete with New Franklin Boulevard phases?
 - What is the breakdown of costs – staff time, utility cost, design, construction, etc.?
- Other
 - Would utilities go underground as part of the project?
 - Are there any short-term projects in the queue for Main Street outside of this project?



Springfield City Club: Outreach Summary

MEETING DATE: Thursday, January 7th, 2021

LOCATION: Virtual – Zoom

TIME: 12-1 pm



In Attendance

Staff

Molly Markarian, City of Springfield

Brian Barnett, City of Springfield

Overview and Purpose

This outreach event was held in coordination with the Springfield City Club. This engagement fulfills, in part, the Stakeholder Liaison Opportunities outlined in the Main Street Safety Project: Planning Phase Community Engagement & Communications Plan. Seventeen community members were engaged via Zoom in the outreach process at this event, and ninety-three community members engaged via Facebook Live.

The outreach process combined presentation of information with facilitated group discussion. The project was introduced by Molly Markarian, City of Springfield, and discussion was led by City staff. Additionally, feedback was sought from these community members on the draft solutions 'toolbox' and recommendations.

Outreach Review

The presentation opened with Molly Markarian, City of Springfield, providing a review of the project purpose and safety problem being addressed. She then noted how community input to date informed the development of the draft solution 'toolbox' and recommendations and shared highlights from Technical Memo #15 (Refined Alternative Solutions).

Participants were encouraged to ask questions and were then guided through group discussion by City staff to gain feedback on the draft recommendations. Questions and comments shared orally and via the chat function were recorded by hand by staff.

Participant Questions & Comments

- Project Process
 - City Council expressed desire to accelerate the project implementation - are you doing that?
 - What additional changes to the Plan are anticipated?
 - Will the Plan be used in the context of existing land uses or future land uses?
 - Is ODOT involved? Are you coordinating with ODOT?
 - Will Main Street be transferred from ODOT to the City?
- Roundabouts
 - What is the safety record of roundabouts?
 - Will roundabouts have an impact on traffic signals?
- Raised Medians
 - The Mayor pledged at a public meeting that there would be no medians on Main Street - will that commitment be honored?
 - Will a “no median” option be considered?
- Walking & Biking
 - Will bicycles be relocated to the new Virginia/Daisy bike boulevard?
- Transit
 - The Safety Project and Transit Study were tied together at one point - are they separated now?
 - Will transit stations be located in the medians?
 - Will EmX be included in the project?
- Potential Business Impacts
 - How will truck deliveries be impacted?
 - Will any parking be removed?
 - Will you take this opportunity to reduce the number of driveways?
 - How much land will the property owners be forced to give up?
 - Do you have a study of business impacts?
 - Describe the right-of-way impact of roundabouts and traffic signals.
- Posted Speed Limit
 - Will you reduce the speed limit in the current 45mph zone?
- Enforcement
 - Will you enforce the lack of use of existing pedestrian crosswalks?
 - Will pedestrian violations be enforced?



Springfield Realtors: Outreach Summary

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, January 12th, 2021

LOCATION: Virtual – Zoom

TIME: 12-1 pm



In Attendance

Staff

Molly Markarian, City of Springfield

Loralyn Spiro, City of Springfield

Overview and Purpose

This outreach event was held in coordination with the Springfield Board of Realtors. This engagement fulfills, in part, the Stakeholder Liaison Opportunities outlined in the Main Street Safety Project: Planning Phase Community Engagement & Communications Plan. Forty-two community members were engaged in the outreach process at this event.

The outreach process combined presentation of information with facilitated group discussion. The project was introduced by Molly Markarian, City of Springfield, and discussion was led by City staff. Additionally, feedback was sought from these community members on the draft solutions 'toolbox' and recommendations.

Outreach Review

The presentation opened with Molly Markarian, City of Springfield, providing a review of the project purpose and safety problem being addressed. She then noted how community input to date informed the development of the draft solution 'toolbox' and recommendations and shared highlights from Technical Memo #15 (Refined Alternative Solutions).

Participants were encouraged to ask questions and were then guided through group discussion by City staff to gain feedback on the draft recommendations. Questions and comments shared orally and via the chat function were recorded by hand by staff.

Participant Questions & Comments

- Project Process
 - Can realtor attend the Local Access Forums?
 - Thank you for taking the time to address safety on Main Street and particularly in the Thurston area. It has been a long time coming.
 - Agreed. Long time overdue to address safety issue on Main Street.
 - Thanks for the update and look forward to seeing how businesses are being affected.
 - Thank you, Molly.



Springfield Rotary Club: Outreach Summary

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, January 20th, 2021

LOCATION: Virtual – Zoom

TIME: 12-1 pm



In Attendance

Staff

Emma Newman, City of Springfield

Brian Barnett, City of Springfield

Overview and Purpose

This outreach event was held in coordination with the Springfield Rotary Club. This engagement fulfills, in part, the Stakeholder Liaison Opportunities outlined in the Main Street Safety Project: Planning Phase Community Engagement & Communications Plan. Forty-seven community members were engaged in the outreach process at this event.

The outreach process combined presentation of information with facilitated group discussion. The project was introduced by Emma Newman, City of Springfield, and discussion was led by City staff. Additionally, feedback was sought from these community members on the draft solutions 'toolbox' and recommendations.

Outreach Review

The presentation opened with Emma Newman, City of Springfield, providing a review of the project purpose and safety problem being addressed. She then noted how community input to date informed the development of the draft solution

'toolbox' and recommendations and shared highlights from Technical Memo #15 (Refined Alternative Solutions). Emma also noted LTD/City cooperation and common goals for transit and its study of service in the corridor.

Participants were encouraged to ask questions and were then guided through group discussion by City staff to gain feedback on the draft recommendations. Questions and comments were recorded by hand by staff.

Participant Questions & Comments

- Project Process
 - It takes time to plan and document the planning phase. Is the timeframe for Plan completion considered as it relates to the safety data and is that shared with elected officials? How is the changing context being accounted for in project planning?
 - What is Representative DeFazio's role in the project?
- Funding
 - Where does the money to build the projects come from?
- Roundabouts
 - Safety at existing roundabouts is good, likes them
 - Concerned about roundabouts and pedestrians - are they designed better now?
 - I live near the Parkway roundabout and like it.
- Walking & Biking
 - East Main crosswalks were installed and pedestrians don't use them.
 - Tell us about raised bike lanes proposed - doesn't like the Ayres Road (Eugene) example because it is too narrow
 - In favor of more bike separation
- Transit
 - Desire for bus stops to be redesigned to facilitate pull-outs to avoid stopping traffic in through lanes
- Enforcement
 - There was no mention of traffic enforcement - why?
- Other
 - What "smart" mechanisms (phones, etc.) are being considered in the Plan?



Twin Rivers Rotary: Outreach Summary

MEETING DATE: Friday, December 11th, 2020

LOCATION: Virtual – Zoom

TIME: 7-8 am



In Attendance

Staff

Emma Newman, City of Springfield

Brian Barnett, City of Springfield

Overview and Purpose

This outreach event was held in coordination with Twin Rivers Rotary. This engagement fulfills, in part, the Stakeholder Liaison Opportunities outlined in the Main Street Safety Project: Planning Phase Community Engagement & Communications Plan. Twenty-one community members were engaged in the outreach process at this event.

The outreach process combined presentation of information with facilitated group discussion. The project was introduced by Emma Newman, City of Springfield, and discussion was led by City staff. Additionally, feedback was sought from these community members on the draft solutions 'toolbox' and recommendations.

Outreach Review

The presentation opened with Emma Newman, City of Springfield, providing a review of the project purpose and safety problem being addressed. She then noted how community input to date informed the development of the draft solution 'toolbox' and recommendations and shared highlights from Technical Memo #15 (Refined Alternative Solutions). Emma also noted LTD/City cooperation and common goals for transit and its study of service in the corridor.

Participants were encouraged to ask questions and were then guided through group discussion by City staff to gain feedback on the draft recommendations. Questions and comments were recorded by hand by staff.

Participant Questions & Comments

- Project Process & Data
 - Excited to see all the work on this project being done.
 - What safety data is used? Is it timely?
 - Appreciative of City staff engaging businesses throughout process.
- Roundabouts
 - Support for roundabouts.
 - Can roundabouts be done prior to medians?
 - Concern about roundabouts being a problem for pedestrian safety.
- Walking & Biking
 - Business owner sees the 35th crossing in front of his business utilized.
- Potential Business Impacts
 - What would be the effect on existing business land use and parking if right-of-way is taken?
 - Concern regarding right-of-way taking affecting business operations.
 - Many businesses use the existing turning lane on Main Street to facilitate freight delivery since their site is too constrained to enable freight circulation.
- Other
 - Utility relocation cost is several million dollars.