

## OUR MAIN STREET SPRINGFIELD



MAIN STREET SAFETY PROJECT | 20th Street to 72nd Street

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# Main Street Safety Project

## ODOT Immediate Safety Upgrades Coming to Main Street and South A Street

This past spring, ODOT committed \$10 million to make immediate safety upgrades around the state. Specifically, looking for places with a need including:

- Where smaller, immediate projects could make a difference.
- Areas where more people use the sidewalks and bike lanes for transportation.
- Where gaps could be filled in the transportation system to make it safer for all users.
- Where crashes could be reduced.

One of those places is the Main Street and South A Street Corridor in Springfield. ODOT has a \$3 million budget to make these upgrades and is working with City of Springfield staff to implement. **These immediate safety upgrades coming on the Main Street and South A Street Corridor are separate from the planning work** that has been occurring for the Main Street Safety Project but will support the work that is coming in future years, as noted below.

These immediate safety upgrades will include:

- Upgrading and adding LED lighting along the entire corridor.
- Improving intersection turn signals for drivers and pedestrians.
- Upgrading pedestrian detectors at traffic signals that will extend the crossing time for pedestrians, when needed.
- Refreshing and adding pavement markings and striping.
- Adding two marked crosswalks in the downtown area.
- Installing speed feedback signs.
- Marking bike lane conflict areas.
- Maintaining and replacing signs.
- Updating an existing short barrier with tall concrete barrier along the OR 126 Expressway approaching Main Street to help direct pedestrians to safer crossing locations.

These are things that will make a positive difference and can be done now.

*How will these immediate safety upgrades work with the Main Street Safety Project?*

With the Main Street Safety Project moving toward adoption of a facility plan, it will bring

needed larger scale safety changes to help increase safety for everyone using the street. ODOT and the City of Springfield are working together on the immediate safety upgrades to ensure that the work ODOT does now serves the community as we move toward long-term corridor safety goals. For example, lighting upgrades will support what we've heard from the community during engagement rounds so far during the project.

The smaller, immediate safety upgrades to be made now will support the work that is coming in future years after the Main Street Facility Plan is adopted, and funding for design and construction has been secured. These upgrades will be flexible, and equipment can be repurposed into the longer-term construction projects, with some providing more data to help inform future design decisions.

### *More details on immediate safety upgrades:*

New marked crosswalks in downtown will draw drivers' attention to pedestrians crossing the street. Bicycle conflict striping will alert people bicycling and driving to where their paths cross and they need to look out for one another. Speed feedback signs on the east end of the corridor will remind drivers of the posted speed limits as they are reduced coming into Springfield. Lighting upgrades along the entire corridor will help everyone see and be seen to increase safety.

Crews will move quickly, and each upgrade will take a few days or less. Work will begin in late August and be completed by October. ODOT will mail a postcard to residents, businesses, and property owners adjacent to the corridor about these immediate safety upgrades. [Watch for this coming postcard.](#)

For more information, project schedules, and to sign up for project email alerts: [visit the project webpage.](#)

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## Main Street Safety Project Update

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Based on direction and feedback from the City Council this past May, the project team has been working on a draft of the Main Street Facility Plan.

As part of this work, the project team has scheduled final meetings with the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Strategic Advisory Committee (SAC) to review and provide feedback on the draft Main Street Facility Plan.

- TAC meeting - Tuesday, Sept. 14 from 10:00 am to noon
- SAC meeting - Monday, Sept. 27 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm

We will also be soliciting feedback from the broader community and will send out another e-update later this summer to officially kick off our fourth round of community engagement. Plus, we will mail a postcard to residents, businesses, and property owners immediately adjacent to the corridor about how to provide feedback on the draft Main Street Facility Plan.

## Share with Others

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**Forward this email to other community members** you know who may like to be informed about the Main Street Safety Project and receive email updates automatically. They can use the button below to sign up!

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## Project Purpose

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Springfield's Main Street is consistently ranked as one of the most unsafe city streets in Oregon based on the severity and frequency of traffic crashes. The Oregon Department of Transportation and the City must address this problem to save lives, reduce injuries, and lessen property damage due to crashes. The purpose of the Main Street Safety Project is to select infrastructure solutions that will make Main Street safer for people walking, biking, driving, and taking transit.

The selected safety improvements will provide for the movement of goods and people, support the economic viability of the corridor, accommodate current bus service and future transit solutions, and complement traffic safety education and enforcement.



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