



Springfield Chamber of Commerce – Government Issues Committee: Outreach Summary

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, October 26th, 2021

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 Committee. 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 Molly Markarian, City of Springfield, and discussion was led by City staff. Additionally, feedback was sought from these community members on the draft Facility Plan.

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 the draft Facility Plan.



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

Participant Questions & Comments

- Project Process & Data
 - Supportive, comprises have been made, toolbox the right approach.
 - Acknowledged and appreciated that we included and shared both positive and negative feedback received (support and concerns).
 - How does safety on Main Street compare to other similar streets in Oregon?
- Toolbox Recommendations
 - Has the freight been considered with regards to the recommendation for roundabouts? How will they navigate them if so?
 - What were the alternative solutions offered in feedback?
 - How will the toolbox solutions meet the goals of the project compared to other tools not included?
 - Were more RRFBs and speed considered as well?
- Potential Business Impacts
 - 20 years too long for implementation and impacts to businesses will be prolonged.
- Project Cost, Funding, & Phasing
 - What is the total cost of the project?
 - Can a phase stand on its own considering the total cost?
 - What are the funding sources?
 - How did you determine the phase sequence? How did you land on 32nd to 42nd streets as Phase 1?
- Other
 - Who will pay for utilities to be moved?
 - Shared Robert Ping webinar information.
 - Anything planned for downtown?