



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) **Public Hearings for Main Street Facility Plan**

What is the purpose of updating Main Street?

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 City of Springfield and Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) 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 safety education and traffic enforcement.

Why are you having this public hearing?

In 2018, the City and ODOT launched the Main Street Safety Project to address the safety problem on Main Street between 20th Street and 72nd Street. Over the past 3+ years, the project team has engaged our Springfield community and completed detailed technical analysis to refine thoughtful and effective safety solutions. Public hearings are the last stage in the planning phase at the local level of this project before moving onto the State to seek approval. Facility Plan adoption will signal to the City and ODOT to seek funding to work with adjacent business and property owners on an engineering design that applies the guiding principles in the Facility Plan for construction of specific segments on the corridor.

How will these changes affect property owners?

The Main Street Facility Plan recommends a toolbox approach to address the safety problem on Main Street, informed by community feedback and a desire for flexibility, simplicity, and phase ability. It's not a one size fits all concept design. For example, the project would not involve the same street design and mix of elements throughout. It would also not be built all at once. Design and construction would occur in phases over the next 5 to 20 years, as funding becomes available. Phases will be prioritized based on the project's Goals and Objectives, including addressing the highest safety needs first. For more information on the Main Street Safety Project, please visit the project website at mainstreetsafety.org



The Main Street Safety Project is a collaborative effort between the City of Springfield and the Oregon Department of Transportation