

OUR MAIN STREET SPRINGFIELD



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

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Project Timeline Extended

The timeline is being extended for the planning phase of the Main Street Safety Project. Springfield Mayor Sean VanGordon provided this direction to the project team after considering the number of comments received from community members and the sheer size of the Draft Main Street Facility Plan. At the Monday, April 18, Council meeting, the Mayor cited a need to allow community members and Councilors additional time to review, comment, and examine the draft plan.

“I want to give Council members and community members enough time to vet the Draft Main Street Facility Plan as part of the planning phase for the Main Street Safety Project,” said Mayor Sean VanGordon. “Council needs more time to read and consume the material including the recommendations before making a decision, which is a significant one for our community.”

With this decision, the scheduled May 2 City Council public hearing will not occur. Instead, prior to the Council’s summer recess, the Council will hold a series of work sessions to dive more in-depth into the Draft Main Street Facility Plan to increase their understanding of the recommendations, and their benefits and costs.

Draft Main Street Safety Facility Plan work sessions are scheduled for:

- 5:30 p.m., Monday, June 6
- 5:30 p.m., Monday, June 13
- 5:30 p.m., Monday, June 20
- 5:30 p.m., Monday, June 27

Agendas for the upcoming work sessions will be posted at <https://springfield-or.gov/city/city-council-meetings/> the Thursday prior to each work session.

Please note there is no public comment accepted during work sessions. However, community members can still submit their feedback through info@ourmainstreetspringfield.org and it will be provided to the City Council as part of their public hearing process. The Council will reschedule the public hearing for February 2023. The community will be notified once a date(s) has been selected.

To view the Draft Facility Plan and Project Fact Sheets please visit mainstreetsafety.org

Planning Commission Public Hearing Recommendation

The Planning Commission deliberations for the Draft Main Street Facility Plan occurred on Tuesday, April 5, 2022. Following a presentation from staff, questions, and discussion among Commission members, they voted 4 to 3 to recommend approval of the Draft Plan for the Springfield City Council consideration. See above for details on the timeline for Council.

The following are some highlights from the Commission's deliberation:

- Agreed that safety matters and something does need to be done to reduce the frequency and severity of crashes on Main Street
- Acknowledged the street and the plan are trying to be all things for all people which makes it difficult to meet everyone's needs
- Appreciated the nearly four-year process and community engagement to date
- Some members supported the recommendations while other members felt alternative solutions should be explored to address the safety problem
- Many expressed concerns about potential impacts to businesses

You can watch the entire Commission deliberation on the [City's YouTube Channel](#). The Main Street Safety Project deliberation starts at 58:00 in the video recording.

[View Planning Commission Deliberation](#)

You can read the published agenda packet from the meeting at springfieldoregonspeaks.org.

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Project Purpose

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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