

WalkBike Springfield and the Way Finders Healthy Hill Initiative

- Residents working to improve the safety of walking and bicycling in Springfield.
- Residents advocating for Complete Streets prioritization, Safe Routes to School and “Infrastructure Justice”

The Genesis

- Summer 2014 – PVPC, LiveWell Springfield, MassBike convene ad hoc group to develop Complete Streets policy and plan
- Summer 2015 – WBS holds 1st monthly meeting
- October 2015 – Springfield City Council passes Complete Streets Policy
- February 2016 - MassDOT requires revisions; Council passes again



WalkBoston recognizes the joint efforts with a Golden Shoe Award in March 2019



Key Successes

- Bicycle Network & Prioritization Plan
- MassDOT Complete Streets Funding
- Street Painting: Bicycle Lanes, Sharrows, Zebra Crosswalks
- Bicycle Racks at Libraries
- Safe Routes to School & Walking Curriculum
- Multi-use Paths: Connections & New 25 mph Speed Limit
- Street Light issues addressed (light audit resolution)



Moving Forward

Education

- Bicycle Curriculum
- Neighborhood Council and Resident Outreach
- Good Neighbor Publication

Safety

- 25 MPH Speed Limit Campaign
- Speed Management Plan & Age Friendly City
- Complete Streets



Moving Forward: Policy

- City Elections
- All Wheel Park
- Highland Multi-use Path
- Street Painting Budget
- Update Bicycle Network
- Implement Safe Routes to School School (School Design)

