



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 the Oregon Department of Transportation launched the Main Street Safety Project to address this safety problem to save lives, reduce injuries, and lessen property damage. Community engagement is vital to inform the selection of infrastructure solutions that help to ensure safe, accessible transportation for everyone, whether by foot, bike, mobility device, bus, or car!

Based on feedback from the project's second round of community engagement, the City knows that safety continues to be a key concern in our community, but possible infrastructure elements need to reflect a balanced approach to improve safety and support business/economic development. The project team used this feedback to refine the possible safety elements and overall infrastructure solutions. At the Jan. 7th City Club meeting, Molly Markarian, the lead planner on the project, will review and seek your feedback on the draft solution "toolbox" and recommendations.

Ms. Markarian is a Senior Planner for the City and currently manages a variety of comprehensive land use and infrastructure planning efforts. Over the past 13 years, she has also worked on affordable housing, community development, historic preservation, and current development efforts with the City. Prior to working for the City, Molly worked as the Latino Business Programs Manager for the Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation. Molly graduated from MIT with a Master's in City Planning with a concentration in Housing, Community, and Economic Development. When she's not at work, you can find Molly at farmer's markets, public library fundraisers, and inspiring her twin daughters to embrace a multi-modal lifestyle.