

# Springfield Climate Justice Initiative

SPRINGFIELD CLIMATE ACTION AND RESILIENCE PLAN  
POLICY FACT SHEET NO. 6

## TARGETED COMPLETE STREETS IMPLEMENTATION



MAKE SPRINGFIELD MORE  
ACCESSIBLE TO THOSE  
WITHOUT CARS BY IMPROVE  
WALKING AND BIKING  
INFRASTRUCTURE

SUPPORT VALLEY BIKE  
EXPANSION

LOW  
reduction in  
GHG  
emissions



76% of Springfield residents  
surveyed would like to bike more



FOR SAFER FOOT AND BICYCLE TRAVEL, FOR  
HEALTH BENEFITS, TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC AND  
AIR QUALITY



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## Complete Streets Prioritization in Previously Redlined Neighborhoods

### What is this policy?

Complete streets is when the city builds and remodels our sidewalks, bikeways, bus stops and roads so that they are safer and more accessible for children, older adults and people with mobility issues. We are advocating for targeted complete streets funding in formerly redlined neighborhoods that were systematically denied funding, usually because black and brown people lived there.

### Why support this policy?

We support this policy because we want our children, grandparents, neighbors to be able to walk, bike and take the bus safely.

- **Equity**
  - The state has funding for complete streets-- we want the city to target this funding for neighborhoods that were discriminated against.
  - Investing in formerly redlined neighborhoods will address the issue of systemic racism and discrimination.
- **Health**
  - Prioritizing redlined neighborhoods will improve health outcomes of the residents living in that community because they will be able to walk, bike and get exercise and the air they breathe will be cleaner.
- **Greenhouse Gas Emissions**
  - Walking and biking is the cleanest form of transportation, it produces no greenhouse gas emissions and I care about the planet.

### Where will the funding come from?

Massachusetts Department of Transportation

### How do we advocate to make this happen?

We advocate to the City Council, the Department of Public Works and the Mayor to make this change.

### What momentum is there?

The city's Built Environment Committee is already considering this criteria in its planning.



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