

East Spring Street Community Survey



About the Survey

East Spring Street provides an important link reach key destinations across Winooski. The Winooski Alliance for Active Transportation (WAAT) surveyed residents and road users to understand concerns and collect ideas for improving walking, biking, and rolling along East Spring Street.

70%

of respondents feel somewhat unsafe or very **unsafe walking or rolling** on East Spring Street.



What We Heard: Walking & Rolling on East Spring Street

- **Missing Sidewalks & Poor Sidewalk Conditions:** The eastern end of East Spring Street lacks sidewalks. Existing sidewalks are narrow and poorly maintained, especially during winter.
- **Unsafe, Aggressive Traffic:** Speeding and failure to yield are common.
- **Dangerous Traffic Patterns & Intersections:** Intersections are confusing, with faded or missing crosswalks, particularly at Barlow, Hood, and East Allen Streets. Many crosswalks are dimly lit or unlit, making it hard to see pedestrians in low light.
- **Poor Road Conditions:** Large cracks and potholes cause drivers to swerve, endangering people walking, biking, or rolling in the street.

What We Heard: Biking on East Spring Street

- **Unsafe & Aggressive Traffic:** Drivers often speed, ignore stop signs, and overtake cyclists, making biking feel unsafe and intimidating.
- **No Dedicated Bike Space:** There's strong demand for protected or clearly marked bike lanes. Many note there's currently no striping.
- **Hazardous Road Conditions:** Potholes, uneven pavement, and poor maintenance (i.e., snow removal, street sweeping) force both cars and bikes to swerve.






66%

of respondents feel somewhat unsafe or very **unsafe biking** on East Spring Street.



8 out of 10 of survey respondents would be **more likely to walk, bike, or roll** in the East Spring Street neighborhood if all issues were resolved.

What We Heard: Top Priorities for East Spring Street Improvements

-  **Slow Down Traffic:** Add narrower lanes, speed bumps, raised intersections, chicanes, crosswalk markings and/or better signage to reduce speeding and increase safety.
-  **Fix Sidewalk Gaps & Conditions:** Complete missing segments, make sidewalks accessible for all users, and maintain them year-round.
-  **Add Protected Bike Lanes:** Create clear, separated space for bikes, especially at key intersections like East Allen and Main Street.
-  **Improve Road Conditions:** Repave the street and keep it free of potholes and debris.
-  **Enhance Lighting & Comfort:** Increase lighting in dark areas and consider trees or benches for a safer, more pleasant street.