



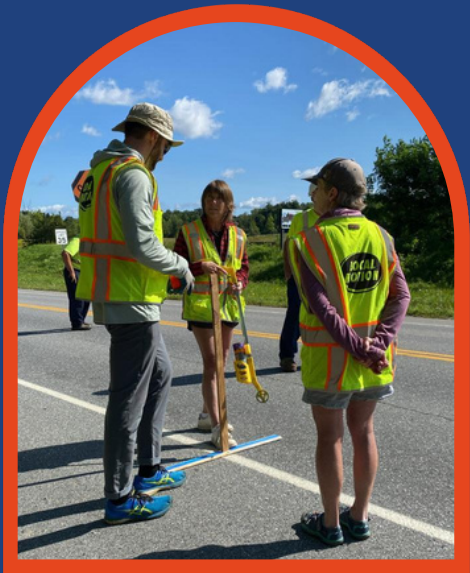
East Spring Street Community Concerns Survey Results

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Local Motion's mission is to make it safe, accessible, and fun for everyone to bike, walk, and roll in Vermont.



ABOUT WINOOSKI ALLIANCE ON ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION (WAAT)



Formed in February 2023, the Winooski Alliance for Active Transportation (WAAT) holds monthly public meetings and is led by a seven-member steering committee of Winooski residents.

WAAT advocates for safer, more accessible walking, biking, and rolling infrastructure. It has pushed for improvements on the upcoming Winooski Bridge, contributed to the Lafountain and Dion Streets Scoping Study, and helped shape the new Winooski Walk Bike Plan.

SAFE STREETS FOR ALL

Everyone should be able to move without risking their lives, and should have the freedom to use their preferred mode of transportation.

- People walking
- People using wheelchairs and assistive devices
- People driving
- People using transit
- People biking



CONCERNS ON E. SPRING ST.

Spring Street in Winooski is a critical east-west corridor and a popular route for people walking and biking. However, it lacks essential pedestrian and bike infrastructure, making it dangerous for residents. Recognizing these long standing community concerns, WAAT, with support from Local Motion, launched a community-wide survey to better understand residents' experiences. The response showed concern for safety on E. Spring St. and a strong interest in a pilot project focused on safer street design.



'[I] bike commute to work... and [it] feels unsafe with [the] speed of traffic and no bike lane. [The] poorly maintained street, with lots of potholes on the shoulder/edge of the road, makes [it] even less safe.'

Some of the key issues survey respondents acknowledged were:

- Missing sidewalks
- Dangerous traffic patterns & intersection
- Unsafe, Aggressive Driving
- Poor Road Conditions

'Many people blow through stop signs across the neighborhood, making it hard to predict whether crosswalks are safe to use.'



'At night, it is very dark and the sidewalk completely drops off ... I am worried about being hit by a car sometimes.'

'I bike on East Spring Street. It is terrifying.'

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

Top Priorities for East Spring Street Improvements

Fix Sidewalk Gaps and Transitions



Installing sidewalks on one or both sides of the street was a common suggestion. Respondents recommended keeping completing missing segments, keeping sidewalks clear of debris, repairing damage, and ensuring they are safe and accessible for all users year round.

Safer Street Crossings



Respondents recommended repainting crosswalks and adding pedestrian signals and street lighting at intersections to improve visibility and safety for people walking and rolling.

Slow Down Traffic



Slowing traffic and reducing traffic volume on East Spring Street was a top priority for many survey respondents. Suggestions included installing raised crosswalks, medians, sidewalk buffers, speed bumps, curb extensions, and chicanes.

Road Maintenance



Respondents expressed concern about unsafe or erratic driving caused by cars swerving to avoid potholes, cracks, and other road damage. Recommended solutions included repaving the road and repainting traffic lines.

Bike Lanes



Installing bike lanes was one the most common recommendations from respondents. Many shared that clear markings and protected bike lanes would clarify where bicycles should travel in the road, help cyclists maintain a safe distance from car traffic, and improve overall interactions between road users.

A More Pleasant Walking Environment



Lack of lighting along East Spring Street, especially at crosswalks and intersections was a commonly reported concern. Respondents suggested installing more lighting and adding street trees to provide shade and cooling to people walking, biking, and rolling during summer months.

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

70%

of respondents feel somewhat unsafe or very **unsafe walking or rolling** 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.

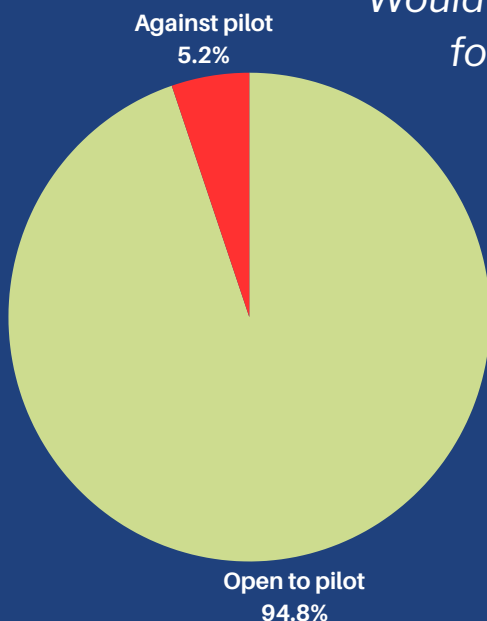
66%

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



INTEREST IN PILOT PROJECT

Would you support a temporary project to test improvements for walking, biking, and rolling on East Spring Street?



Out of 165 total respondents...

- 73% of residents were supportive
- 5% were not supportive
- 22% were potentially supportive, depending on the design

Overall, nearly 95% of residents were open to or supportive of a pilot project on E. Spring Street, while 5% were not.

NEXT STEPS

WAAT is committed to working with the community to make improvements to E. Spring Street in the near future.

QUESTIONS?

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