



**Minutes**  
**Bicycle Advisory Commission**  
**Community Chambers**  
**23 Russell Boulevard**  
**Monday, February 2, 2009**  
**5:30 p.m.**

Commissioners Present: John Berg - Chair, Jack Kenward - Vice Chair, Earl Bossard, Joe Krovoza, Kelli O'Neill, Alan Jackman, Virginia Matzek, Angel York

Commissioners Absent: David Takemoto-Weerts (ex officio)

Staff Liaison: Tara Goddard, Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator (absent)

Other Staff Present: Roxanne Namazi, Senior Civil Engineer

Council Liaison: Sue Greenwald

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1. **Oath of Office** – Joe Krovoza was sworn in as the new Alternate Commissioner.
2. **Approval of Agenda**  
Approved.
3. **Approval of Minutes for January 2009**  
Minutes approved by consensus, with a minor modification to Item 7.
4. **Commission and Staff Announcements**  
Staff:
  - Roxanne Namazi had the following announcements:
    - The Stage 1 Start for 2009 Amgen Tour of California Bicycle Race is starting in Davis on Sunday, February 15. The race will start at approximately 12 noon on C Street, adjacent to Central Park, make two loops through downtown Davis and head out of town west on Russell Boulevard. Street Smarts will participate in this event with the Blue and White Foundation (an informational/give away booth).
    - The Draft Bike Plan is being circulated to the city departments with comments due on February 11, 2009. Staff will present the Final Plan to the Commission at its March 2009 meeting for adoption.

- Caltrans announced a call for projects for Cycle 8 State-legislated Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Program with an application submittal deadline of 4/15/09. This is primarily a construction program and is intended to improve the safety of students who walk or bike to school. The maximum amount of SR2S funds will be \$900,000 with 10% matching funds.

Commission:

- Commissioner Kenward had the following announcements:
  - Attended the Davis Bicycles! meeting on January 14, 2009 and will be attending the February 12 meeting to discuss Safe Route to School program.
  - He is concerned about the condition of the bike racks/parking in Davis schools. He is interested in having BAC meet with the school site councils to discuss improvements.
- Chair Berg had the following announcements:
  - Is a member of the Amgen Tour's organizing committee. He is working on organizing the VIP parking and amateur radio for the event. It is anticipated that 25,000 visitors come to Davis for the event.
  - Shared Portland's "Regional Bike Plan" with the Commission for information.
  - Reminded the Commission of the importance of the compliance with the Brown Act.

**5. Council Liaison Comments**

None.

**6. Public Communications**

- A resident expressed concerns that the BAC meeting was not posted on the City's Calendar of Events online. Commission directed staff to follow up on having the BAC meetings posted.
- Leo Rainer, from the Davis Bicycles! reminded the Commission of the upcoming UCD BTNS workshop on Thursday, February 5. He expressed concerns about the limited discussion on the West Village project.

**7. Consent Calendar**

None.

**8. Alternative Transportation Corridor Study Update (Namazi) - Informational**

Staff provided the background of information. At the direction of the Council, staff in cooperation with the City of Woodland and Yolo County is pursuing a feasibility study to evaluate an alternative transportation corridor between Davis and Woodland (bikes and electric vehicles). The consultant, Bennett Engineering, will evaluate three alternatives. A community kick-off meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2009 to introduce the project and identify goals, project schedule and obtain public input. Future meetings are also planned with the stakeholders. Throughout the study, neighborhood meetings will be held to share the results of the public outreach/stakeholder meetings and present the findings of the study. Staff will present a recommendation to the Council in summer 2009.

Commission had the following comments:

- Include the Union Pacific Railroad as a stakeholder and assure communication with them during the feasibility study.
- Alternatives 2 and 3 require land acquisition and may be faced with opposition from Yolo County Farm Bureau.
- Commission directed staff to provide the Commission with a copy of the 2001 study.

**9. Commission Position on Downtown Traffic Studies (Kenward) - Action**

Commissioner Kenward shared a draft of the “Commission Position on Downtown Traffic Studies” with the Commission for comments and input. He expressed concerns regarding the issues recently surfaced, including the Fifth Street Corridor Study, Third Street between the UCD campus and C Street, increase diagonal parking on Second Street, and other small projects. He asked the Commission to make a recommendation to the Council to provide for a comprehensive study citywide. Commission had the following comments:

- Supported the thought, but would like to revise the text.
- Concerned about the city’s budget constraints when asking for a comprehensive study.
- The General Plan Circulation element determines the citywide circulation plan. There is a need to look at problems as they arise. Not in favor of “terminating” the ongoing studies.
- Inquire the Council to review the General Plan’s Circulation Element.

Commissioner Kenward will revise the draft letter to the Council and will bring it back at the March meeting.

**10. Commission Work Plan (Berg) - Action**

Chair Berg presented the Commission Work Plan for the Commission’s comments and input. Commission made the following comments:

- Prioritize the list for the next 12 months.
- Add “pavement markings” to the Signage.
- Add “evaluation” to the Survey.
- Add bike access/parking at the shopping centers to the work plan.
- Discuss bike related issues with other commissions including Planning Commission and Safety and Parking Advisory Commission. Council member Greenwald expressed concerns about the number of commission and Council meetings. She suggested that either the commissions’ chairs meet or form a subcommittee and have them meet.
- Public Works to provide the bike related crash reports.
- Survey the number of kids who are driven to schools.
- Invite Richard Harris and John Mott-Smith to the BAC to discuss Green Schools.
- Have a liaison from the School District on the BAC. Council member Greenwald was concerned that the School District may not have a dedicated bike liaison and suggested that the School District be only invited to the meetings if there are any school related agenda items.

- Add agenda actions to each item.
- The bike counts need to be shared with the Commission.
- Leo Rainer from Davis Bicycles! suggested the work plan be structured under the 5 E's of the Bike Plan.

Chair Berg will bring back the revised Work Plan.

**11. Long Range Calendar Review**

Commission directed staff to move the New Bicycle Loops from the March meeting to April. They asked that staff provide for an explanation of this item at the April meeting.

Commission also added Meeting with the School District to the Unscheduled calendar item.

**12. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.