



Minutes
Bicycling, Transportation, and Street Safety Commission (BTSSC)
Davis Senior Center, Valente Room (646 A Street)
December 13, 2018
5:30 p.m.

Commission Members: Frances Andrews, Earl Bossard, Ryan Dodge (Vice Chair), Todd Edelman, Eric Gudz, Mike Mitchell (Chair), Jon Watterson

Council Liaisons: Brett Lee, Dan Carson (alternate)

Staff: Brian Mickelson, Assistant City Engineer / Transportation Manager
Brian Abbanat, Senior Transportation Planner

Absent: None

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Commissioner Mitchell called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion (Dodge/Bossard): Approve Agenda.

Motion carries unanimously.

3. Proclamations for Outgoing Commissioners

Commissioner Mitchell read proclamations for Commissioners Watterson and Bossard.

Former BTSSC Chair John Berg and former Mayor Robb Davis expressed appreciation to Commissioners Watterson and Bossard for their service on the City's commissions.

4. Brief Announcements from Staff and Liaisons

A. Bike/Ped Program Update

Jennifer Donofrio, Bike/Ped Program Coordinator, gave an update on the program since the last BTSSC meeting, including:

- JUMP Bike Share
- Events since last BTSSC meeting
- Upcoming events
- Other projects
- Opportunities for commissioner involvement

B. Council Liaison(s) Announcements

Mayor Brett Lee asked the BTSSC to test out the recently established traffic calming criteria and apply to projects on the traffic calming list.

Mayor Brett Lee commented that we may need more than 8 scooters as there will be considerable interest in testing them.

C. Other Staff Announcements

Brian Abbanat, Senior Transportation Planner, announced that the Downtown Specific Plan update admin draft is complete and under internal review. Public release is expected on February 11. A community workshop is scheduled for February 23rd at Davis Community Church. A joint BTSSC/ Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for February 27th from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to discuss the plan. The BTSSC will then take any collective action at the March BTSSC meeting.

5. Public Comment

Diane Swann, Bike Davis board member, commented that signs exist on City pathways that restricts motorized bicycles. This dates back to 1982 and referred to mopeds. Currently, state law allows e-bikes to go anywhere bikes can go, unless the local agency prohibits. The signs are causing confusion and should be removed or the bottom part covered.

Nicolas Fauchier Magnan, Bike Davis President, introduced himself and stated he is excited about the momentum generated by the Netherlands trip. City should consider using Level of Traffic Stress in analysis as it will be a powerful tool for finding gaps.

John Berg, Police Department volunteer, commented on abandoned bikes. Stated they have impounded 400-500 in the last three years from downtown alone. Stated they are having problems with thieves at the Amtrak station and that security is abysmal. Surveillance cameras are needed. Also commented that bike ordinances are not clear regarding how long a bike can be parked in one location. PD volunteers are noticing a lot of JUMP bike parking violations are occurring but can't do anything about it. He asked Jennifer Donofrio to let PD staff know if she needs help from the volunteers with identifying violations.

6. Consent Calendar

Motion (Gudz/Dodge): Approve consent calendar.

Motion carries unanimously.

7. Regular Items

A. JUMP Bike Share Six-Month Evaluation Scoping

Jennifer Donofrio gave an overview of the staff report and discussed potential revisions to the bike share ordinance that the BTSSC may want to discuss, including:

1. Bike share education.
2. Fees for new racks rather than directly providing.

3. Fees for bike share parking violations.
4. Fee per device for staff time for monitoring bike share program.
5. Ensure compensation for use of the public right-of-way.
6. Regulation of pedal-assist speed.
7. Ensure equitable access and widespread investment in the City.
8. Minimum age and weight limits for mobility devices.
9. Data collection.
10. Consistency of ordinances across the region and nation.
11. Collaboration with UC Davis.

Commissioner Watterson inquired if the City of Davis was involved in the development of the City of Sacramento's new ordinance since we are partners.

Jennifer Donofrio responded that no, regional bike share partners do not get to see it until it's published for their Law & Legislation Committee.

Commissioner Watterson also inquired if we are aware of other cities' bike share systems and problems.

Jennifer Donofrio responded that NACTO recently published a white paper on bike share systems that covers this topic and it was also a significant discussion topic at the NACTO conference she attended in October.

Commissioner Andrews inquired if there is a pressing need to change the existing ordinance.

Jennifer Donofrio responded that the ordinance is functioning as intended and that changes aren't needed right now, in her opinion.

Commissioner Bossard commented that JUMP bike parking is a problem. Fines should be applied for not being legally parked.

Jennifer Donofrio and Brian Abbanat commented that we would like to use data of where JUMP bikes are being parked, cross reference with our citywide bike rack inventory GIS layer, and then determine if we can improve the problem before initiating fines.

Commissioner Edelman expressed distrust that City staff is looking to make changes to bike share parking and bypass BTSSC discussion and action on the bike share ordinance.

Brian Abbanat responded staff is trying to solve parking problems and be responsive to community concerns about bike share parking. Proposed ordinance revisions by the BTSSC may take time or not be implemented at all in the event staff and/or City Council disagree with it. In the meantime, we want to improve bike parking availability, which the City is entitled to do within its right-of-way.

Mayor Brett Lee assured the BTSSC that any changes to the ordinance would come through the BTSSC.

Commissioner Gudz identified a few unifying themes which the commission could consider for any ordinance revision recommendations:

- Fee structure

- Parking situation
- Education

Commissioner Edelman stated he does not feel comfortable leaving the ordinance as-is for six months.

Commissioner Bossard stated we should concentrate on putting additional parking on the greenbelts.

Motion #1 (Gudz/Bossard): As it relates to the city's shared mobility programming, the BTSSC recommends and has a general preference for in-lieu fees over physical bicycle racks provided by operators for operators to meet their commitment, using a data-driven approach for the location and placement of new bicycle parking, and explore additional operator fee structures that could be utilized for additional public right of way compensation.

Motion carries: 6-1 (Dodge dissenting).

Motion #2 (Mitchell/Gudz): Changes to the bike share ordinance should be brought to the BTSSC before going to City Council.

Motion carries: 7-0.

Motion #3 (Edelman): Approve a 1-year pilot to designate certain areas where bike share bikes do not have to be locked to a bike rack.

Motion fails due to lack of 2nd.

Motion #4 (Mitchell/Dodge): City should identify and prioritize locations for bike parking.

Motion carries, 6-0-1 (Andrews dissenting).

B. Netherlands Study Mission Preview

Brian Abbanat gave an overview of the 4-day study mission to the Netherlands. Commented that a final report has been drafted and undergoing internal review. The final report will be a Regular Agenda item for the January meeting.

Jennifer Donofrio gave a slide show with photos of the study mission.

8. Commission and Staff Communications

A. Long Range Calendar (subject to change)

No changes or additions to the Long Range Calendar.

B. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Edelman inquired about the new traffic engineer and that it would be nice to meet him.

C. Subcommittee Reports / Reports On Meetings Attended / Inter-jurisdictional Bodies / Inter-Commission Liaisons / etc.

No updates.

9. Adjourn

Motion (Watterson/Bossard): Adjourn

Motion carries unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.
