



City of Davis
Bicycling, Transportation, and Street Safety Commission (BTSSC)
Minutes
Davis Senior Center, Valente Room (646 A Street)
February 8, 2018
5:30 p.m.

Commission Members: Frances Andrews, Ryan Dodge, Todd Edelman, Daniel Fuchs (Vice Chair), Eric Gudz, George Hague, Mike Mitchell (Chair), Jon Watterson

Council Liaisons: Brett Lee (Mayor Pro Temp)

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

Absent: Commissioner Bossard, Robb Davis (Mayor)

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m.

2. BTSSC Leadership Election: Chair, Vice-Chair

Commissioners Dodge and Mitchell accepted nominations to serve as Chair. Confidential voting resulted in commissioner Mitchell selected to continue serving as Chair.

Motion to elect Commissioner Mitchell as Chair carries unanimously.

Commissioner Dodge accepted nomination to serve as Vice-Chair. No vote required.

Motion to elect Commissioner Dodge as Vice-Chair carries unanimously.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve minutes (Gudz, Hague).

Motion carries unanimously.

4. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons

A. Bicycle / Pedestrian Program & Safe Routes to School Program Updates

Brian Abbanat gave a brief overview of the downtown parking inventory conducted by Jennifer Donofrio and her staff. Will be collecting parking occupancy counts this Spring.

C. Council Liaison(s) Announcements

Councilmember Lee announced the City Council voted to put a \$99 parcel tax on the June 2018 ballot for roads. Tax would include a 2% annual inflator. Councilmember Lee emphasized that this tax is carefully written to ensure the tax provides additional transportation infrastructure maintenance to current investments, and not as a substitute.

D. Commissioner Announcements

No commissioner announcements.

Brian Mickelson announced an offer has been extended to a candidate for the vacant Senior Civil Engineer position.

Commissioner Gudz requested for the new engineer to attend the first BTSSC meeting to introduce himself.

5. Public Comment

Tim Ruff, Nishi developer, briefly discussed the project, emphasizing the transportation features of the development project that will be on the June 2018 ballot. Encouraged commissioners to contact him with questions. He also provided a handout for informational purposes.

Nico Fauchier-Magnan commented on the need for bike path/infrastructure maintenance. Questioned whether road rehabilitation is a City priority, citing the Russell Blvd bike path as a discouragement to bicycling. Inquired about the pediments to better maintenance of bike infrastructure.

Brian Mickelson provided a brief response regarding how the City approaches street and bike path rehabilitation and suggested he contact staff directly for more information.

6. Consent Calendar

1. Draft Minutes: January 11, 2018

Motion to approve minutes (Watterson, Andrews).

Motion carries unanimously.

2. BTSSC 2018 Work Program

Motion to accept 2018 Work Program (Andrews, Watterson).

Motion carries unanimously.

7. Regular Items

A. Traffic Calming Program Recommendations

Commissioner Watterson, Traffic Calming Subcommittee, described the process for addressing traffic calming needs. Described that Council direction and prior BTSSC discussion resulted in a charge to primarily address residential traffic calming needs and how to prioritize. The subcommittee researched other cities to see how we could improve. Noted two current problems with residential streets:

- Vehicle speed is the most common complaint.
- Enforcement ability is constrained due to staffing and out-of-compliance street segments.

The subcommittee worked to establish the main criteria and steps neighborhoods could use to initiate solutions.

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Watterson explained the two components of the traffic calming program: 1) Street Calming Project Ranking, and 2) Traffic Calming Request Procedures.

Commissioner Edelman:

- Commented that subjective safety factors are not considered in the criteria
- Stated successful cities design for a consistent speed and that the goals of Vision Zero cannot be achieved at speeds greater than 20 mph.
- Stated we need to do something substantially different, and much more cheaply and quickly, than current approaches.

Commissioner Gudz stated the proposed program will get us closer to where we want to be and generally agrees with the criteria. Agreed that perceived safety is important and there may be a way to work it into the criteria, perhaps drawing from some of Susan Handy's work at UC Davis.

Commissioner Andrews stated agreement with commissioner Edelman that the proposed program is not perfect but allows us to do something rather than waiting to get to perfect.

Commissioner Fuchs suggested to consider steps 5-8 in the process to address problems more quickly.

Commissioner Mitchell referenced "guerrilla" decision-making in Portland. Is curious to hear more about Vision Zero. Acknowledge that we need to get a program working again.

Commissioner Gudz suggested setting a timer on the process, perhaps 180 days for solution.

Commissioner Edelman emphasized the need for lower speed limits and is unclear what is stopping us from establishing 20 mph speed limits.

Brian Mickelson responded the California legislature is looking at empowering local agencies to establish their own speed limits, but currently the prima fascia speed limit is 25 mph in residential neighborhoods.

Commissioner Hague stated that speed limits well below the street design speed will not be successful without extensive enforcement. Supports self-enforcing treatments such as speed humps. Also supports suggestion to truncate the process.

Councilmember Lee confirmed his support for the proposed criteria. Also referenced the Davis Manor neighborhood plan which will come to the BTSSC next month. Could be a way to make wholesale changes by neighborhood, but acknowledged that resources are limited to scale that across the city. Stated a check-in with the neighborhood is needed before installing traffic

calming solution. Batching of applications is important but potential 6-month wait before application is considered is not acceptable. Gave suggestion on how to address existing backlog.

Commissioner Mitchell inquired if City Council wants the selected locations to come to the Council.

Councilmember Lee responded he's okay with BTSSC and staff handling. City Council would only need to be involved in an appeal process.

City staff raised some concerns regarding the logistical challenges of data collected and suggested a pre-screening phase is needed prior to sending staff into the field to collect data.

Commissioner Gudz suggested the BTSSC volunteer to help with data collection and evaluation process.

Commissioner Edelman favors a sunset for the program to re-evaluate and push towards a 20 mph speed limit in residential neighborhoods.

Discussion wrapped up with Traffic Calming Request Procedures leading to the below motion:

Motion (Andrews, Hague): Approve Traffic Calming Subcommittee Staff Report Recommendation #1 with the following revisions:

- *Strike Traffic Calming Request Procedures Item #7.*
- *Remove City Council reference from Traffic Calming Request Procedures Item #8.*
- *Amend Traffic Calming Request Procedures Item #1 language:*
 - *To allow one vote per household.*
 - *To read as households adjacent to the street.*
- *Amend Traffic Calming Request Procedures Item #6 to read "...will vote on the proposed solutions..."*

Motion carries unanimously.

Motion (Andrews, Fuchs): Approve Traffic Calming Subcommittee Staff Report Recommendation #2.

Motion carries unanimously.

Commissioners Hague & Gudz depart meeting.

B. SACOG Regional Bike Share System

Sam Shelton, SACOG Senior Analyst, provided an overview of the project. Key features include:

- Interagency, public/private partnership between SACOG, Social Bicycles/Jump Bikes, City of Sacramento, City of West Sacramento, City of Davis, Sacramento State University, and UC Davis.
- 900 bikes in system, total by June, ~180 total in Davis.
- 300 bikes in system, total at initial launch in May, ~50 total in Davis.
- All bikes are electric-assist.

Felipe Giusti, Social Bicycles Sacramento Operations Manager, explained the key features of the Jump bike.

Sam Shelton showed maps illustrating the recommended locations for the 50 hub, 100 hub, and 150 hub phases. He explained the operational and economic challenges with extending the system boundary too broadly with the number of bikes planned for Davis.

Commissioner Edelman commented that electric assist bikes have longer range and suggested that should allow for a system boundary.

Sam Shelton responded that while they are working with Jump on terms & conditions, for the system to work, there has to be reasonable bicycle availability, which is compromised if the system boundary is too large.

Commissioner Watterson noticed the Jump bikes have been introduced in other cities. What are you learning?

Sam Shelton responded that in Washington D.C., the average ride length is longer. In San Francisco, the system is too new to draw any conclusions (2 weeks).

Commissioner Watterson inquired about the target audience.

Felipe Giusti responded they are targeting the system to anyone who needs a bike as transportation.

Commissioner Fuchs inquired about pricing.

Sam Shelton responded that pricing recommendations are not available right now but are looking at something in the range of \$2 per half-hour.

Commissioner Edelman stated a preference for pricing by the minute in Davis and a lower rate for low-income users.

Sam Shelton responded there are many pricing scheme possibilities. They are working to establish a pricing system that works for all partner agencies in the region.

Sam Shelton also gave a brief overview of the community outreach process for Davis which will include the Farmer's Market and the Unitrans 50th Anniversary celebration events in February and March, respectively.

Sam Shelton explained the level of service agreements with Jump such as rebalancing, nuisance parking, response time, graffiti, and user complaints.

Motion (Edelman): The BTSSC strongly supports the provision of bike share in Davis, and has confidence that the system architecture, bicycle technology and expertise in the Jump-SACOG public-private partnership can provide multiple benefits in areas from the environmental to the social sphere. Unfortunately, at this time the User Agreement for Jump contains two rules that go against Davis policies, namely in regards to Equity - which is a main goal of the 2014 Beyond Platinum Davis Bike Plan. The User Agreement requires that users are at least 18 years of age,

and weigh 210 lbs. Or less. These rules in aggregate limit a high number of potential users of the bicycles, perhaps close to 1/3 of Davis residents who are tall enough to ride the bikes. The BTSSC requests that the City Council communicate to both SACOG and Jump that these policies are unacceptable and that they be removed from the User Agreement by the time of the summer expansion.

Motion fails due to lack of second.

Commissioner Dodge departs meeting

8. Commission and Staff Communications

A. Long Range Calendar

No comments on Long Range Calendar

B. Establish Subcommittee(s)

Motion (Edelman, Fuchs): Establish subcommittee to advise Council on taking best position possible for Caltrans I-80/HOV lane project and other associated transportation issues. The purpose of the sub-committee would be:

- *Take the best position possible regarding the plans of Caltrans for the I-80 bus/HOV lane project*
- *Address other issues such as WAZE*
- *See how other communities across the state and country deal effectively with their highway infrastructure partners in terms of environmental and social sustainability.*

Motion carries, 4-1 (Mitchell dissenting). Commissioner Fuchs volunteers to serve on subcommittee.

Commissioner Edelman's request to establish a subcommittee to address parking minimums in Davis was postponed to next meeting.

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

No reports

9. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn (Fuchs, Andrews)

Motion carries unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 p.m.
