



**Bicycling, Transportation, and Street Safety Commission (BTSSC)
Minutes
Davis Senior Center, Activity Room (646 A Street)
July 26, 2018
6:00 p.m.**

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

Council Liaisons: Mayor Brett Lee

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

Absent: Commissioner Mitchell (Chair), Commissioner Bossard
Council Liaison Carson (alternate)

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion (Fuchs, Andrews): Approve agenda.

Motion carries unanimously (Fuchs recuses from Agenda Item #7B)

3. Proclamation: Robb Davis

Vice Chair Dodge read a proclamation recognizing former Mayor Robb Davis for his service to the former Bicycle Advisory Commission and as alternate Council Liaison to the Bicycling, Transportation, and Street Safety Commission.

4. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons

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

Deferred to Agenda Item #7A.

B. Council Liaison(s) Announcements

No announcements from Mayor Lee.

C. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Edelman inquired why some development-related items only come once to the BTSSC and others not at all. Cited 2555 Research Park Drive project and Second and Mace projects as examples.

Brian Abbanat responded that most development projects come to the BTSSC once and Transportation staff defers to Community Development and Sustainability Department for which projects come before the commission.

Commissioner Edelman asked what is being done about bad parking incidents with JUMP bikes.

Jennifer Donofrio responded the City had to threaten impoundment of JUMP bikes recently. She explained the various ways to notify JUMP of parking violations.

Commissioner Edelman asked if electric charging stations will only be available for JUMP bikes.

Jennifer Donofrio responded the charging stations most likely only fit JUMP bikes.

Commissioner Fuchs announced this meeting will most likely be his last as he is moving to Sacramento.

Commissioner Dodge made a request for Commissioner Announcements/Discussion items to be placed at the end of the agenda.

D. Other Staff Announcements

5. Public Comment

No public comments for items not on the agenda.

6. Consent Calendar

A. Draft Minutes: June 14, 2018

Motion (Andrews, Fuchs): Approve minutes, correcting Line 95 from "bike lane" to "bikeway".

Motion carries unanimously.

7. Regular Items

A. Bike/Ped/Safe Routes To School Programs Annual Update

Jennifer Donofrio, Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator, introduced herself and Lorretta Moore, Safe Routes to School Coordinator.

Jennifer Donofrio highlighted the FY 17/18 accomplishments for the Bike/Ped program, including:

- 110 events
- 2,000 bike lights given
- Launching bike share
- Collecting downtown bike parking supply and occupancy data.

Items coming up this fiscal year include an updated bike map, more bike/ped wayfinding, and bike light vending machines.

Lorretta Moore gave an overview of the FY 17/18 SRTS program accomplishments, including:

- Parent surveys indicating a 58% rate of walking and biking to school, up from 46% in 2011
- Walk to School Day
- Bike rodeos (500 kids total)
- Poster contest
- Junior high outreach
- Polar pedal
- Bike a Kid to School event
- Rock the Block assemblies
- Bike Loopalooza
- Bike to School Day
- Books on Bikes
- Active.4.me scanning program
- Going the Extra Mile event

Lorretta noted that all the SRTS program activities are grant-funded through the statewide Active Transportation Program, which expires in May 2019.

Commissioner Watterson stated he was very impressed with the activities and partnerships established.

Commissioner Fuchs stated both Bike/Ped and SRTS staff are doing an excellent job with bicycle programming.

Commissioner Edelman stated he would love to see presentations ahead of time. It would also be great to be invited to some of these events. Emphasized the need for Council funding for understanding overall bike modal share.

Commissioner Edelman inquired about high schools.

Lorretta Moore confirmed that the SRTS funding is limited to K-8 grades, but they are making headway with students and parents at the high school.

Jennifer Donofrio added that they are looking to make connections with high school clubs and hosting fix-it events for them.

Commissioner Gudz stated using data is a good way to make the case for continued funding.

Commissioner Dodge inquired about future program funding.

Brian Mickelson responded that the City is looking at that through the budget process. Will bring a proposal to Council for continuing the program.

B. Fourteenth Street / Villanova Drive Improvements Design Concepts

Brian Abbanat introduced the project and gave a background of the process to date. He introduced the City's design consultant, Lisa Beyer, with Alta Planning + Design. She gave a presentation of the project's design concept, which included the following themes:

- Timeline
- Existing Conditions
- Stakeholder Feedback
- Design Concepts for Corridor Segments
 - Sycamore Lane to Anderson Road
 - Anderson Road to Oak Ave
 - Oak Ave to F Street
- Planning Level Cost Estimates:
 - \$1.29 million for Baseline Project
 - \$3.12 million for Enhanced Project

Public Comment:

Jan Neff, daughter of residents on Villanova Drive, stated she is not supportive of median preventing U-turns via the Carob Place cul-de-sac. Suggested considering a stop sign at Villanova and Carob. Speed tables on “S” curve may cause more accidents. Concern of street narrowing and that buses already struggle. Consider disallowing buses on this segment.

Dan Kennedy, resident at Villanova & Reed, inquired if the City works with any accident data to determine whether projects like this should be considered. The Anderson-Oak segment doesn’t need any changes.

Walt Savern, recommended realigning the first curve west of Oak. Stated traffic signals are needed at Oak Street and B Street intersections.

Shneur Sherman, resident at 551 Villanova, stated he does not support a curb ramp at the Tamarack Lane bike path interface with Villanova in the Enhanced Project. Should consider an oval roundabout for Toyon & Carob Place. Is very much opposed to speed bumps and extending medians.

Commission Comments:

Commissioner Gudz strongly advocated for parking-protected bike lanes. Stated the line of steel with cars will provide confidence for bicyclists. Supports majority of Enhanced Project.

Commissioner Edelman stated he likes the project design for incremental improvements. Supports parking-protected bike lanes. Does not understand why parking protected bike lanes could not be provided for the Anderson-Oak segment. Removal of car parking should be considered an option. Thinks Oak Ave intersection should be improved. Should start with Enhanced Project from Oak to F as an example of what the full project can look like. Use Baseline Project for other segments.

Commissioner Watterson stated the Veterans Center bus stop is an issue. Move bus stop further west to improve intersection clearance. High school driveway consolidation may not be productive. Like solution near elementary school, relocating F Street bus stop. Supports Enhance Project for Oak-F segment.

Commissioner Andrews expressed support for the Baseline Project to see how things work out without the permanence and costs of constructing improvements in the Enhanced Project.

Mayor Lee stated that Anderson-Oak is a unique segment. We could defer this section for further study. Supports parking-protected bike lane. Instinct is that North Davis Elementary (NDES) frontage segment can be improved if we loosen some self-imposed constraints such as assuming parent drop-off in front of the school.

Commissioner Dodge supports clearing the Enhanced Project through Caltrans environmental as it will cover both options. Then try the enhancements with temporary demonstration projects. Would like to see a more elegant solution at the Oak Avenue / cycle track interface.

Commissioner Edelman requested turning stop signs to yield signs during school hours. Inquired if NDES drop-off can be relocated to F Street.

Motion (Edelman, Gudz):

Support:

- 1. Modified Enhanced Project for Oak-F Street segment, including intersections.*
- 2. Baseline Project for Sycamore-Anderson segment*
- 3. City street design standards for Anderson-Oak segment.*
- 4. Improvements should be preceded by educational components.*

Motion carries unanimously (Fuchs recused).

Motion (Edelman, Watterson): BTSSC write letter to City Council regarding the importance of F to H Street connection at Fourteenth Street as well as South Putah Creek connection, with support for acquiring by eminent domain, if necessary.

Motion carries unanimously (Fuchs recused).

C. Transportation Implementation Plan Annual Report

Motion to approve.

Motion carries unanimously.

8. Commission and Staff Communications

A. Long Range Calendar

Commissioner Edelman read a list of items for consideration at future BTSSC meetings. Commission sentiment was to postpone considering discussion of the requests to October/November meeting as the September meeting is solidly booked.

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

No reports.

8. Adjourn

Motion (Fuchs, Dodge): Adjourn meeting

Motion carries unanimously at 9:12 p.m.
