



Bicycling, Transportation, and Street Safety Commission (BTSSC)
Minutes
Davis Senior Center, Valente Room (646 A Street)
June 14, 2018
5:30 p.m.

Present: Frances Andrews, Ryan Dodge (Vice Chair), Todd Edelman, Daniel Fuchs, Jon Watterson

Council Liaisons: Brett Lee

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

Absent: Mike Mitchell (Chair), Earl Bossard, Eric Gudz, Mayor Davis

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda (Fuchs, Watterson).
Motion carries unanimously.

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons

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

Jennifer Donofrio gave an update on Bike/Ped program activities, including:

- JUMP bike share launch:
 - 3x more usage than expected
 - JUMP is trying to catch up with demand
 - Having some problems with bikes parking in public ROW. Jennifer agreed to bring data next month, if available, and look into minimum charging level requirements.
- Bike path cleanup event
- UC Davis Helmet Hair Don't Care event
- Rancho Yolo bike mechanics class
- Employee picnic bike ride
- Summer camp leaders group riding training
- Bike scavenger hunt

B. Council Liaison(s) Announcements

Councilmember Lee announced the \$99 parcel tax for road rehabilitation was not successful at the ballot. There is no plan for a new measure in the near future, but perhaps further down the road.

C. Commissioner Announcements

No commissioner announcements.

D. Other Staff Announcements

No staff announcements.

4. Public Comment

Kate Rose introduced herself as the Pioneer Elementary School Active.4.me coordinator. Stated she lives off Blue Oak & Mace and that a safe passageway is needed over or under Mace Blvd. Students need to pass through the Mace & Cowell intersection safely.

5. Consent Calendar

A. Draft Minutes: May 10, 2018.

Commissioner Edelman raised the issue of BTSSC minutes regarding the Davis Live development project were summarized for the first discussion at the Planning Commission. Wants to ensure they receive the full minutes at the next Planning Commission meeting.

Motion to approve minutes (Fuchs, Andrews).

Motion carries unanimously.

6. Regular Items

A. TIP Proposed New Projects

Brian Abbanat introduced the item, TIP process, and justification for staff recommendations on commissioner-sponsored proposed projects.

Commissioner Edelman requested the BTSSC reconsider staff recommendation for ID's #9 and #12, which was not supported by the commission.

Commissioner Edelman requested the BTSSC reconsider staff recommendation for ID #25, to formalize a bike/ped connection through the Parkside Apartments parking lot that is currently being used as a cut-through. The commission supported including this in the Deferred list.

Motion to accept staff recommendations plus add ID #25 in the Deferred list (Fuchs, Watterson).

Motion carries unanimously.

B. East Covell Blvd Multi-Use Path

Brian Mickelson introduced the project and its background. Staff is bringing this item to the commission before 30% design because input is needed regarding the desired cross section,

which will influence the extent to which right-of-way needs to be obtained from the adjacent property owner. Staff will return for a more comprehensive review at 30% design.

Commissioner Fuchs preferred to separate bikes and pedestrians. May not need a separate bike lane with a path.

Commissioner Andrews stated the facilities should be designed such that there are decreasing speeds further away from street.

Commissioner Edelman stated he doesn't understand why there's no Class IV bikeway. There's no huge need for a pedestrian facility on the north side.

Commissioner Dodge inquired if a Class IV bikeway was considered.

Brian Mickelson responded that it was not, that staff was following Council direction on the project.

Commissioner Watterson commented that he doesn't see an alternative that matches his vision. Emphasized the need for shade trees and to separate bikes from peds.

Commissioner Edelman added the need to think about designing for Class 3 e-bikes.

Councilmember Lee stated he doesn't understand the desire for a Class IV bike lane, that the vast majority of users would prefer a separated path away from the street.

Public Comment:

Kate Rose asked what is the bigger picture with respect to this project. Stated a preference for reducing shrubbery and adding lights, both for safety reasons.

The commission did not take formal action on this item but there was general agreement for the following cross section, from south to north: 11' travel lane | 10.5' travel lane | 2' narrow shoulder | 14' landscape strip w/trees | 14' multi-use path | 6' planter strip | 6' sidewalk

Staff agreed to look into this configuration and return the commission at 30% design.

7. Commission and Staff Communications

A. Long Range Calendar

- **Discussion: Consideration of Presentation from City of Sacramento Transportation Planning.**

Brian Abbanat shared that the City of Sacramento and Davis have had conversations about giving reciprocal presentations to their respective transportation-related commissions about what they're doing with bicycling infrastructure. The commission expressed interest in this. Staff agreed to put this topic on the long range calendar, shooting for October or November.

Commissioner Edelman requested to move the Construction Detour item to July, due to crisis safety issues. The commission agreed about the need to discuss the item, but that immediate safety issues can be addressed through regular channels and the item didn't need to be advanced to July.

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

Commissioner Watterson shared that he attended the Caltrans I-80 project Open House on June 6th. Was pleased with their desire to construct a large, wide bike facility on the causeway.

Commissioner Edelman stated he also attended the Open House and approached Caltrans staff about potentially initiating a toll on the causeway, which could fund multi-modal improvements along the corridor.

Commissioner Dodge gave an update on the Downtown Plan Advisory Committee process.

Public Comment:

Kate Rose asked if there was any discussion at the Caltrans I-80 Open House about evacuation lanes for a natural disaster or other emergency.

Commissioner Watterson responded that he did not notice anything like that.

8. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn (Dodge, Watterson).

Motion carries unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.