



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

Commissioners Present: Frances Andrews, Earl Bossard, Ryan Dodge (Vice Chair), Todd Edelman, Daniel Fuchs, Eric Gudz, George Hague, Mike Mitchell (Chair)

Council Liaisons: Brett Lee, Robb Davis (alternate)

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

Absent: Jon Watterson

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Meeting commenced at 5:31 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion (Andrews, Fuchs): Approve agenda

Motion carries unanimously.

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons

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

Jennifer Donofrio's update included:

- Crosswalk refreshing and reposition of crossing guard at Loyola/Santa Cruz.
- Regional bike share outreach at Unitrans 50th Anniversary celebration on 3/2 and Farmer's Market on 3/3.
- Light the Night event at Russell & Arthur on 3/6.
- Lights in a Pinch bicycle light vending machines have arrived. Currently assembling and putting final touches on the machines.

Commissioner Edelman inquired about oversize bike parking at the train depot.

Jennifer Donofrio explained the City received a \$43,000 grant for additional long term secured bike parking at the train depot. Selected vendor is bike link, which provides operational continuity with existing lockers. The new lockers can accommodate longer bikes such as the Yuba.

Commissioner Edelman - who had originally proposed that the grant be used for over-sized lockers or racks - disagreed and responded that bicycles types such as larger child-carrying cargo bikes and even bicycles with trailers could still not be accommodated.

B. Council Liaison(s) Announcements

Mayor Davis shared with the commission that his Council subcommittee held a meeting with the West Davis Active Adult Community representatives to discuss the need for a protected intersection at Covell/Risling and also a significant redesign of Covell Blvd. This development project will likely come to Council in June for a November 2018 ballot vote.

Mayor Davis also suggested commissioners read the CIP staff report from the 2/20 City Council meeting. Commented that a lot is going on and that the Ponteverde & Tulip project is identified as a high priority project in the budget. He also explained the decision-making regarding the Cannery grade-separated crossing and that the City exhausted all possibilities before making a decision.

Councilmember Lee shared that Measure I will be on the June 2018 ballot, which is a \$99 per residential unit assessment limited to road repair, sidewalk repair, and traffic signal replacement. Assessment includes a 2% annual inflator and revenues are “above and beyond” existing \$3 million/year baseline expenditures. Assessment is for 10 years.

Mayor Davis added that there will be an annual review of priority projects for the funds.

C. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Edelman commented the City Clerk’s office is about to establish a portal for the community to directly contact commissioners. Also commissioners will get their own City e-mail address.

Commissioner Andrews announced a Transportation Options Awareness class is being hosted by the Bike Campaign on April 17th and 24th from 10 a.m to 12 p.m. at the Davis Library.

D. Other Staff Announcements

Brian Mickelson confirmed that the new Senior Civil Engineer will start on March 26th.

4. Public Comment

No public comment

5. Consent Calendar

A. Draft Minutes: February 8, 2018

Motion (Gudz, Hague): Approve minutes

Motion carries, 7-0-1 (Bossard abstains)

6. Regular Items

A. Davis Manor Green Streets Plan

Emily Griswold, Davis Manor Neighborhood Council (DMNC) representative, gave background information on their neighborhood, events, and activities which make the neighborhood unique. She then explained the purpose of their project and how it originated, including flooding, wide streets, high vehicle speeds, narrow sidewalks, inaccessible intersection corners, decaying street trees, and lack of gathering space. Completed their neighborhood plan last Fall.

Kevin Perry, landscape architect, described the DMNC planning process for this effort. First step involved helping the neighborhood understand the concept of green streets. Then, he shared a set of tools which could be applicable to their neighborhood. Third, they reviewed a concept plan which included storm water interventions and pedestrian experience improvements.

Public Comment:

Robin Kozloff, Davis Manor resident, commented that the Green Streets Plan was a result of a neighborhood visioning process. The neighborhood wanted a better walking environment, safer, and greener. The plan embodies those goals. Confirmed there is broad neighborhood support.

Fred Buderer, 33 year Davis Manor resident, stated this project is exciting in that it retrofits designs from a different era that doesn't really work today. This could be a model. It was a fun process with the neighborhood that built really good community support.

Councilmember Lee commented that he encouraged the DMNC to present their plan to the BTSSC. The problems they are trying to solve are common throughout Davis. The goal would be for other neighborhoods to want this.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Hague stated it is extremely rare for a neighborhood to come in with such a well developed plan.

Commissioner Gudz inquired whether a feasibility study or cost analysis for the project has been done.

Emily Griswold responded no cost estimate has been completed, but guessed this is a multi-million project that would rely on state grants. Looking at \$1.0-\$1.5 million for Urban Greening grant for M Street between Eighth Street and Duke Dr.

Commissioner Bossard suggested narrowing lanes with planter boxes.

Commissioner Edelman commented this could be a template for the rest of the City. Inquired about the possibility of eliminating all parking on Colgate.

Emily Griswold responded the first draft had much more parking removed. They received strong feedback regarding parking removal. This second draft is more moderate.

Commissioner Dodge suggested perhaps more parking could be removed in one location and gained back in another location with angled parking.

Commissioner Mitchell stated he was impressed with the process.

B. Anderson Road Improvements Master Plan

Brian Abbanat introduced the project and the City's consultant.

Lisa Beyer, Alta Planning + Design gave a presentation on the project. Key themes included:

- Existing conditions
- Neighborhood/community concerns
- Workshop #1: Feedback on preferred treatments, look and feel of the street.
- Workshop #2: Three design alternatives: 1) Green blvd, 2)Two-way cycle track, 3) Traffic calming /parking protected bikeways.
- Preferred alternative key design features
- Costs
- Phasing & funding
- Next steps

Commissioner Bossard commented he's pleased to see this plan. Suggested more protection at Eighth Street roundabout.

Discussion followed regarding "floating" transit stops on Anderson Road and whether they should stop in the travel lane to 1) Improve safety for boarding/alighting passengers and bicyclists and, 2) Prevent difficult lane merge if they pull to the side versus preserving traffic flow in the travel lanes.

Commissioner Edelman stated the City is not prioritizing Active Transportation by having buses pull out of the travel lane for boarding/alighting.

Commissioner Gudz stated appreciation for using parking as the buffer. Expressed strong support for proposed bus stops. Prioritizes transit. Agrees with phasing strategies.

Motion(Gudz, Dodge): Support design concept, dedicate full meeting for review when it comes back during design phase.

Motion carries 7-1. (Edelman dissenting)

Motion (Gudz, Hague): Continue meeting past 8:00 p.m. to cover item 6C.

Motion carries unanimously.

C. Transit Subcommittee Presentation

Commissioner Gudz gave a presentation on the output of the Transit Subcommittee's work.

Commissioner Hague stated Unitrans provides a service to students and benefits the City by reducing vehicular trips. If it becomes a community system, the City should help with advertising & contracting for revenue. Wants BTSSC to recommend City Council increase financial support for expanded service.

Commissioner Bossard stated that Uber & Lyft are harming transit.

Commissioner Fuchs stated more intra-city service is needed. Supports recommendations.

Commissioner Edelman inquired if there is an advertising estimate and how much would be needed to support system expansion or how much can be on shelters.

Commissioner Hague stated that in big cities, advertising companies provide & maintain shelters for privilege to advertise.

Commissioner Gudz stated a concern over advertising and the City needs to try to retain some control over advertising.

Commissioner Hague stated Unitrans is running efficiently and wants to push the City into helping.

Motion (Fuchs, Dodge): Ask subcommittee to return to commission with draft recommendations or statement after Unitrans quarterly report in April.

Motion carries unanimously.

Motion to adjourn (Dodge)

Motion carries 7-0-1 (Edelman abstaining)

7. Commission and Staff Communications

A. Long Range Calendar

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

- i. Volunteers for or dissolution of Caltrans I-80/HOV Lane Project subcommittee**
- ii. Establish citywide parking minimum subcommittee**
- iii. Staff Update on Traffic Calming Program**

8. Adjourn
