



Minutes
Bicycling, Transportation, and Street Safety Commission (BTSSC)
Davis Senior Center, Valente Room (646 A Street)
November 8, 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: Commissioner Dodge, Councilmember Carson

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda (Watterson, Edelman)

Motion carries, 5-0.

3. Brief Announcements from Staff and Liaisons

A. Bike/Ped Program Update

Jennifer Donofrio gave an update on program activities including:

- JUMP bike share
- Program events since the last commission meeting
- Forthcoming events
- Opportunities for commissioners to participate
- Other projects including: bike map update, gettingarounddavis.org update, e-scooter pilot program, and bike/ped wayfinding.

B. Council Liaison(s) Announcements

Mayor Brett Lee stated City staff will give a trip report from the Netherlands study mission at the next BTSSC meeting. Stated he's very excited about the outcomes from the trip and we should see some improved designs by next summer.

Mayor Brett Lee commented on the e-scooter urgency ordinance and that Council directed staff to initiate a pilot program. He also stated he reached out to staff to request a small fleet of loaner

scooters to get some first-hand experience with the technology and help inform how they can fit into the City mobility landscape.

Mayor Brett Lee suggested the BTSSC subcommittee on traffic calming could assist staff by using a process similar to the Tree Commission. Stated they do a good job evaluating tree removal requests.

C. Other Staff Announcements

No other announcements.

4. Public Comment

Sevgi Leno, resident at southern end of Marina Circle spoke about parking concerns on her block face. Stated there isn't a problem during the day but that there is lots of noise from students from the apartment complex across the street who park on her block face. Stated the red curb paint is a band aid solution that pushes impact to neighbors' block faces. Doesn't feel safe and comfortable. Apartment complex doesn't have enough parking for tenants.

Brian Mickelson commented that he has been working with Sevgi and is continuing to look at solutions to address this problem.

Mayor Brett Lee provided some guidance to Sevgi on how to proceed in elevating this issue to City Council.

5. Consent Calendar

A. Draft Minutes: November 8, 2018

Motion (Gudz, Watterson): Approve with revisions.

Motion carries 6-0.

6. Regular Items

A. Downtown Bicycle Parking Occupancy

Jennifer Donofrio introduced Joshua Endow-Monteiro, Bike/Ped Program Educator, who explained the bicycle parking occupancy project, it's purpose, and methodology.

Commissioner Edelman asked if the data includes the Bike Link lockers at the train station and bike types.

Jennifer Donofrio responded they do not, but they did include the type of bike racks downtown as there are several different styles.

Jennifer Donofrio commented that Joshua is collecting bike rack data throughout the City, potentially cross referencing with JUMP bikes real-time data to improve mitigation of bikes that are not parked at bike racks.

Commissioner Watterson stated that the data shows there is way more demand than is being accommodated.

Commissioner Gudz commented that this data would be good to use, but is not being discussed, in the new downtown plan. Presents a solid argument for more on-street bike parking. Would hate to sit on this data and not use it.

Commissioner Mitchell suggested that staff think about opportunities in residential areas for JUMP bikes to park.

B. Outgoing Commissioner Comments (Watterson, Bossard)

Commissioner Watterson shared his departing comments with the BTSSC by sharing what he felt the City was doing well and where there was room for improvement.

Doing well:

- Safe Routes to School
- Senior mobility (Travel Training)
- Bike education & rodeos
- Light the Night campaign
- Bike share programs
- New street design standards, traffic calming program
- Downtown parking
- Netherlands trip

Areas for Improvement:

- Need to accelerate implementation of the Bicycle Action Plan and General Plan Transportation Element. Should give these documents to new commissioners.
- Davis had leadership in bicycling, yet feels we're listless in looking forward to what we can be doing to achieve our goals. Not rapidly addressing this. Should make these goals really clear and everybody focused on accomplishing them.
- Need metrics.
- Likes the idea of going on occasional field trips to specific locations. Discussion about projects and issues is static away from the physical location.
- Expressed his gratitude for opportunity to serve on commission.

Commissioner Bossard gave a slide presentation titled, "Unfinished Business". Focused on five themes:

1. Identify and develop Complete Traffic Network components.
2. Lower speed limits for life saving safer traffic movement & streets.
3. Make Class IV protected bikeways & separated bike-ped paths the default options for bicyclists & pedestrians in Davis.
4. Adopt Vision Zero policies.
5. Install improved signage assisting wayfinding & safety.

7. Commission and Staff Communications

A. Long Range Calendar

Commissioner Edelman commented that a scooter share pilot proposal should be seen by the BTSSC. Also a broader shared mobility discussion.

B. Commissioner Announcements

No announcements.

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

Commissioner Gudz attended the Unitrans Advisory Committee (UAC) meeting last week. Topics discussed were the General Manager's Annual Report. Unitrans is working hard to avoid a funding shortfall due to increases in minimum wage. UAC also discussed UC Davis/City/County Memorandum of Understanding.

8. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn (Gudz, Edelman)

Motion carries unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.