



Minutes
Bicycling, Transportation, and Street Safety Commission (BTSSC)
Davis Senior Center, Valente Room (646 A Street)
October 11, 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: Brett Lee, Brian Abbanat

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

2. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Mitchell placed the Construction Detours on Item #6C, the rest moved to the Long Range Calendar.

Motion (Gudz, Watterson): Approve Agenda

Motion carries, unanimously.

3. Brief Announcements from Staff and Liaisons

Brian Mickelson announced an offer has been made at the Assistant Civil Engineer level for the vacant Senior Civil Engineer position.

4. Public Comment

No comments.

5. Consent Calendar

Motion (Watterson, Bossard): Approve minutes.

Motion carries unanimously.

6. Regular Items

A. Caltrans I-80 Project

Larry Brohman, Caltrans, gave a presentation on the project.

Commissioner Watterson commented the bike/ped bridge should be wider to allow for emergency access if the facility is separated from the existing freeway.

Public Comment:

Katie Rose, Pioneer Active School Coordinator inquired if the project affects emergency vehicle response.

Larry Brohman stated Caltrans will work with local agencies to coordinate signals. Also, widening to allow for emergency evacuations. This will be evaluated through CEQA.

Commissioner Bossard stated he drives I-80 frequently. The reduction to three lanes causes backups. Does District 4 have plans to address backups west of Kidwell?

Larry Brohman responded he is unsure about District 4 plans.

Commissioner Watterson stated support for Caltrans looking at different mode shares for the future project. Wants a dedicated bike/ped facility which people can ride two abreast and be able to accommodate emergency vehicles as well.

Commissioner Edelman stated he wants the facility optimized for Type 3 e-bikes and allow space for higher speed. Noted there is no information on air quality, noise, & vibration.

Larry Brohman responded Caltrans can build however many lanes they want, they just need to meet 1992 air quality standards.

Commissioner Dodge stated if separated bike/ped structure, then accommodate:

- Alternative 1: Remove segment & see outcome.
- Alternative 2: Underground the freeway & use land for development within Davis limits.
- Make project rail ready.
- Construct sound walls.

Commissioner Gudz stated:

- Desire for more lane management information over time.
- Desire to keep an eye on project schedule.
- Likes the separated bike/ped structure but understands cost.
- Wants to look at EV options for HOV lanes.

Commissioner Mitchell stated he likes the separated path but wants to make sure we are able to build it to adapt to technology and change.

Commissioner Edelman stated to cover the highway and put solar panels on it.

Commissioner Watterson stated he think electric bikes and their popularity speak to having a separated path.

Commissioner Dodge stated he thinks an isolated lane for through traffic would help.

B. Downtown Plan Update

Commissioner Dodge gave an update on the process. Stated there is still time for input. No draft currently, just a framework. Looking for input for fatal flaws. Project has been to Planning Commission and City Council and no fatal flaws have been identified.

Commissioner Edelman stated concern about the timeframe. When does it come to the BTSSC?

Brian Mickelson responded he thinks in February, after the draft comes out.

Commissioner Bossard endorsed the designated routes for bikes.

Commissioner Gudz expressed support for the consulting team and their approach with solid transportation principles. Liked their long term vision. Expressed concern about parking management strategy and that being rolled out almost concurrently. Wants to support council in holding firm on implementing current parking policies.

Commissioner Watterson supports giving bikes and peds priority, and this increases safety. Supports decisions to prioritize parking strategies and bike/ped access.

Commissioner Edelman wants to educate people on how parking management can help. Don't go direction o parking structure.

Commissioner Mitchell stated he realizes continued education is important. Thinks we need to just implement parking management plan.

Commissioner Watterson stated he thinks removing vehicles will enhance downtown.

Public Comment:

Katie Rose commented she wants it to focus on families and make accessible for bikes & peds. Block off downtown.

Motion (Gudz, Bossard): Submit a statement on behalf of BTSSC to the Downtown Specific Plan stating: The Bicycling, Transportation, and Street Safety Commission maintains steadfast support in the recommendations of the Downtown Parking Management Plan of 2014. We urge their prioritization in the Downtown Planning Advisory Committee and the drafting of the Downtown Specific Plan to ensure that we are oriented around existing best practices and are oritneted towards a 2040 vision of Davis and beyond.

Furthermore, additional opportunities for parking management education should be encouraged by City Staff and the Downtown Plan Advisory Committee. We also encourage a general north-south and east-west priority bicycle routes for downtown, where a requirement to stop is reduced to the greatest extent possible.

Motion carries unanimously.

C. Long Range Calendar Topics: Capital Project Detours

Commissioner Mitchell introduced the Capital Project Detour topic, reminded the commissioners that it was introduced and placed on the Long Range Calendar at a prior meeting, provided examples of unsatisfactory detours, and suggested three possible paths forward:

- Commission does not pursue issue.
- Work with Public Works at pre-construction.
- Create a subcommittee.

Commissioner Mitchell invited Brian Michelson to explain the possibility of a commissioner joining Transportation CIP pre-construction meetings.

Brian Mickelson described how a commission may participate in pre-construction meetings.

Commissioner Edelman requested including a member from the commission in pre-construction meetings.

Commissioner Gudz supported the idea of assigning a member to pre-construction meetings and work with Public Works.

Commissioner Dodge stated there's value in having a liaison. Maybe return at some point and talk about policy if necessary.

Motion 1 (Bossard, Dodge): Appoint commissioner to participate in CIP process and report back to commission on their findings no later than February 2019.

Motion carries 6-0 (Edelman abstains)

*Motion 2 (Gudz, Andrews): Appoint Commissioner Edelman as BTSSC representative
Motion carries 6-1 (Dodge dissents).*

7. Commission and Staff Communications

A. Long Range Calendar

Bike Share: Agreement to leave scheduled for December meeting.

Branding of BTSSC:

Commissioner Andrews stated lack of awareness is common amongst commissions. Doesn't want a City e-mail address.

Commissioner Gudz stated support for commissioner e-mail contacts. Wants a discussion on this but might want it included in an orientation.

Commissioner Watterson not in favor. Doesn't think it's the right way to go about it. Wants to keep things simple.

Commissioner Dodge stated the topic should be revisited when new commissioners are appointed.

*Motion (Gudz, Andrews): Add to Long Range Calendar, for February 2019 BTSSC meeting:
Branding & Correspondence.*

Motion carries 6-1.

Dutch Trip Presentation:

Motion (Gudz, Andrews): Table Dutch trip discussion to January.

Motion carries 6-0-1 (Dodge abstains).

B. Commissioner Announcements

No announcements.

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

No reports.

8. Adjourn

Motion (Dodge, Gudz): Adjourn.

Motion carries unanimously.
