



Minutes
Bicycling, Transportation, and Street Safety Commission (BTSSC)
Davis Senior Center, Valente Room (646 A Street)
September 13, 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, Dan Carson

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Commissioner Mitchell called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion (Dodge, Watterson): Approve Agenda

Motion carries unanimously.

3. Proclamation: Dan Fuchs

Commissioner Mitchell read a proclamation in appreciation for Commissioner Fuchs who resigned.

4. Brief Announcements from Staff and Liaisons

A. Bicycle / Pedestrian Program Updates

Jennifer Donofrio gave an update on bicycle/pedestrian program activities including:

- JUMP bikes.
- Events since last BTSSC meeting.
- Events coming up for September and October.
- Opportunities for commissioners to get involved.
- Other projects:
 - Bike map update is nearly complete.
 - Bike share item to City Council to accept SACOG funding for additional bike share stations.
 - Update to gettingarounddavis.org website.

Commissioner Edelman expressed a desire to be invited to Bike/Ped Program events.
Commissioner Bossard offered to proofread the Davis Bike Map.

Commissioner Edelman inquired about collaboration between the Bike Campaign's map and the City bike map.

Jennifer Donofrio explained that the Bike Campaign received a grant award from the Yolo/Solano Air Quality Management District to develop a citywide bike map. The City and UCD had no involvement in that effort. The City and UCD have had a 30-year history of partnering on a bike map and are continuing that relationship. We need to be able to control the content.

B. Council Liaison(s) Announcements

No Council Liaison announcements.

C. Other Staff Announcements

Brian Abbanat announced that three commissioners have terms expiring at the end of the year: Mitchell, Watterson, and Bossard. He advised if they would like to reapply for another term, to let him or the City Clerk's Office know by September 28.

Brian Abbanat also announced the City will be sending a contingent on a study mission to the Netherlands the second week of October to learn more about European bicycling infrastructure. The contingent will be in the Netherlands for four days, with the study mission coordinated through the Dutch Bicycling Embassy, connecting the Davis contingent with DBE affiliates in various Dutch cities.

Commissioner Edelman inquired about the status of the Senior Civil Engineer position.

Brian Mickelson stated the City is still recruiting for the position.

5. Public Comment

Tia Will, Old East Davis resident, expressed safety concerns in her neighborhood. In the last five months has witnessed collisions and close calls at Third & J, Fourth & K, fourth & I, and Third & J. There are no visual cues for drivers to slow down. Cars head into downtown at higher speeds. Referenced traffic calming plan led by City consultants for Fifth Street project. Fresh look should be taken at traffic calming in the neighborhood.

6. Consent Calendar

A. Draft Minutes: July 26, 2018.

Motion (Gudz, Andrews): Approve minutes.

Motion carries unanimously.

7. Regular Items

A. 3820 Chiles Road

Eric Lee, Planner, introduced the development project and its key components, including project location, transportation & connectivity, site plan, project data, proposed Chiles Road widening

concept, CEQA process overview, summary of draft EIR, project review, and staff recommendation.

Chuck Cunningham introduced the project partners. Described project as oriented toward Davis workforce housing. Not oriented toward students. Further described the project with slides.

Commission Questions:

Commissioner Gudz inquired about the methodology for determining the parking supply.

Chuck Cunningham responded they spoke with leasing agents and LPA(?) for guidance.

Eric Lee added that the parking spaces is considered a project maximum.

Public Comment:

Chris Granger, Cool Davis, that it is their priority to reduce transportation greenhouse gas emissions. They're trying to advise commission on getting to net zero GHGs. The BTSSC should look at the cumulative impacts of GHGs being added over time. Build site infrastructure to support future transportation needs. Cited the need for different vehicles for different trips.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Gudz expressed general support for use and location. Stated number of parking spaces is a concern; that Davis Live was a good standard (1 space per unit). Concerned about distances to transit. Encouraged additional EV capacity for the next 20 years.

Commissioner Watterson stated the number of electric charging spaces needs to be enumerated. Capabilities for e-bikes and other two wheeled vehicles needs to be in the plan. Inquired if net zero energy is a project objective? Asked about photovoltaics in the project.

Chuck Cunningham responded no. Economics for workforce housing are different than student housing. Stated LEED Gold certification is a goal.

Commissioner Andrews expressed support for the project. Agrees with e-bike charging needs, perhaps using corner car spaces for covered bike parking.

Commissioner Bossard was overall pleased with the project. Agreed with applicant that Chiles Road is not friendly for biking. Buffered bike lane on Chiles Road does not meet suggested safe standards for an arterial street. Consider bike lane on La Vida way.

Commissioner Edelman stated he was unhappy the Natural Resources Council isn't looking at the project. The BTSSC Parking Subcommittee pressed Davis Live on parking issue and is now coming back to the commission. The BTSSC can work with this developer too. Made the following comments:

- Agrees with incremental and cumulative impacts of development.
- Should decrease turning radii at La Vida way.
- Reallocate proposed Chiles Road frontage investment to Cowell Blvd.
- Provide a connection to Nugget shopping center from project's southeast corner through the private properties.

- Provide only horizontal and two tiered bike parking.
- Provide spaces for 10 oversized bikes at 4' x 10'.
- Provide electronic access to bike parking facility.
- Providing car share and e-assist cargo biker share can eliminate 80 parking spaces.
- Need secure bike parking at nearby bus shelters.

Commissioner Mitchell stated the EIR didn't give the BTSSC a lot to work with as it is limited in detail. Disappointed by the lack of innovation; the project isn't unique to Davis. Looking to see cost of parking decoupled from apartments; there is no place for carpool or shared ride drop-off; no details for onsite car sharing, bike sharing, and limited specifics on EV charging. Wants to see vehicle parking hidden in the site plan; the building is surrounded by parking. Need non-standard bike parking. Would like to see project return when more fully fleshed out. Asked about the secondary (northeast) driveway configuration and commented that it would be safer as a right-turn only entrance/exit.

Commissioner Andrews asked about placing the parking on Chiles Road next to the travel lane, which would protect the bike lane. Staff pointed out the safety issue with parking next to the 10-foot travel lane.

Motion (Edelman): BTSSC recommends the following additions to the project:

1. Reduce turning speed at La Vida.
2. Unbundle cost of parking from lease.
3. Long term parking for oversized bicycles.
4. Provisions for e-bike charging infrastructure.
5. Parking spaces for car share around the development.

Motion carries unanimously.

Motion (Mitchell, Gudz): Return project to BTSSC as its further developed and prior to City Council decision.

Motion carries unanimously.

B. SACOG Civic Lab Project: Train Depot Access

Brian Abbanat provided an overview of the project, which aims to provide transportation alternatives to the train depot due to limited parking supply. Partnership between City of Davis, Unitrans, Cool Davis, Capitol Corridor, and UC Davis Institute of Transportation Studies. Project scope consists of:

1. Microtransit modeling to train station/downtown.
2. Carpool technology platform to increase passenger load of cars parking in the lot.
3. Low cost demand-responsive ride share through Lyft.

Chris Granger, Cool Davis, emphasized that transportation partnerships are facilitated by the Civic Lab process. Stated transportation is a rapidly changing environment and Cool Davis is interested in household-level behavior change. This project is another way to get to local households.

Commission Comments:

Commissioner Edelman expressed dismay for the project. Cited ADA compliance limitations and is concerned with Lyft's business model.

Brian Abbanat responded that Lyft will comply with ADA requirements as federal funding is involved.

8. Commission and Staff Communications

A. Long Range Calendar (subject to change)

Discussion occurred on Commissioner Edelman's desire to discuss a list of topics he would like to propose for the long range calendar.

B. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Andrews shared that she and Anthony Palmere are working on revamping the Gettingarounddavis.org website. Asked commissioners to review the site and send her suggestions for improvement.

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

No announcements.

9. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn (Gudz, Andrews).

Motion carries unanimously.
