



**City of Davis**  
**Bicycling, Transportation, and Street Safety Commission (BTSSC)**  
**Minutes**  
**DAVIS SENIOR CENTER, VALENTE ROOM (646 A Street)**  
**November 9, 2017**  
**5:30 p.m.**

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

Council Liaisons: Brett Lee, Robb Davis (alternate)

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

Absent: George Hague

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**1. Call to Order & Roll Call**

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

*Motion to approve agenda (Fuchs, Andrews)*

*Motion carries unanimously*

**3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons**

**A. Bicycle / Pedestrian Program Update (*Jennifer Donofrio, Bike / Ped Coordinator*)**

Jennifer Donofrio gave an update of program activities over the past two months:

- Provided bike education for international students
- Attended International Bike Safety Conference in September
- Participated in Fall Welcome for UCD freshmen
- Presented on Davis Pathfinder wayfinding project at the CalBike Summit in early October
- Handed out bike lights at the Farmer's Market
- Hosted Capitol Corridor "thank you" at the train depot for Car Free October
- Light the Night: Gave out 746 bike lights at Russell & Sycamore
- Received \$1,000 from the Noon Rotary and Davis Bike Club for the Light the Night program. Next event will be on 11/14 at Third & A
- Purchasing bike light vending machines to put in restaurants and bars
- Updating bike map

## **B. Council Liaison(s) Announcements**

Brett Lee noted that pavement markings on Safe Routes to School routes need to be refreshed as they are nearly invisible in many locations.

Commissioner Gudz:

- Inquired about the Senior Civil Engineer position status.  
Brian Mickelson responded that hopefully the position will be filled by the end of the year.
- Noted City Council action on downtown parking on Tuesday
- Commented on Unitrans Advisory Commission 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration
- Inquired whether Anderson Road Improvements project includes transit planning.  
Brian Abbanat responded that the project is a street design/capital improvement project and improved transit infrastructure are being explored.
- Inquired about the Traffic Enforcement Strategic Plan and the reason for its deferment to a later meeting.

Commissioner Watterson inquired about the Russell Blvd bike path.

Brian Mickelson responded that options for a path alignment are being explored between the City and UCD at the executive management level.

Commissioner Andrews inquired if any small repairs can be made as the path is very rough.

Brian Mickelson responded his crew will take a look at what can be done.

Commissioner Mitchell inquired about posting the new Street Design Standards. Noted the West Davis Active Adult Community was not adhering to the standards and whether they had access to them.

Brian Mickelson confirmed they are posted online and that the WDAAC representatives are aware of them.

## **4. Public Comment**

John Whitehead commented that there are no minutes posted from the last several meetings. Also commented on the Cowell/Drummond roundabout design and to what extent cars & bikes share the responsibility to merge.

Rain Watson, Seventh & D resident, commented on through traffic on D Street. Stated Old North Davis should only be accessible to residents. Bollards should be installed. There has been a huge increase in traffic. Keep through traffic on streets designed for it.

Todd Edelman, Deep Streets Davis, commented on bike lights. Supports giving zip ties with lights in vending machines to keep them on handlebars. Commented that he doesn't understand why the Senior Civil Engineer position is taking so long to hire.

## **5. Consent Calendar**

**A. Draft Minutes: September 14, 2017\***

*Motion to approve minutes (Gudz, Fuchs)*

*Motion carries unanimously*

## **6. Regular Items**

**A. Plaza 2555 Located at 2555 Research Park Drive**

Item continued to the December 2017 meeting.

**B. Traffic Enforcement Strategic Plan**

Item continued to a later meeting.

**C. California Assembly Bill 1103 “Idaho Stop”**

Darrell Dickey, Bike Davis, gave an overview of the proposed legislation. Discussed why arguments in support of legalizing the Idaho Stop in California are stronger than those in opposition to the legislation.

Commissioner Dodge inquired if the legislation applies to signalized intersections.

Darrell Dickey responded it applies only to stop-controlled intersections.

*Public Comment:*

Todd Edelman stated AB 1103 moves culture toward shared streets such as those in Europe. It will make it safer and more convenient for drivers. Suggested City Police chief should bring a message in support of the legislation to the Police Officers Association.

Trish Price, Deep Streets Davis, urged BTSSC support.

Rain Watson stated opposition appears to be personal resentment toward bicycles.

John Whitehead stated opposition is because people don't have experience with bicycle transportation.

Robb Davis stated the League of California Cities is opposed to the measure because they strongly support local control. They want cities to have flexibility in establishing bicycle traffic laws.

*Motion (Mitchell, Bossard): The City of Davis Bicycling, Transportation, and Street Safety Commission recommends the City Council submit a letter to the California Legislature in support of Assembly Bill 1103 related to bicycling and yielding.*

*Motion carries unanimously.*

#### **D. Traffic Calming Subcommittee Presentation**

Commissioner Bossard gave a presentation on issues the subcommittee identified for consideration of a traffic calming program. Cited City of San Jose and City of Gilroy as examples of clearly defined processes, criteria, and traffic calming measures from which the City of Davis can borrow.

##### *Public Comment:*

Todd Edelman stated that in Europe, 30 mph & 18 mph design speeds are visually very clear. Wants to see a comprehensive approach to implement citywide.

Commissioner Mitchell commented the subcommittee may need to narrow down the range of issues identified in the presentation to achieve the objectives of addressing neighborhood traffic calming.

Commissioner Watterson, Traffic Calming Subcommittee member itemized the key components of a successful program:

- Set rules for Traffic Calming
- Use petition process
- Establish criteria for section of streets
- Establish prioritization process with scoring
- Establish clear goals for treatments
- Public involvement through committees
- Consult with Fire and Police Departments
- Conduct surveys for support
- Avoid continuous altering
- Ensure funding source commitments
- Conduct trial testing with neighborhoods
- Monitor treatment after 3-4 months
- Allow time before making any changes to treatments

Councilmember Brett Lee cited the Davis Manor Green Street Plan as an example of a neighborhood taking lead on traffic calming. Commented we have several requests in the queue and is looking for best practices for site-specific solutions. The City may hire a consultant to look at the City overall and provide a road map, but in the meantime, how can we help residential neighborhoods, how can we have a more nuanced way of evaluating conditions on residential streets.

Commissioner Mitchell comment that he's been focused on "neighborhood", meaning:

- What's the process for raising traffic calming issues?
- What are the metrics for selecting neighborhoods?
- What are the options for addressing the need?

Commissioner Andrews stated we have a very specific request to look into expanding the options for neighborhoods.

Commissioner Gudz stated we need to look at what requirements are working, what are prohibitive. Consider providing an array of options for neighborhoods.

Commissioner Fuchs commended the subcommittee, particularly on the physical measures presented. Concerned that current system privileges the most vocal or connected.

Commissioner Watterson summarized their goals for this presentation:

1. Look at the scope of what's being done elsewhere
2. How they're establishing criteria for prioritization
3. Put together a reasonable flow chart/process for how the complaint will be addressed.  
Make the program more cut and dry and transparent.

Stated the subcommittee would synthesize feedback and provide more details at a future meeting.

## **7. Commission and Staff Communications**

### **A. Long Range Calendar**

Commissioner Gudz:

- Provided an update on the Unitrans Advisory Commission meeting. Noted financing is a big issue due to minimum wage increase. Unitrans has started that conversation with UCD administration. Unitrans will propose to the ASUCD Senate a \$.25 increase.
- Had a productive meeting with Cliff Contreras, UCD Transportation Services Director. Noted they have a new Transportation Demand Management Coordinator and the department is looking at reducing the need for parking. Thinks it would be useful to have UCD Transportation Services come to BTSSC to share their experience.

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

No communications on this item.

## **8. Adjourn**

*Motion to adjourn (Andrews, Bossard)*

*Motion carries unanimously*

*Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.*

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