



City of Davis
Bicycling, Transportation, and Street Safety Commission (BTSSC)
Minutes
Community Chambers, City Hall
January 12, 2017
5:30 p.m.

Commission Members: Frances Andrews, Earl Bossard, Ryan Dodge, Eric Gudz, George Hague, Andrew Hart, Mike Mitchell (Vice Chair), Jon Watterson

Council Liaisons: Brett Lee, Robb Davis (alternative)

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

Absent: Daniel Fuchs

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve reordered agenda due to late arriving commissioners. (Gudz, Hague)
Motion carries: 5-0

3. Introductions

Newly seated and continuing commissioners introduced themselves and their background.

4. Oath of Office

Newly seated commissioners recited the oath of office.

5. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons

Brian Abbanat gave an overview of City Council action taken on 12/20/16 regarding downtown parking.

Robb Davis commented he met with Anthony Palmere, Unitrans General Manager, to discuss changes to Unitrans due to new minimum wage laws and the challenges they will present. Expressed a desire for Anthony to bring a formal analysis of the Unitrans funding issue to the BTSSC.

Brett Lee commented on community feedback he has received on street sweeping. He may ask the BTSSC to look into the issue.

Commissioner Watterson commented that the Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons, particularly at California and Russell are beginning to tie up traffic.

Brian Mickelson responded the City can look at it and see if a delay can be added to ensure some traffic can clear before the pedestrian can actuate the device again.

6. Proclamation: BTSS Commissioners 2014 – 2015

Commissioner Mitchell (vice-chair) recited a proclamation to honor the service of BTSS commissioners whose terms expired and did not request reappointment.

7. Public Comment

Brett Lee welcomed commissioners, confirming the BTSSC does influence Council decisions.

Robb Davis commented the Council tries to use commissions to extend their understanding of issues; they are a critical piece of transparency. There are many ways to help and influence decisions.

Steve Tracy, Old North Davis resident and Bike Davis Board member, commented on the importance of transparency. Requested all electronic materials for meeting be sent to Bike Davis in advance.

Trish Price, Bike Davis President, commented they have a list serve to discuss bicycle-related issues and invited BTSSC members to subscribe.

Tod Edelman, resident, commented he was impressed with the number of transportation professionals on the commission, but would encourage them to reach out to citizens. Expressed concern with high modal share goals but not doing things that lead to those results.

Doug Waterman, former BTSS commissioner, shared a personal story about serving on the commission. Thanked Robb and Brett for being committed to transportation. Stated when the Safety and Parking Advisory Commission and Bicycle Advisory Commission were merged to form the BTSSC, something was lost. The police officer that used to attend meetings no longer participates. Their contributions to the commission were shortchanged. He reminded the commission that compassion can go a long way to put presenters and members of the public speaking at ease.

8. Consent Calendar

Motion to approve. (Gudz, Watterson)

Motion carries 7-0.

9. Regular Items

A. BTSSC New Member Orientation

Brian Abbanat gave the commission an orientation to the Transportation Division, BTSSC activities, and reviewed highlights of the commission handbook. No action taken.

B. Bike/Ped and Safe Routes to School Programs Overview & Update

Jennifer Donofrio and Lorretta Moore gave an overview of their respective programs, accomplishments/activities over the past calendar year, and plans for the next year.

Commissioner Dodge inquired about the crossing guard and bike light giveaway programs.

Commissioner Hague inquired how the City evaluates paths for disrepair.

Brian Mickelson responded small repairs needed can go through the City's Service Request page on the web site. Larger repairs are made annually through the City's Road Rehabilitation Capital Improvement project.

Brian Abbanat added that all bicycle paths have a pavement condition index (PCI) score similar to streets and uses the same equipment to analyze conditions. Transportation staff recently identified priority bike path segments for resurfacing over the next five years, noting that the City's new standard is concrete instead of asphalt, which is more expensive but a better long term investment due to durability.

10. Commission and Staff Communications

A. Long Range Calendar

- i. H Street / H Street Tunnel Design
- ii. Joint Council/BTSSC Meeting, March 7th
- iii. Lincoln40 Project
- iv. Cannery Undercrossing Design
- v. Bike / Ped Wayfinding Project
- vi. Traffic Calming
- vii. Downtown Circulation

No discussion.

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

No reports or updates.

11. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn (Bossard, Hague)

Motion carries: 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.