



City of Davis
Bicycling, Transportation, and Street Safety Commission (BTSSC)
Minutes
Community Chambers, City Hall
July 13, 2017
5:30 p.m.

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

Council Liaisons: Brett Lee

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

Absent: Commissioners Fuchs, Gudz (partial)
Council Liaison Robb Davis

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve (Andrews, Gudz)
Motion carries unanimously

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons

A. Traffic Enforcement Division Update

No update due to Sergeant Bezuglov absence.

B. Bicycle / Pedestrian Program Update

Jennifer Donofrio highlighted the following activities in the Bike/Ped program:

- Scavenger hunt.
- Davis Pathfinder project community meeting #3.
- YSAQMD funding received for bike lights and electric assist quadricycle for community usage and promotion.
- Davis bicycle infrastructure tour for City of Chico contingent.
- Bike education classes.

C. Transportation Announcements & CIP Updates

Brian Abbanat referred commissioners to the announcements attachment in the meeting packet.

D. Council Liaison(s) Announcements

No announcements from City Council liaisons.

4. Public Comment

Jeff Flynn, new Unitrans General Manager, introduced himself to the commission.

Todd Edelman, Deep Streets Davis, stated that every infrastructure modification should provide a visual modification of the project. Stated concerns about equity issues related to the forthcoming regional bike share system. The BTSSC can get involved in services and infrastructure for youth. System should have a lower minimum age threshold than currently proposed.

5. Consent Calendar

A. Draft Minutes: June 8, 2017

B. Transportation Implementation Plan Annual Report

Motion to approve Consent Calendar (Dodge, Bossard)

Motion carries, unanimously

6. Regular Items

A. Lincoln40 Student Apartments Project Draft Environmental Impact Report

Ike Njoku, Planner, introduced the environmental analysis and development teams. Presented an overview of the project.

Nick Pappani, Raney Environmental, described the project vitals:

- 5.92 acres
- 130 bedrooms
- 473 students

Nick Pappani summarized the project impacts:

- Construction vehicle traffic.
- Cumulative impacts too study intersections.
- Cumulative impacts to freeway segments.

George Hague inquired if the impact of the closure of WB I-80 off-ramp at Olive Drive on fire safety has been considered.

Nick Pappani responded the Fire Department did not express any concern.

George Hague stated 1500-1600 bike trips will be induced by this complex. The three infrastructure projects will help. Amtrak crossing will help the most but is not funded. Development should include partial funding for that facility.

George Hague stated a Unitrans route to the neighborhood should be provided.

Earl Bossard suggested a 12' bike lane on the north side of Olive drive. Stated there was no mention of ped access to train station.

Public Comment

Todd Edelman stated the Aggressive Transportation Demand Management Plan should be the project default moving forward. Should consider stairs on train depot overcrossing to reduce ped crossing distance.

Ryan Dodge inquired about alternatives to car parking.

Ike Njoku responded the Planning Commission and/or City Council can allow parking reductions if benefits result. In pre-application conversations, it was envisioned some parking would be needed. Staff did not recommend zero parking

Paul Gradeff, developer, stated they have closely analyzed student housing. Their intent is to promote a bicycling & walking environment. They are encouraging students not to bring cars. Will charge a fee for parking. They are working with Zipcar for a fleet of cars.

Earl Bossard stated the project should have a 7-foot sidewalk and a two-way protected cycle track on the north side. City should make this the default policy for development projects and protected bike lanes.

Jon Watterson expressed concern about parking. Are the parking assumptions realistic? Have they considered off-site parking?

Paul Gradeff responded they are discouraging parking entirely. We are reaching a time that millennials are using transportation modes our generation has never used.

Frances Andrews stated she liked the idea of the project. Happy to have less parking spaces and make it easy to get around without driving.

Jon Watterson asked about Unitrans service.

Anthony Palmere, former Unitrans General Manager, stated there is a demand for transit in the area. The issue is funding for the route. A bike/ped overcrossing to the train depot would connect to the transit stop there.

Mike Mitchell stated this is a great location for this project. The trick is getting across Richards. Stated the Richards/Olive intersection is not safe, and the Gateway Arch project would make it more comfortable. Overall mitigation for Richards/Olive intersection is inadequate.

B. Cannery Pathway Improvements at F Street and Covell Blvd, CIP No. 8288

Melissa Marshall, Associate Civil Engineer, introduced the project and Mark Thomas & Co. consultants.

Aaron Silver, MTCO, described the surrounding context, existing Covell Blvd multi-use path, and concept plans.

Discussion followed regarding path grades and grades at path intersections.

Public Comment

Todd Edelman commented the project concept is wrong. A long circuitous path is not convenient. Suggested the path should connect to the bridge structure. Prefers automatic detection for cyclists at F Street; automatic right-of-way.

Mike Mitchell stated that drivers don't always stop at F Street. Encouraged by the HAWK signal which requires a vehicular stop.

C. East Fourteenth Street / Villanova Drive Project Introduction, CIP No. 8282

Brian Abbanat, Senior Transportation Planner, introduced the project, its background, baseline assumptions, and funding sources.

Earl Bossard stated the speed limit should be lowered to 20 mph.

George Hague stated this is a very important street. We should make it a showcase for ped/student safety.

Jon Watterson stated this project is an opportunity to change what we're doing here. Should look at integrating a two-way cycle track. Could be a model for safe transport for kids.

Frances Andrews stated Fourteenth Street is a big, wide road. It's a perfect place for a showcase project. Should consider a roundabout at Oak & Fourteenth.

Council Liaison Brett Lee stated he and Mayor Robb Davis are excited about the possibilities.

Public Comment

Todd Edelman stated the corridor is main street north. Should be considered a place where drivers go as slow as possible.

George Hague stated Fourteenth is a very important street. Need to find funds to demonstrate what we can do. Try to find some more funding. There is an opportunity to do something special.

Mike Mitchell stated the street is worthy of an up-and-above version.

Jon Watterson recommended concentrating improvements from F Street to Oak Ave.

Earl Bossard recommended a two-way cycle track. Can start cheaply

7. Commission and Staff Communications

A. Discuss Prioritization of Interagency Updates (deferred from May & June meetings)

The commission agreed they would like to receive a presentation from Unitrans at the September meeting, if schedules permit.

C. Long Range Calendar

No changes requested .

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

Brett Lee discussed the need to revise the residential traffic calming program. Requests a deliverable by the end of the year.

Jon Watterson updated the commission on the Traffic Calming Subcommittee stating they have met a couple of times and scoped out their mission. They've looked at existing policies and best practices. Have concluded application of existing policy is highly variable. Would like to explore examples of good traffic calming and draw from experiences in other places.

George Hague updated the commission on the Transit Subcommittee stating they met with the new Unitrans General Manager. Intent is to look at transit service comprehensively with all modes.

8. Adjourn

*Motion to adjourn (Hague, Bossard)
Motion carries unanimously*

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.
