



City of Davis
Bicycling, Transportation, and Street Safety Commission (BTSSC)
Minutes
Community Chambers, City Hall
June 8, 2017
5:30 p.m.

Commission Members: Frances Andrews, Earl Bossard, Ryan Dodge, Daniel Fuchs (Vice Chair), Eric Gudz, George Hague, Andrew Hart, 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: Commissioners Fuchs & Hart

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion (Gudz, Andrews): Approve Agenda

Motion carries: 7-0.

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons

A. Traffic Enforcement Division Update

No update.

B. Bicycle / Pedestrian Program Update

Jennifer Donofrio, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, gave an update on the past two month's activities in the Bike/Ped program including:

- A summary of May is Bike Month events, and
- An overview of the pilot phase for the Davis Pathfinder wayfinding project. Community workshop Tuesday, June 13th at the UC Davis Arboretum Gateway Garden at 6 p.m.

C. Transportation Announcements & CIP Updates

Staff referred the commission to the packet attachment to this item.

4. Public Comment

Todd Edelman, Deep Streets Davis, commented on equity issues with SACOG's bike share program. Stated reasons why eligible age for using bike share should be lower than age 18.

5. Consent Calendar

A. Draft Minutes: April 13, 2017

Motion (Watterson, Gudz): Approve minutes with revisions.

Motion carries: 7-0.

6. Regular Items

A. Review of Proposed Bikebus Pedicab Ordinance

Sarah Worley, Deputy Innovation Officer, provided an overview of the topic, cited examples from other cities. Purpose is to implement state law regarding this vehicle type. Stated the vehicle would be limited to streets less than 30 mph and no alcohol would be allowed on board. Ms. Worley introduced the businessperson proposing the bike bus.

Commissioner Dodge inquired why alcohol is prohibited.

Sarah Worley responded that the City is trying to curb a history of negative activity related to downtown drinking. Another factor is the distances between downtown Davis drinking establishments are short, so there is not a compelling need to allow alcohol consumption on the vehicle.

Commissioner Gudz inquired about permitting and customer fee structures.

Sarah Worley responded that the permitting requirement will be rigorous and they do not expect a high demand for additional bike buses. Regarding customer fees, she stated business models vary but more commonly, the entire vehicle is rented out for groups as opposed to by-the-seat rental.

Commissioner Dodge inquired about parking.

Sarah Worley responded that the bike bus is not allowed to load or unload passengers in the street or block traffic. The City is looking into possibly finding appropriate locations to park.

James Meinert, bike bus owner/proponent clarified that patrons only pedal the bus and an operator has full control over the vehicle, including braking. Also, the bike bus has seatbelts for all passengers.

Commissioner Watterson suggested including in the ordinance a restriction on glass containers in the vehicle.

B. Annual Transportation Implementation Plan Update: Proposed New Projects

Brian Abbanat, Senior Transportation Planner, gave a brief overview of the TIP update process and projects submitted by commissioners to consider including in the TIP.

Commissioners discussed projects from the staff report table.

Todd Edelman expressed concern about the projects. Stated none of them adequately address safety. Cited proposed design of Covell/L Street intersection as an example. Also stated alternatives exist to the commissioner-proposed Mace Park & Ride/Downtown shuttle.

Motion (Gudz, Hague):

- Promote project #4 to Prioritized list.
- For Project #7, incorporate commission feedback into description for existing TIP. project titled, "Traffic Signal Timing Study".
- Add Project #8 to Deferred list.
- Accept other staff recommendations for Projects #1, #2, #3, #5, #6, #9.

Motion carries: Unanimously

Commissioners discussed Project #10 proposed by Commissioner Bossard but inadvertently omitted from meeting packet.

Motion (Andrews, Dodge): Add Project #10 to Deferred list.

Motion carries: 4-1 (Bossard dissenting, Hague absent).

C. Establish Transit Subcommittee

Commissioners Gudz and Hague explained a desire to:

- Examine unmet transit needs in the community.
- Look at interface between Unitrans and different modes.
- Improve efficiencies.

Motion (Watterson, Bossard): Create Transit Subcommittee, Gudz & Hague serving.

Motion carries: Unanimously

7. Commission and Staff Communications

A. Discuss Prioritization of Interagency Updates (from May cancelled meeting)

Agenda item withdrawn by staff due to time constraints.

B. Long Range Calendar

No discussion.

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

Commissioner Watterson stated the Traffic Calming Subcommittee does not have an update because they have not had the opportunity to get together yet.

Commissioner Mitchell stated that Maria Tebbut from the Bike Campaign is organizing a community bike ride with the new UC Davis Chancellor for late October. She is asking for assistance.

8. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn (Hague, Gudz).

Motion carries unanimously.