



**\*\*SPECIAL MEETING\*\***  
**Bicycling, Transportation, and Street Safety Commission (BTSSC)**  
**Community Chambers**  
**23 Russell Boulevard**  
**Thursday, April 14, 2016**  
**5:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

Commissioners: John Berg (Chair), Earl Bossard, Daniel Fuchs, Mike Mitchell (Vice Chair),  
Raoul Renaud, Jim Skeen, Doug Waterman, Jon Watterson

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

Council Liaison: Brett Lee, Robb Davis (alternate)

Absent: Elisabeth Bourne

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Meeting called to order at 5:31 pm.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

*Motion: Approve agenda.*

- *Motion carries unanimously, 8-0.*

**2. Commission and Staff Announcements**

Brian Mickelson announced:

- Richards Blvd interim improvements will be installed in the next couple of weeks.
- Surface water project is making progress and will be completed this summer.
- Mace Ranch Innovation Center project has been placed on hold.

Commissioner Fuchs asked if a request can be made for street sweeping on the completed pipeline sections.

Commissioner Bossard recommended a book titled “Street Fight” by Janette Sadik-Khan.

Commissioner Watterson stated he attended the Cool Davis Transportation Task Force meeting. Was struck by the activity to measure travel on campus. Would like a presentation from campus on their survey.

Commissioner Berg announced the Bicycling Subcommittee met for the first time with nothing to report.

### **3. Council Liaison Comments**

Commissioner Mitchell inquired if there was any news to report regarding the second entrance to Cannery.

Councilmember Davis responded the default option is under the Covell Blvd underpass and tie back into the bridge's multi-use path on the south side. Should come to City Council the first or second meeting in May.

### **4. Public Communications:**

Jane Schaeffer-Kramer (sp?) for trying to address safety concerns on Second Street quickly.

### **5. Approval of Minutes: 3/10/16 Meeting**

*Motion (Skeen, Waterman): Approve minutes.*

- *Motion carries unanimously, 8-0.*

### **6. Bicycle / Pedestrian Program Update**

Jennifer Donofrio, Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator, gave an overview of Bike/Ped Program activities.

Commission comments included:

- What the City would look like if we achieve Diamond certification.
- Pump track is a good proposal.
- Need for ped-oriented planning and activities.
- Why Davis isn't Diamond level now and if Davis has what it needs to achieve it.

Staff responded:

- That a budget request has been placed for next fiscal year to begin a citywide pedestrian master plan.
- Diamond level standards are very high, intended as a challenge to Davis. Resources are currently inadequate to achieve Diamond level certification in the near future.

Public Comment:

Mont Hubbard, Davis Bicycles! referenced two suggestions given to the City by the League of American Bicyclists for achieving Diamond-level certification: 1) Get green waste off the streets, and 2) Adopt 10-foot travel lanes to allow for wider bike lanes.

Steve Tracy noted there was no word about infrastructure in the staff presentation.

## **7. Second Street Traffic Safety Improvements**

Roxanne Namazi gave an overview of existing conditions and proposed safety improvements. Commission comments included:

- Importance of slowing vehicle speeds.
- Need for a protected bikeway and speed limits <25 mph.
- Possibility of a roundabout at Second Street and Cantrill.

Public Comment:

Dianne Swann stated she rides Second Street frequently and would like to see a connection up to the interchange.

Darrell Dickey inquired what does this crash mean about all the other locations in the City where this is inevitable.

Steve Tracy stated the cycle track is an excellent idea. Is not a fan of the radar board. Cycle track will narrow available space and slow down vehicles. Physical features are required to reduce speeds.

Bill Kramer spoke about his relationship with the crash victim, stating it was not an “accident.” Thanked the commission for looking to do something.

*Motion (Fuchs, Bossard):*

- 1) Support near term improvements and support longer term improvements subject to further discussion.*
  - 2) Request staff to assess warrants for three-way stop and a roundabout.*
- *Motion carries unanimously, 8-0.*

## **8. Prohibition of Cycling on the Sidewalk – Russell Blvd**

Roxanne Namazi gave overview of bike/ped conflicts on Russell Blvd between A Street and Anderson Rd. Explained recommendation to prohibit bicycling on the sidewalk for the designated segment.

Commission discussion focused on:

- Who is creating the problem.
- Safety concern may be why people are bicycling on the sidewalk.
- How to make Russell Blvd more comfortable for bicycling.

Public Comment:

Darrell Dickey stated bicyclists shouldn't be abandoned until we have a way to make the street safe for bicycling.

Dianne Swann suggested sharrows or removing parking on Russell Blvd should be considered.

*Motion (Skeen): Support staff recommendation. No second.*

- *Motion dies.*

Motion (Watterson, Renaud): Look at all options, including removing parking, as an alternative prior to prohibiting bicycling on the sidewalk.

Motion withdrawn.

*Motion (Renaud, Mitchell): Support staff recommendation with recommendation for a long-term solution for bicycling on the north side.*

- *Motion fails, 4-4.*

### **9. Downtown Delivery Vehicle Double Parking Ordinance**

Brian Abbanat gave an overview of a proposed ordinance that would prohibit commercial vehicle parking in a designated area of the downtown from 12-1:30 pm Monday-Saturday. Discussed background, process, and next steps.

*Motion (Renaud, Skeen): Support staff recommendation.*

- *Motion carries unanimously, 8-0.*

### **10. Long Range Calendar**

Commissioner Mitchell inquired about the Sterling Apartments EIR.

Staff responded that the EIR identifies impacts. If the mitigation measures differ significantly from proposed improvements already presented to the commission, staff will let the applicant know the BTSSC would like to agendaize the item.

### **11. Adjourn**

*Motion (Bossard, Mitchell): Adjourn*

- *Motion carries unanimously, 8-0.*