



City of Davis
Bicycling, Transportation, and Street Safety Commission (BTSSC)
Minutes
Community Chambers, City Hall
May 12, 2016
5:30 p.m.

Commission Members: John Berg (Chair), Earl Bossard, Elisabeth Bourne, Daniel Fuchs, Mike Mitchell (Vice Chair), Raoul Renaud, Jim Skeen, Doug Waterman

Council Liaisons: Brett Lee, Robb Davis (alternative)

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

Absent: Jon Watterson

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 5:31 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved unanimously

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons

A. Bike/Ped Program Update

Jennifer Donofrio gave an update of May is Bike Month and Bike/Ped program activities including:

- Bike to Work lunch
- Bike Davis breakfast on 5/10
- Bike valet at Celebrate Davis
- Street Food Rodeo
- Tour de Cluck
- Davis Double-Century Ride
- Progress on establishing bike safety classes
- Regional bike share

Commissioner Mitchell:

- Expressed excitement at seeing the bright new “No Right Turn on Red” sign at Pole Line Road/Loyola Drive intersection. Noted the sign turns off when the bike signal turns yellow. Would like it to wait until red.
- Noted problems with the Olive Drive delineators. People are getting stuck in Dutch Brothers Coffee traffic.

Commissioner Renaud inquired if the Community Park/Little League field crossing at F Street can be automatically activated.

Commissioner Fuchs inquired about:

- Speed survey on Eighth Street, post-restriping.
- Status of Street Standards committee.
- A possible BTSSC role in discussions on improving safety related to County Road 32A.
- Stop sign in the middle of bike lane at Baywood and E. Covell Blvd

Councilmember Brett Lee stated at next Tuesday's Council meeting, he will inquire about the delay in constructing the raised medians for the Fifth Street Road Diet. Stated this was to occur within months. Will ask for a report back to Council quickly.

4. Public Comment

Alan Hirsch stated that important transportation issues are not coming before this commission with an example being the Cannery connection to the rest of the City. Encouraged the BTSSC to be more assertive to staff regarding the agenda.

Greg Blomberg spoke to the importance of Cannery connectivity. Asked the commission to direct the City to send invitations to cannery residents regarding connectivity meetings and solutions.

Steve Tracy spoke on the issue of speed limits. Stated streets are giving wrong signals to drivers.

Dagon Jones: Commented on Eighth Street speeding and concerned Chiles Ranch will contribute to more speeding.

Darrell Dickey: Stated the City's ordinance prohibiting green waste in bike lanes is not being enforced. Also noted the street repairs for the water project on Pole Line Rd are very bad for cyclists. A higher standard is needed for bikes than cars.

5. Consent Calendar

A. Draft Minutes: April 14, 2016 Special Meeting

B. Informational: Spring 2016 Downtown Parking Occupancy Rates

Motion to Approve (Renaud, Waterman): Approved unanimously.

6. Regular Items

A. 2411 E. Eighth Street: Chiles Ranch Subdivision Bicycle Path (Cathy Camacho, Planner)

Cathy Camacho gave background information on the project. Confirmed neighbors were notified about the meeting. Identified the project's Conditions of Approval:

- Fix the Eighth Street "dip", which will allow buses to travel on Eighth Street
- Radar speed feedback displays.
- Other traffic calming needed, but not yet determined.

Commissioner Fuchs inquired about other traffic calming options, including speed tables.

Brian Mickelson responded a speed table could be considered.

Commissioner Bossard expressed concern with internal layout. Requires bicycling on narrow streets. Stated the original northern path served the sited.

Commissioner Mitchell inquired if the site layout reflects any of the Bicycle Advisory Commission's suggestions when it came before them in 2009. Stated the internal paths should be multi-use paths rather than pedestrian paths.

**B. Call for Projects: Summer 2016 Transportation Implementation Plan Update
(Brian Abbanat, Transportation Planner)**

Brian Abbanat introduced the topic and explained the process for sponsoring new projects for inclusion in the TIP.

Doby Fleeman supports looking at transit and the true cost of operations. Asked if the City has a report on public transit.

C. Downtown Circulation (Brian Abbanat, Transportation Planner)

Brian Abbanat introduced the topic and explained factors affecting downtown circulation.

Discussion focused on the nature of downtown circulation, causes of congestion, and what it would take to study downtown circulation.

Commissioner Fuchs inquired what can be done to bring a study forward more quickly and what can be done to expedite the Downtown Parking Management Plan implementation.

*Motion (Fuchs): Form subcommittee to work with downtown businesses and other stakeholders to accelerate the process of improving downtown circulation.
No second. Motion fails.*

Commissioner Mitchell commented that he knows people who are now driving because bicycling downtown is so difficult. Also inquired what improvements were designated for downtown in the Bicycle Action Plan.

Brian Abbanat responded that improvements were mostly limited to shared lane markings as most streets with adequate width already have bike lanes and the Bicycle Action Plan process did not consider removal of on-street parking.

Jennifer Anderson commented that there is no place for employees to park downtown. Streets haven't been changed since the 1900s. Downtown has a blend of transportation modes and they all need to get along. It takes time and working together to solve issues.

Councilmember Robb Davis stated the City Council will try to find resources to update the General Plan. The existing plan is not set up for the kind of densification needed. A General Plan update is likely to start with the downtown.

Eleni Jacobson commented that she likes downtown Davis. The presence of stop signs at every intersection creates standardized regularity, making it certain that everybody has to stop.

Motion (Fuchs, Mitchell): Keep downtown circulation topic on the

7. Commission and Staff Communications

A. Commission Work Plan

Brian Abbanat stated City Council will expect all commissions to establish a work plan. Suggested working with the chair and vice-chair and returning to a future commission meeting for action.

B. Upcoming Meeting Items / Events

No items added to the long range calendar.

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

Commissioner Berg mentioned the Bicycling subcommittee met with City staff. They would like to evaluate signalization for bicycles, both activation and signal time. Would like to turn it into a formal project.

Brian Mickelson stated some changes have to be made by a licensed engineer, but confirmed this can be considered by staff.

Commissioner Bossard inquired who is overseeing bicycle planning for the City.

Brian Mickelson explained how the Transportation Division is organized, each staff member's role, and how the team (and other City staff as needed) coordinates on bicycle planning.

Brian Abbanat responded that the Bicycle Action Plan adopted in Spring 2014, is the road map for improving bicycling in Davis. Thus, the City is not in an active bicycle planning mode, but rather in the implementation phase.

8. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn (Mitchell, Renaud): Carries unanimously