



City of Davis
Bicycling, Transportation, and Street Safety Commission (BTSSC)
Draft Minutes
Community Chambers, City Hall
October 13, 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, Jon Watterson

Council Liaisons: Brett Lee, Robb Davis (alternative)

Staff: Brian Abbanat, Senior Transportation Planner

Absent: Commissioner Fuchs
Brian Mickelson, Assistant City Engineer / Transportation Manager

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 5:32.

2. Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved unanimously.

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons

Council liaison Brett Lee announced he's been assisting on commission interviews. There are several new and re-applicants.

A. Second Street Sidewalk Changes: G-H Streets

Dianna Jensen gave an overview/update of changes to Second Street between G and H Street. Construction expected in late Jan.

B. Standing Item: Bike/Ped Program Update

Jennifer Donofrio gave an update on Bike/Ped program activities.

- Biking With Confidence class.
- Traffic Safety class, pre-requisite for LCI training will be held on 12/2-12/4.
- Beauty, Bike, & Brew event.
- Wayfinding project 10/19 public meeting.
- 10/29 Bike Scavenger Hunt.
- UCD Health & Well-Being Bike Education classes.
- Helmet Hair Don't Care; Bikes and Burritos.

- Led a night time glow ride w/ UCD freshmen.
- Learn to Drive Your Bike.

4. Public Comment

Mont Hubbard, Bike Davis: Approves letter of support for Caltrans grant. Noted this item and the parking structure from the CIP prioritization seem to be in conflict with each other. Not sustainable.

5. Consent Calendar

A. Draft Minutes: September 8, 2016

B. Letter of Support: Application to Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program

Motion to approve (Watterson, Mitchell)

Motion Carries 7-0.

6. Regular Items

A. Trackside Center

Eric Lee introduced project's key themes:

1. Site plan, project statistics
2. Transportation impacts/mitigation, seeking feedback on transportation
3. Alley options

Steve Greenfield, project representative, introduced himself. Showed 3D sketch up of building. Stated last year they submitted larger project. Neighborhood had concerns, so met with public and neighborhood. This project reflects this input. Described the architecture, parking proved, site plan, and existing vehicle circulation. Project proposed one-way alley, showed three potential configurations. Applicants do not have a preferred option.

Public Comment:

Cathy Gunther: Opposes project. Alley was not designed as street. Parking is inadequate. Encourages commissioners to take a site visit.

Mark Grota: OED neighbor. Significant adverse traffic impacts.

- Alley layout is tight
- Zero-lot line homes adjacent to alley
- Alley is main access to project
- Traffic study omits alley impacts
- Needs a serious look

Mary Colton-Bach: Resident on alley. Trackside makes alley unsafe. Alley traffic will hamper access, air quality. Direct threat to safety, I Street would become less safe.

Kiriakos Kiriako: Opposes due to project mass, safety. Exacerbates OED, parking problems.

- Cumulative impacts does not consider potential redevelopment of Davis Ace rock yard.
- Alley reconfiguration schematic should consider vehicles other than passenger vehicles.
- Parking study is not representative of neighborhood conditions, crosswalks routinely blocked.

Rhonda Reed:

- S-N traffic flow is not natural flow.
- OED does not oppose redevelopment – needs to be done in context.
- Should move building further off alley.
- Piecemeal development.

Craig Zimmerman spoke about parking impacts stating with “unbundled” parking, project residents will not pay for parking, will park in neighborhood.

Doreen Pachadi asked commission to find project has serious traffic impacts. Many serious accidents at Fourth & J. Nice building in wrong location. Doesn't abide by design guidelines. Significant reduction in mass and scale would mitigate these issues.

Trish Price: Bike Davis! Supports two-way cycle track, contra flow if that is not feasible. Project is progressive in many ways to reduce vehicle ownership. Very viable proposal.

Lois Sherman: converted garage to accessory dwelling unit. Headlights will be directed into unit. Loading and unloading, more traffic away from east side of alley.

Alan Miller: Alley is unique, not well-defined. Not just commercial & resident parking issue, but also visitors. People will loop around to find parking over and over.

David Krager: Concerned with recirculation of cars. Residential parking in the area is a problem now. Trackside will negatively affect neighborhood.

Steve Sherman: Project exceeds design guidelines. If they stick with guidelines, traffic/parking problems would be mitigated.

Commission Comments:

Commissioners discussed:

- How trip generation figures were calculated.
- Number of alley trips
- Alternative locations for access, parking
- What happens to existing stores.

- Options for temporary bike facility solutions to see if they work.
- Justification for project mass & scale.
- How the project changes the character of the alley.

Motion: (Bossard, Renaud) Support Option 3.

Motion Carries: 7-1 (Watterson dissenting).

Commissioner Bourne exits meeting.

B. Sterling Fifth Street Apartments Draft Environmental Impact Report

Eric Lee provided an overview of the site plan and general public process for project. Stated staff is seeking comments on the Draft EIR.

Ben Richey of Denovo consulting gave an overview of Environmental Review Process:

- Neutral disclosure document
- Environmental review process
- Key findings
- Mitigation measures

Commission Questions:

Commission questions focused on:

- Declining role of LOS in statewide environmental review.
- Impact on bicycle facilities.
- Traffic analysis assumptions.

Public Comment:

Nancy Redpath, Rancho Yolo: Traffic has markedly increased over 15-18 years. Worried about impact and safety. Location will heavily impact Fifth street. Students double and triple up. Will diminish quality of life.

Bea Vincent: Gave a scenario of all students heading to class at 10:00 a.m.

Claudia Krich: Project deception. Is not multi-family housing, but rather a dorm. E. Davis is getting way over impacted.

Jerry Hallee:

- No mention of post office in EIR
- Doesn't have typical peak hour impacts. Didn't account for other times of the day.
- Entire traffic study completely underestimates impact.

Matt Williams: Fatal flaw in aggressive transportation management section. Bike and transit are far less impactful than automobile trips. In reduced alternative, every student not living at site will commute from elsewhere.

Unnamed speaker: Take a bike or car trip to experience the area. Very congested.

Jay Johnson: Rancho Yolo has 400 residents. What will you do about protecting Rancho Yolo pedestrians?

Commissioner Renaud exits meeting.

Keith Brinton: Solid cars from G St. to Anderson. Locked blocks. Project will add even more cars.

Marjorie Beech, Rancho Yolo: Very concerned about impact on Rancho Yolo. Increased traffic from incredibly dense project cannot be overestimated. This is a huge issue. UCD needs to be pressured to provide students.

Christy Herlig, Rancho Yolo: Car/bike accident on Russell. Emergency vehicles couldn't get through.

Commission Comments:

Commissioner Mitchell stated traffic studies never seem to reflect reality.

Commissioner Berg stated 500 students have multiple rush hours. Traffic study could be looked at in a different way.

Commissioner Watterson suggested looking at a much broader time frame. Cannot do 8-9 a.m. study and expect to reflect reality.

C. FY 2017/18 Transportation Capital Improvement Projects Priorities

Brian Abbanat gave an overview of the Transportation Division's preliminary capital improvement projects priorities for commission review.

Commission decides to spend the next month becoming more familiar with project list and will send suggestions to staff.

7. Commission and Staff Communications

A. Upcoming Meeting Items / Events

Request to put traffic calming on long-range calendar.

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

8. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn (Watterson, Mitchell)

Motion Carries, 6-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.