



**Minutes**  
**Bicycling, Transportation, and Street Safety Commission (BTSSC)**  
**Davis Senior Center, Valente Room (646 A Street)**  
**January 10, 2019**  
**5:30 p.m.**

Commission Members: Frances Andrews (Vice Chair), Ryan Dodge, Todd Edelman, Eric Gudz (Chair), Jessica Jacobson, Mike Mitchell, Lyuba Vosheva

Council Liaisons: Brett Lee, Dan Carson (alternate)

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

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**1. Call to Order & Roll Call**

Meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm.

**2. Introductions and Swearing in of New Commissioners**

Commissioners Jacobson and Vosheva were sworn in by reciting the Oath of Office.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Agenda was approved unanimously with revisions to postpone Item 8C to February and to hear Item 8B first.

**4. Chair, Vice-Chair Elections**

Commissioner Gudz accepted the nomination from Commissioner Dodge to serve as Chair, which was approved unanimously by the commission.

Commissioner Andrews accepted the nomination from Commissioner Dodge to serve as Vice Chair, which was approved unanimously by the commission.

**5. Brief Announcements from Staff and Liaisons**

**A. Bike/Ped Program Update**

No update this month due to Jennifer Donofrio's absence.

**B. Council Liaison(s) Announcements**

Councilmember Carson announced he has hired a high school intern, Rebecca Hirsch.

Mayor Lee introduced Maurits Lopes Cardozo, Dutch transportation design expert from the Netherlands. Stated the City is fortunate to have him for several days to assist staff with project design. He will give a presentation at the US Bicycling Hall of Fame on Monday at 6:30 pm.

### **C. Other Staff Announcements**

Brian Abbanat announced:

- That the joint commissions meeting for the Downtown Plan Update scheduled for late January was cancelled. It will be rescheduled for a later date.
- Final recommendations for Downtown Paid Parking is scheduled for City Council on February 5<sup>th</sup>. Staff is initiating substantial outreach between now and then.
- The City has received a small fleet of e-scooters from different vendors. The purpose is for City staff, councilmembers, and commissioners to test ride them and provide feedback to help inform potential future e-scooter pilot program and/or regulations. The scooters can only be used for work-related purposes and cannot be brought home overnight. Commissioners were asked to contact Jennifer Donofrio for more information.

### **6. Public Comment**

Nico Fauchier-Magnan, Bike Davis president, spoke about how green waste in the street affects the safety of everyone. State Bike Davis would like no more obstructions from waste piles. Organics system can fit same amount of debris as a 5'x5'x5' pile. Need data from Go Request complaints about waste piles.

### **7. Consent Calendar**

#### **A. Draft Minutes: December 13, 2018**

*Motion (Mitchell, Andrews): Approve with revisions.*

*Motion carries unanimously.*

### **8. Regular Items**

#### **A. Commission Orientation**

This item was postponed to the February 13 BTSSC meeting.

#### **B. Presentation from Dutch Urban and Cycling Infrastructure Expert**

Brian Abbanat introduced Maurits Lopes Cardozo and how his visit follows up on the City's October study mission to the Netherlands. Maurits is assisting the City with project design for Anderson Road, Fourteenth/Villanova, and a citywide connectivity study.

Maurits Lopes Cardozo, Bike Minded, gave a presentation on Dutch transportation system design principles including:

- Dutch cycling networks
- Network hierarchy
- Parallel vs. separated network from motor vehicles
- Safety (Vision Zero). Standardized & recognizable solutions for traffic situations
- Cycling network barriers (e.g. highways, rail, utilities)
- Case studies
- Davis observations

Maurits provided recommendations for Davis that 1) cycling routes in Davis should have their own identity/coloring, 2) bicycles should have their own place inside a roundabout, and 3) bicylists should be prioritized inside the city.

An audience member inquired whether conversations were occurring with UC Davis Planning staff.

Mayor Lee responded that this is one of several visits planned for Maurits. UCD was invited to the Netherlands study mission but could not attend. They are an important partner and hope they can participate in the future.

Commissioner Edelman comment that the range of vehicle speeds is a lot lower in the Netherlands. Need the state to allow local agencies to establish local design speeds. For future visits from Maurits, would like the BTSSC to name a commissioner to be present at future meetings with Public Works staff.

Commissioner Mitchell inquired about how the campaign to prioritize cycling became successful.

Maurits Lopes Cardozo responded that there are constant discussion about this in the Netherlands.

Mayor Brett Lee commented that with Dutch transportation system design, all users are happier. Drivers have comfort when they know where cyclists will be. It's not a zero sum game.

Commissioner Andrews encourage the audience to come to Monday night's presentation. Need to keep showing people another way.

Commissioner Gudz commented on psychological factors of using transportation facilities in a city. Also commented on bicycle route identity and that is missing on some Davis routes. Encourage the City to think about transition moments at infrastructure.

Councilmember Carson stated that messaging is important, citing the Mace Blvd project as originating as a safe routes to school project. People care about childrens safety.

### **C. BTSSC Branding and Correspondence**

This item was postponed to the February 13 BTSSC meeting.

## **9. Commission and Staff Communications**

### **A. Long Range Calendar**

Commissioner Gudz suggested an intra-commission survey for items of interest. Interested in fresh topics. Also stated meetings don't have to only be held inside a room. Advocated for getting out in the field once a year.

### **B. Commissioner Announcements**

No announcements.

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

No reports.

**10. Adjourn**

*Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.*

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