



Minutes
Bicycling, Transportation, and Street Safety Commission (BTSSC)
Davis Senior Center, Valente Room (646 A Street)
February 14, 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

Absent: Ryan Dodge, Brian Mickelson, Brett Lee

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

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

2. Approval of Agenda

*Motion (Edelman/Gudz): Approve agenda, reversing Items 6B & 6C.
Motion carries unanimously.*

3. Brief Announcements from Staff and Liaisons

A. Bike/Ped Program Update

Jennifer Donofrio, Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator gave an update on the following topics:

1. Reminded commissioners to please test ride the electric scooters the City has on loan to help inform a future scooter-share program. The City plans to close the testing period in approximately one month.
2. The updated bike map is nearly ready for printing.
3. A Bike-to-Work day event is planned to be held on the newly constructed segment of Third Street during May is Bike Month. More details to follow.

B. Council Liaison(s) Announcements

No comments.

C. Other Staff Announcements*

No comments.

4. Public Comment

Marlene Dunaway made a request for the City to install an audible pedestrian signal on Second Street at the Fermi Drive/Target Driveway intersection.

John Whitehead requested a “Slow for Merging” bicycles sign at the Covell & L Street intersection as the bike lane drops off.

Steve Tracy commented on the vehicle lane width on Sycamore Lane near the driveway to the Marketplace Shopping Center. He believes it may not comply with current standards, his measurement was 10.5’ versus the 10’ standard.

5. Consent Calendar

A. Draft Minutes: January 10, 2018 Regular Meeting

B. Draft Minutes: January 10, 2018 Special Meeting

*Motion (Edelman/Jacobson): Approve both minutes with revisions.
Motion carries unanimously.*

6. Regular Items

A. Review of Tulip & Ponteverde Improvements Design Concepts

Brian Abbanat, Senior Transportation Planner, introduced Jacob Smit, Assistant Engineer, and Aaron Silva, on-call engineering consultant with Mark Thomas & Company. Shared background information regarding the history and purpose of project.

Aaron Silva from Mark Thomas presented on design concepts 1 and 2.

Concept 1 received negative feedback from residents regarding the unclear connection onto the proposed cycle track if riders are heading in the Eastbound or Northbound directions. From the concept, riders are forced to go against traffic in order to make it onto proposed cycle track. Confusing having drivers need to yield to pedestrians at first crossing then cyclists at second crossing, not intuitive. Residents liked the idea of raised medians to offer protection to riders and pedestrian when crossing. Commission and Residents both recommend incorporating RFB to the crossing and some sort of traffic calming device due to the high speeds of drivers NB and SB on Tulip.

Concept 2 was well received. Both residents and commission members like the continuation of the existing path through the greenbelt. Residents noted that they would like us to be conscious of the existing green space and if we choose to continue the path through this area, do it in a manner that preserves as much usable green space as possible. Like that the path comes out at the corner. Worry about the lack of markings guiding riders eastbound or northbound on how to get into the path.

Concept 3a was well received by both the commission and residents. Main concern for this is the idea of drivers knowing to yield. General consensus to prefer the Americanized version in 3b.

Concept 3b was well received by both the commission and residents. The raised crossing is preferred to add some sort of traffic calming device due to high speeds on Tulip. Make the pathway meander in order to preserve as much greenspace as possible through the existing greenbelt. Not intuitive for riders to navigate the intersection. Would like us to explore the possibility of extending the pathway through the intersection into the park to the west. Would create a clear connection for the many students who ride through the residential area from the south. Incorporate RFBs to the crossing for added protection.

Concept 3c was a last minute design that was introduced to the commission. Like the median islands for added protection to riders and pedestrians, but still prefer to have some sort of raised crossing to that will also serve as a traffic calming device to deal with the high speeds through the intersection. Like the markings to help guide riders through the intersection although not clearly intuitive. Riders would need to be shown the correct way to navigate the intersection, but it could work. Would like for us to explore carrying the path through the intersection to the west creating an easier path to accessing the pathway.

Overall positive response to the project as residents feel like it is long overdue. Main points to be incorporated are exploring the extension of the path through the intersection to the west, adding a raised crossing that will double as a traffic calming device, incorporate raised islands to offer additional protection, add RFB to the intersection for added safety, and create path to conserve as much green space and protect the existing trees. Navigating the intersection needs to be intuitive and easy for children to understand as there is a heavy volume that travel to school on this path. Consensus of continued outreach to both the commission and residents with our design as they would like to know what is taking place. Possibly hold a forum/workshop or an on location pop up to discuss the changes.

Motion (Gudz/Mitchell): The BTSSC recommends Alternative 3C, and highly encourages the following revisions:

- *Extension of multi-use path west of Tulip Lane toward the end of the cul-de-sac at Ponteverde Lane.*
- *Install Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons.*
- *Construct a raised crossing on Tulip Lane.*
- *Align the pathway extension westward to Tulip along the southern grass/landscaping boundary to preserve as much park space as possible.*

Motion carries unanimously.

B. Discussion of Netherlands Study Mission Final Report

Brian Abbanat and Jennifer Donofrio gave a presentation on the Netherlands Study Mission Final Report, which documents knowledge gained from the City trip taken in October 2018. The commission expressed support for the Final Report and an interest in seeing lessons learned applied to the Davis environment.

C. Commission Orientation

Brian Abbanat gave a presentation orienting new commissioners and refreshing existing commissioners on roles, responsibilities, and expectations for serving on the BTSSC.

7. Commission and Staff Communications

A. Long Range Calendar (subject to change)

Commissioner Mitchell reminded the commission about potentially having an agenda item that explores transportation from a wheelchair user's perspective, as offered by an individual at a prior meeting.

Brian Abbanat mentioned that the H Street Tunnel Phase 2 project might return to the BTSSC next month for a final review and community comment.

B. Commissioner Announcements

No commissioner announcements.

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

i. Appointment of BTSSC representative to Unitrans Advisory Committee

Due to scheduling conflicts, Commissioner Gudz stepped down as the BTSSC representative to the Unitrans Advisory Committee. Lyuba Vosheva volunteered to serve as their replacement.

8. Adjourn

*Motion to adjourn (Andrews/Vosheva)
Motion carries unanimously.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.
