



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

Commission Members: Frances Andrews (Vice Chair), Timothy Csontos, Todd Edelman, Eric Gudz (Chair), Jessica Jacobson, Mike Mitchell, Ayush Patel

Council Liaisons: Brett Lee, Dan Carson (alternate)

Staff: Brian Abbanat, Senior Transportation Planner

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Meeting started at 5:30 p.m.

2. Commissioner Oath of Office

Commissioner Csontos read the Oath of Office to participate on the commission.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion (Mitchell): Approve Agenda
Motion carries unanimously

4. Brief Announcements from Staff and Liaisons

A. Bike/Ped Program Update

Lorretta Moore, Street Smarts Coordinator, gave an update for the Bike/Ped and Streets Smarts programs, including:

- Walk & roll to School Day
- Bicycle Education & Rodeos at Montgomery, Chavez, and Pioneer elementary schools
- Bike Campaign / City of Davis collaboration on providing four bicycle education classes to four different second grade classes at Chavez ES.
- Pedal Fest

B. Council Liaison(s) Announcements

No Council liaison announcements

C. Other Staff Announcements

- i. Transportation Planning Announcements and CIP Updates**
- ii. FY 18/19 Unitrans Annual Report**

Commissioner Edelman commented about temporary changes to Mace & Cowell Blvd including narrow space in the island for bikes/peds, truncated domes sticking into the travel lane, and pedal strikes on orange buffers. Inquired if changes to temporary changes will be made.

Dianna Jensen, City Engineer, responded that no changes are planned, but Transportation field crew staff is verifying that nothing is a safety issue.

Commissioner Edelman inquired about Mace Blvd completion goal.

Dianna Jensen responded staff is waiting for City Council direction before a timeline can be established.

5. Public Comment

Joe Bolte, resident at Anderson Road and Hanover Drive, commented that buses block the bike lane during rush hour causing safety concerns. Also commented that bike share is great and supports more electric bikes and scooters.

6. Consent Calendar

*Motion (Andrews, Patel): Approve with revisions
Motion carries unanimously*

7. Regular Items

A. Review of Montgomery Elementary School Walk Bike Audit Report Safety Improvements

Dianna Jensen gave an overview of the project.

Commissioner Edelman inquired if the designs were brought to the BTSSC previously.

Brian Abbanat responded that the 2014 WBAR went through an extensive public engagement process and its purpose was to take targeted, relatively low-cost safety improvements immediately to design and construction once resources are identified. The 2014 WBAR was brought to the former Bicycle Advisory Commission at that time.

Commissioner Mitchell called out locations where lane widths may not comply with the City's standards. Also suggested further extending the NE corner curb extension to reduce pedestrian crossing distance.

Commissioner Edelman suggest a protected bike lane on NB north intersection leg. This was not supported by the commission.

Commissioner Andrews asked about construction timing.

Dianna Jensen responded that timing is affected by the Pole Line Road / Olive Drive connection ramp. The goal is to bid by the spring and build when school is out.

Council liaison Lee expressed concerns about one-off design. Recommended creating a subcommittee to discuss situational tools.

B. Proposed Drexel Drive & Chestnut Lane Intersection Safety Markings

Brian Abbanat introduced the item, explaining the 2015 Drexel Bike Blvd project, which removed the east-west stop control at the intersection, has resulted in user confusion that staff would like to correct. A major injury bicyclist / vehicle crash has resulted in the City posting a permanent crossing guard at this location that wasn't required prior.

Public Comment

Joe Bolte commented that the stop signs are too far from the intersection, which makes drivers roll through.

Commission Discussion

Discussion focused on the benefits and drawbacks of different crosswalk placements and how drivers would interpret them. The commission expressed support for the green conflict panels through the intersection, which was included in all alternatives.

Commissioner Edelman commented on the need for accessible curb ramps in whichever alternative is selected.

Discussion followed on the cost, time, and funding required versus the ability to improve safety if the project is limited to markings in the street.

*Motion (Gudz, Patel): Approve Alternative #4.
Motion carries, 6-1 (Edelman dissenting)*

Staff added they would also look at whether the stop bars could be moved closer to the intersection to improve sight lines.

C. BTSSC / Council Joint Meeting Debrief

Commissioner Gudz led discussion on this item. Key themes included:

- Continued delay in making progress on traffic calming
- Misperceptions within community that BTSSC has more influence than it does
- Joint meeting was a nice discussion but not very substantive
- Increased commission education to support need for good design for the community
- Need for improved productivity during meetings

8. Commission and Staff Communications

A. Long Range Calendar

Commissioner Csontos inquired about e-scooters.

Council liaison Lee responded that the City held a small internal pilot project and received scooters from 3-4 vendors. Enthusiasm fell locally based on a few high profile fatalities in other cities.

Brian Abbanat responded that the City adopted an ordinance/moratorium prohibiting motorized scooter-share companies from entering the Davis market. Its purpose is to protect Davis from scooters being dumped into the community without any regulations.

Commissioner Andrews and Gudz both noted that the wheelchair experience item was removed from the Long Range Calendar at some point and would like it reintated.

Commissioner Mitchell suggested the review of public comment item could be addressed in a subcommittee.

B. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Patel shared that the Unitrans lines J & G are two of the most frequently used lines in response to an individual from the public who was concerned about the common disruptions to the bike lanes near Anderson Road and Hanover Street. Stated he would bring it up with the UC Davis Transportation & Parking Administrative Advisory Committee, on which he sits.

Brian Abbanat referred commissioner Patel to the Anderson Road Improvements web page for more information.

Commissioner Patel shared information about the UCD Med Center/Davis intercampus shuttle. In April 2020, UC Davis will no longer operate the intercampus shuttle. It will instead transition to a SacRT public bus route, with more frequent stops/ UC Davis students will ride the SacRT for free.

Commissioner Andrews announced attendance at the Cool Davis Transportation Task Force meeting and participation in last weekend's Leadership Ride with the Chancellor.

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

i. Appoint BTSSC representative to Unitrans Advisory Committee

Motion (Mitchell, Csontos): Appoint commissioner Patel to UAC, commissioner Andrews as alternate.

Motion carries 6-0-1 (Edelman abstaining)

9. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.
