



Minutes
Bicycling, Transportation, and Street Safety Commission (BTSSC)
Davis Senior Center, Valente Room (646 A Street)
December 12, 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

Absent: Commissioner Andrews

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion (Mitchell, Patel): Approve agenda.

Motion carries unanimously.

3. Brief Announcements from Staff and Liaisons

A. Police Department Traffic Enforcement Update

Sergeant Eric Labbe shared traffic statistics with the commission:

- Traffic violations down 15-20%
- No major accidents, no fatalities
- Light the Night
- Middle school education in 2020
- DWIs are down
- Would like to reduce speed at the following locations:
 - School zones
 - Anderson from Russell to Eighth
 - Russell from Hwy 113 to B Street
 - Eighth Street from Oak to Anderson (lots of traffic & potential for collisions)
- Would like intersection control at Second and B Street as they see lots of “near misses”

B. Bike/Ped Program Update

Jennifer Donofrio, the Bike and Pedestrian Coordinator shared that the first Lights in a Pinch bike light vending machine is located outside the City Chambers. Nine more vending machines are coming soon to restaurants, bars, and theatres. The vending machine sells front and rear lights for \$0.50 apiece and each light includes a coupon to buy a better light at a local bike shop. Jennifer also shared that the bike map had been updated and new maps will be printed in January.

C. Council Liaison(s) Announcements

No Council liaison updates

D. Other Staff Announcements

Commissioner Edelman inquired about the Bike Minded visit and how his comments are going to be included in planning.

Bob Clarke responded that Brian Abbanat will incorporate into planning efforts.

Commissioner Edelman inquired why the Covell & F Street project is not on the long term agenda.

Staff comment: This item was inadvertently removed and has been restored to the Long Range Calendar.

Commissioner Edelman inquired about RAR's bicycle facility design experience for the East Covell (J Street to Pole Line Road)

Bob Clarke responded he would need to follow-up with the commission on that question.

Bob Clarke corrected that the Tulip & Ponteverde crossing item was pushed to the January 14th Council meeting.

4. Public Comment

Earl Bossard commented he was very impressed with New York City e-bike delivery. Would encourage more e-bike deliveries. He also shared CalBike's license plate initiative and that 7,500 people need to sign up for a license plate at \$50. Requested small "Except Bikes" sign on existing No Outlet signs, where applicable.

5. Consent Calendar

A. Approval of Minutes: November 14, 2019

B. Richards / Olive Drive Parking Lot: 20-min spaces

Motion (Patel, Mitchell): Approve with revisions

Motion carries unanimously.

6. Regular Items

A. Presentation of Amtrak Access and Connections Study

Adrian Engel, Fehr & Peers, gave a presentation on the subject project:

- Guiding Principles:
 1. Increase Amtrak/Capitol Corridor ridership
 2. Improve access
 3. Enhance safety
- 145 parking spaces, fill up by 6:30 a.m. Perception is that parking is not available. 20% of users were from outside of Davis.
- Conducted survey: 1,200 responses. 2/3 of respondents are regular station users.
- Near term improvements could include a train station café, improved restrooms, informational & wayfinding signs, public art, and secure indoor bicycle storage
- Improvements could include expansion and improvement of curbside interface along H Street, Amtrak bus station improvements.
- Structured parking could fit on the site at roughly \$5 million/floor @ 100 spaces/floor. Building could be developed as a mixed-use structure.

Commissioner Edelman commented that the next survey might include questions regarding the type of bikes people want to park at the station.

Commissioner Edelman inquired if people come to Davis from Sacramento because of the distance from the tracks to the parking lot in Sacramento.

Adrian Engel responded it's mostly an economic issue.

Commissioner Edelman asked what trips are combined transit/walk trips.

Adrian Engel responded that it is a low percentage.

Commissioner Edelman asked whether Fehr & Peers gave input on the Olive Drive/Train Depot crossing design.

Adrian Engel responded they did not talk about grade separation.

Commissioner Csontos asked how many people are using the parking structure and using the train.

Adrian Engel responded people use the structure when the parking lot is full.

Discussion followed regarding appropriateness of a parking structure on the train depot site:

- Commissioner Mitchell: Realistic that we look at that, paid parking.
- Commissioner Gudz: Convertible use of parking garage is good.
- Commissioner Mitchell: Better surveillance is needed. It's important to envision this as a heavy traffic area once bridges are in.

- Adrian Engel commented the existing driveway has challenges, more bikes will make it worse.
- Commissioner Edelman was interested in specific examples of a parking garage being converted to another use. Each space costs \$50,000 so it will take many years to pay for this. Now we are adding more traffic downtown.

Motion (Edelman): BTSSC recommends the City does not build a parking structure in the depot triangle.

Motion fails due to lack of second.

Earl Bossard recommended a comprehensive survey of drivers regarding how much they are willing to pay to park.

B. Proposed All-way Stop at the B and Second Street Intersection

Bob Clarke, Public Works Engineering & Transportation Director, introduced the project and discussed approaches to improving safety at the intersection. Options include a traffic signal, pedestrian actuated signal, signage & striping, all-way stop. Bob commented that the all-way stop is simplest, quickest, cheapest, and can easily be removed when the Downtown Plan is implemented.

Commissioner Mitchell expressed preference for a Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon (RRFB). Downtown Plan designates as a four-way signalized intersection. Asked how quickly an RRFB can be installed.

Bob Clarke responded an RRFB would need to connect to other signals on the corridor to help prevent traffic backups. Could underground to Third Street signal. RRFBs could be reused somewhere else, would not be a lot of waste.

Commissioner Gudz commented that an all-way stop control would not need a separate CIP, it can be done within the existing budget.

Bob Clarke responded a standalone RRFB can be done by staff quickly, but if we connect to a signal, then that takes time.

Commissioner Edelman commented on potential confusion created by a delayed RRFB if connected to traffic signal. Why not narrow street with cheap island and remove left turn lanes, then add stop signs as a second idea if narrowing does not work.

Bob Clarke commented that removing left turn lane is not a bad thing, but would have to look at delay and will have Fehr & Peers look at the model.

Commissioner Mitchell observed that the south-east turn pocket is heavily used.

Motion (Mitchell): BTSSC endorses all way stop at B Street and Second Street intersection until Downtown Plan is implemented.

Friendly Amendment (Edelman): Recommend consultants consider traffic calming as a first step, with a four-way stop a second one - or a 'Plan B' - if the traffic calming is not successful.

Mitchell declines friendly amendment.

Motion carries, 5-1 (Edelman dissenting).

C. Review of Public Comment from Last Two Years

Commissioner Gudz opened the item, noting that Commissioner Mitchell consolidated comments for commissioners to review.

Commissioner Mitchell stated the BTSSC is supposed to be a focal point. Public comment comes here and dies. We need to sort out process to figure out what to do for public comment.

Commissioner Jacobson stated we need to combine e-mails into this because some people cannot come to meetings.

Commissioner Edelman confirmed the need for e-mails. Wants to establish community awareness that the commission responds to public comment.

Motion (Gudz): BTSSC brings forth annual agenda item to bring public comments and e-mails for review.

Motion carries unanimously.

7. Commission and Staff Communications

A. Long Range Calendar

The Aggie Research Campus item is a new addition, might need to bump February item.

Bob Clarke noted the January traffic calming item and that the commission will see staff's first effort for low hanging fruit projects. Every 2-3 months there will be a new batch of projects.

January Chair/Vice-Chair elections. Terms run for a year. Commissioner Gudz will not be taking on any leadership positions. January is Eric's and Frances' last meeting.

B. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Edelman proposed a field trip to look at F to Cannery intersections.

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

Commissioner Edelman commented a Detour & CIP subcommittee was established but was never invited to CIP pre-construction meetings

Bob Clarke responded communication was not made clear and will alert Todd of pre-construction meetings.

8. Adjourn

Motion (Gudz, Patel): Adjourn meeting

Motion carries unanimously