

Bike Riding Survey

Help the new Bicycle Commission gather information. Those participating in the survey will be eligible for a bicycle accessories drawing. The survey is limited to Davisites 16 years of age or older. Only one survey per person will be accepted. To participate, visit: www.cityofdavis.org and click on "Bicycle Survey" or clip it out and mail to: **Tim Bustos – Public Works Dept., 1717 Fifth Street, Davis, CA 95616.**

Bicycle Survey

Please circle the appropriate letter following each question.

1. How many people of bicycle riding age are there in your household?

- a. 1-2
- b. 3-4
- c. 5-6
- d. 6 or more

2. How many bicycles are there in your household?

- a. 0
- b. 1-3
- c. 4-6
- d. 7-10
- e. 10 or more

3. On a weekly basis, approximately what percentage of all your trips are by bicycle?

- a. 0 %
- b. 0-5 %
- c. 5-10 %
- d. 10-20 %
- e. Greater than 20 %

4. How long are your most frequent bicycle trips?

- a. 0-4 minutes
- b. 5-9 minutes
- c. 10-14 minutes
- d. 15-19 minutes
- e. More than 20 minutes

5. How many miles do you estimate that you ride on your bike each week?

- a. 0 miles
- b. 0-5 miles
- c. 5-15 miles
- d. 15-30 miles
- e. Greater than 30 miles
- f. I don't know

Total miles per week: _____ (optional)

6. What is the primary trip purpose for most of the cycling you do?

- a. Commuting/school
- b. Shopping
- c. Fitness/Recreation
- d. Other _____

7. What would make you ride your bike more frequently?

- a. Safer routes
- b. More time
- c. Better weather
- d. Destinations nearer home
- e. Better cycling equipment
- f. Other (please explain)



New City Commission Adds to Bicycling Support

Bicycle riding is part of Davis history. Recent ridership, however, has declined. So the city would like to hear from you about how to reverse the trend.

The city of Davis has been actively promoting the use of bicycles for transportation, fun and fitness since the mid 1960s. The National Center for Bicycling and Walking often refers to Davis as "America's Best Bicycle City." Davis' transportation network of bike paths and lanes is the envy of cities across the nation.

Recent indications unfortunately show that overall bicycle ridership in Davis has been declining. In order to study these developments and advise the Davis City Council on bicycle policies, the city's first Bicycle Advisory Commission was established this past February.

Bicycle ridership remains high in Davis among students. Community-wide bicycle use, however, has declined during the past three decades. Bicycling accounted for approximately 22 percent of all trips in Davis in 1990, but only 17 percent of all trips in 2000, according to U.S. Census data.

Until now, bicycle safety questions have been reviewed by the Safety Advisory Commission, along with other issues that are mostly traffic-related. Bicycle and pedestrian safety and circulation plans historically have been examined as part of proposed development projects.

By establishing a citizen-based Bicycle Advisory Commission, the city will be able to more comprehensively promote bicycle trans-

portation in addition to reviewing how roadway improvement projects relate to bicycle safety. The primary goal of the new commission will be to ensure that bicycling remains a safe, enjoyable and useful activity for city residents with a broad range of ages and skill levels. Residents will be encouraged to use bikes more frequently for commuting as well as for recreation.

In addition to reviewing the engineering of bike lanes and bike paths for safety, other considerations within the jurisdiction of the new commission include:

- expanding the "Suggested Routes to School" initiative
- implementing a comprehensive

bicyclist education program for children, adults and motorists

- working on an aggressive bicycle law enforcement program with a strong bicycle theft deterrent component

- updating the city of Davis Comprehensive Bicycle Plan
- revising the city of Davis/UC Davis bike map

The Bicycle Advisory Commission welcomes your suggestions and questions.

For more information, contact Tim Bustos at (530) 757-5669 or by e-mail at tbustos@cityofdavis.org.

Yes, There is a Free Lunch — for Bicyclists

May has been designated as National Bike Month. As part of the California Bicycle Commute Week, a free lunch will be offered to bicyclists on Wednesday, May 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch will be served at Central Park, Third and C Streets in downtown Davis. The event is presented by the city and UC Davis bicycle programs and sponsored by local businesses.

For more information, call (530) 757-5669 or 752-2453.

