



## Minutes

### Safety and Parking Advisory Commission November 6, 2008

- Commissioners Present:** Dan Fenocchio (chair), Bill Bernheim, Theodore Parks, Tim Spangler, Xiaopei Qi
- Commissioners Absent:** Sean Shimada
- Staff:** Roxanne Namazi, Senior Civil Engineer  
Sgt. Ton Phan, Police Department
- Chair:** Commissioner Fenocchio called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
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**A. Approval of Agenda**  
Approved.

**B.1 Public Communications**

A resident expressed concerns about the pedestrian crossing at Russell and California. She is concerned that when pedestrians cross Russell, one lane of traffic stops and the other lane does not. She suggested installation of in-pavement flashing lights to alert drivers. Staff explained that the pedestrian actuated flashing lights and the pedestrian crossing signs were installed to increase bikes and pedestrians visibility and to improve safety at this crossing. Commission suggested the resident write a letter to the editor for the Enterprise and Cal Aggie. The resident also expressed concerns about the safety of seniors crossing at the roundabout at Fifth and Cantrill.

**B.2 Commission/Staff Comments**

- Staff provided the following updates:

1) We received favorable bids for the F Street Crossing Improvements. The bid was awarded and construction will start next week (11/10) to relocate the crossing to 200 feet south.

2) We received approximately 100 posters, from the elementary students, for the Street Smarts Poster Contest. The award ceremony is scheduled for November 19.

**C. Consent Items**

**Approve and/or Correct Commission Minutes, Meeting of October 2, 2008.**

Approved Minutes as submitted.

**D. Discussion Items**

**D.1. Grande Subdivision – Bicycle/Pedestrian Path - Informational**

Staff presented the background of the information. No action was recommended and none was taken. Staff responded to a few questions asked by the commission members. A resident of the neighborhood said he was disappointed that this item was presented to the commission at this time. He said the neighborhood's preference was to have this issue discussed later, after the Planning Commission action on the current project entitlements. Another resident expressed concerns for the safety of the cyclists having to use the main entry road and it would be safer to provide a separate bike path constructed to the west of the entry road.

**Action:** This was an Informational item and no action was taken.

**D.2. Research Park Drive at Da Vinci Court – All-Way Stop Control**

Staff presented the background information. Research Park Drive and Da Vinci Court are the major bike route between Putah Creek and the bike undercrossing of the I-80. The intersection is currently uncontrolled. During the past few years, there have been 3 crashes at this location, all involving cyclists. An all-way stop control helps clarify the right-of-way assignment at the intersection. Staff will continue to monitor the intersection for any necessary modifications to improve traffic safety. Upon approval of the Commission, the all-way stop ordinance will be presented to the Council for action. Commission asked staff to pursue the possibility of extending the Putah Creek bike path to directly connect to the bike undercrossing. Commission also directed staff to install signs to direct bicyclists to the bike tunnel (at Da Vinci and Research Park Drive).

**Action:** Commission approved staff's recommendation, unanimously.

**D.3. All-Way Stop Warrants Analysis**

At the request of a resident, staff collected data and analyzed the intersections of Second/B, Second/C and Third/C, for an all-way stop control. The collected data indicated that the intersections of Second/C and Third/C did not meet the warrants. The intersection of Second/B marginally met the warrants. Staff recommended maintaining the existing controls at the 3 intersections:

*Intersection of Second/B:* Although warrants are marginally met here, staff recommended deferring the installation of stop signs pending any future improvements on Third Street between A and B Streets, and the ongoing Fifth Street Corridor Study.

*Intersection of Second/C:* Second Street corridor between C and F is proposed to be improved, including bulb-outs, landscaping, marked crosswalks, and additional lighting at the intersections.

*Intersection of Third/C:* Third Street is the primary bike corridor between the UCD campus and downtown. Any additional stop signs will create additional delays for the cyclists, which has been a concern of the cycling community and the BAC.

**Action:** Commission approved staff's recommendation, unanimously.

**D.4. Citywide Collision Rates – Five-Year Period 2003-2007**

Staff presented the item. The 2007 collision data was not available when the 5-year crash study was recently performed in February 2008. The collision data is based on the SWITRS (Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System) and includes all reported vehicles, bikes and pedestrian related crashes. The 5-year crash rate average is calculated at 0.34 crashes per million vehicles (one crash per every 2.94 million vehicles traveled). The data indicated a 52% reduction in the total number of crashes citywide over the past 5 years. This great success for the Davis community is the result of numerous actions implemented by the Police and Public Works Departments.

**Action:** This was an Informational item and no action was taken.

**Next Meeting:** Confirmed for December 4, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. at the Community Chambers.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Namazi  
Senior Civil Engineer