



Bicycling, Transportation, and Street Safety Commission (BTSSC)
Minutes
Davis Senior Center, Valente Room (646 A Street)
May 10, 2018
5:30 p.m.

Commission Members: Frances Andrews, Earl Bossard, Ryan Dodge (Vice Chair), Todd Edelman, Daniel Fuchs, Eric Gudz, Mike Mitchell (Chair), Jon Watterson

Council Liaisons: Brett Lee, Robb Davis (alternate)

Staff: Brian Mickelson, Assistant City Engineer / Transportation Manager
Brian Abbanat, Senior Transportation Planner

Absent: Commissioner Andrews, Councilmember Davis

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Approve agenda

Motion carries unanimously

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons

A. Bicycle / Pedestrian Program & Safe Routes to School Program Updates

Jennifer Donofrio shared:

- Three on-street JUMP Bike stations were installed in early May.
- Photos of the new community bicycle being built.
- The UC Davis Biking with Confidence class where participants learned hands-on how to change a flat tire.
- The Bike and Pedestrian Team attended four bike rodeos this spring and two more are planned.
- The team also hosted a JUMP Bike training class at the Davis Senior Center on April 24th where participants learned how to check out the JUMP Bikes and rode the bikes.
- On April 25th Jennifer Donofrio attended Empower Yolo and represented on the future of bike share.
- On April 26th she attended Policy and Popcorn at UC Davis ITS and discussed how policies are implemented.
- On April 27th Jennifer and Joshua led the first Bike Party Davis for the year.
- On May 2nd, Jennifer presented at Transportation Camp with colleagues from SACOG and City of Sacramento about bike share.

- On May 5th, the Bike and Pedestrian Team hosted a Biking with Confidence class.
- On May 6th Jennifer brought the JUMP Bikes to Loopalooza and Joshua provided bike mechanics.
- Upcoming events include: a pathway cleanup on May 12, City of Davis Yolo Commute workshop on May 16, Celebrate Davis bike valet on May 17, downtown bike parking counts on May 18, Bike Party on May 25, Rancho Yolo bike mechanic class on May 26, downtown bike parking counts on June 2, and bike scavenger hunt on June 10.

B. Council Liaison(s) Announcements

No announcements from Councilmember Lee.

C. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Bossard stated he will be absent for June and July BTSSC meetings.

Commissioner Mitchell noted the commission may have quorum issues for the June meeting. Will work with staff to determine attendance and possible substitute meeting date.

D. Other Staff Announcements

Commissioner Edelman inquired about the SACOG Civic Lab project, whether the vendor names could be announced to the public, and whether the project will be brought to the commission.

Brian Abbanat responded that the Civic Lab teams are in the equivalent of an RFP phase and is premature to disclose this information. He stated the Davis project team is determining next steps and if there is a role for the BTSSC.

4. Public Comment

Bernadette Balics, Chestnut Lane resident, spoke about safety concerns regarding the L Street construction detour. A boy was hit by a car on Friday. Would like safety improvements made since the project is not expected to be complete until next December.

Brian Mickelson responded the City is aware of the issue and working on it. He asked the speaker to give him her contact information so he could follow up.

John Whitehead stated he tried the JUMP bike share bikes. Didn't think he would want to use them but has changed his mind. Thinks they should be marketed to Davis residents, not just students and/or visitors.

5. Consent Calendar

a. Draft Minutes: April 12, 2018

Motion (Gudz, Bossard): Approve minutes.

Motion carries unanimously.

6. Regular Items

A. Davis Live Apartments

Brian Mickelson introduced Heidi Tschudin, the City's Interim Community Development Director.

Cindy Gnos, contract planner for the City, introduced the key features of the project, including:

- 71 units
- 3-5 bedrooms
- 1,200 – 2000 sf apartments
- 440 total beds
- 71 parking spaces
- 441 secured bike spaces in an indoor facility
- Mobility hub with electric car share & bike share

Cindy Gnos noted the project is exempt from CEQA as it is in a transit priority area, but that a minor circulation study was conducted, concluding there would be no impacts except for during project construction. The project will include community enhancement contributions which can be used for transportation infrastructure improvements in the project vicinity.

Commissioners agreed this is one of the most impressive development projects to come before the BTSSC. It proactively includes many transportation features the commission has to push for from developers. Discussion focused on two primary topics: 1) bike parking, and 2) vehicle parking.

Bike Parking:

Commission comments included:

- Suggestion to consider additional secured bike parking.
- Ensuring easy access to and internal circulation within the secured bike parking facility.
- Ensuring non-traditional sized bikes can be accommodated in the secured bike parking facility.
- Provide access to the secured bike parking facility from the north side of the project.
- Concern about security of short-term bike parking on Russell Blvd.

Vehicle Parking:

Dan Weinstein, project developer, stated they are providing one parking space per unit and believe a some parking is needed for the development. Parking will only be offered to junior, seniors, or tenants with other special circumstances. Commissioners generally felt that with the proposed mobility hub and project location, the developer should further reduce or entirely eliminate vehicular parking. They also expressed concern that unrestricted on-street parking in the neighborhood encourages residents to bring their cars. The commission supported emphasizing electric vehicles and encouraged expansion as demand warrants.

Public Comment:

Don Gibson, ASUCD, stated the graduate student unit has endorsed this project.

Eileen Samitz stated she really likes the project. It's in an ideal location with its proximity to UC Davis and University Mall. Stated that while most students won't need cars, some parking

capacity is needed. Likes the indoor bike storage. Very little traffic will be generated. The project makes sense.

B. SACOG & ATP Funding Programs Proposed Projects

Brian Abbanat gave an overview of the projects the City intends to apply for grant funding and how they were selected.

Earl Bossard commented that a bikeway between the Olive Drive crossing and H Street in the parking lot should be provided.

Commissioner Edelman stated the current design concept and landings are awkward. Is working on sketches for alternative designs.

Commissioner Gudz offered for the BTSSC to help in any way for support of these projects.

7. Commission and Staff Communications

A. Long Range Calendar

Commissioner Edelman noted the June 12th Fourteenth Street / Villanova Drive Improvements open house conflicts with the Davis Live project scheduled for City Council.

Commissioners supported adding a discussion on construction detours to the long range calendar.

Commission discussed potentially moving June BTSSC meeting to 6/21 due to potential absences. Staff will coordinated with the Chair and send out a Doodle poll.

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

Commissioner Gudz stated he attended the Unitrans Advisory Committee (UAC) meeting on 4/19 where they supported a small fare increase. New UAC Chair is Sheila Allen.

Commissioner Edelman shared the citywide Parking Minimum Subcommittee has begun discussions with Community Development staff on how to coordinate with the Downtown Advisory Committees subcommittee on parking.

8. Adjourn

*Motion (Gudz, Bossard): Adjourn
Motion carries unanimously.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.
