Community Chambers, City Hall
March 9 2017
5:30 p.m.

Commission Members: Frances Andrews, Earl Bossard, Ryan Dodge, Daniel Fuchs (Vice Chair), Eric Gudz, George Hague, Andrew Hart, Mike Mitchell (Chair), Jon Watterson

Council Liaisons: Brett Lee, Robb Davis (alternative)

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

1. Call to Order & Roll Call
Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda
Motion (Watterson, Gudz): Reverse Agenda Items #9A &9B
Motion: Approved unanimously

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons
   A. Traffic Enforcement Division Update
   No Traffic Enforcement update.

   B. Bicycle / Pedestrian Program Update
   Jennifer Donofrio shared Light the Night video created by Amin Muhammad at the February 13, 2017 event. Also shared pictures from the March 7, 2017 Light the Night event. On Feb 13th we handed out over 400 bike lights at A and 3rd Streets and on March 7th we handed out 134 light sets (front and rear) at B and 1st Streets.

   Robb Davis stated:
   • He was contacted by wheelchair dependent person and went around downtown on a wheelchair. Gave him a good perspective on how we can make small changes. Suggested something similar to the BTSSC.
   • He met with Transportation staff about the State Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. Intend to respond on ways to deal with establishing speed limits.

   Earl Bossard commented he’d like to see state legislation allowing for “Idaho rolling stop”. Wants Davis to support.
4. Public Comment

No public comment.

5. Consent Calendar
   A. Draft Minutes: February 9, 2017

Minutes approved unanimously.

9. Regular Items
   B. H Street, Davis Little League Parking Lot & Tunnel Improvements, CIP No. 8251

Commissioner Dodge recused himself from discussion due to residence location.

Melissa Marshall, Associate Civil Engineer, introduced the project and the City’s project consultant, Lisa Beyer from Alta Planning & Design. Lisa provided an overview of the project’s objectives, key areas for improvements, and project phasing.

Commissioner Fuchs inquired if public outreach will be conducted.
   Brian Mickelson responded that due to timing, outreach for project design will come through the BTSSC. Design concepts were previously brought to the former Bicycle Advisory Commission.
   Brian Abbanat added that considerable outreach was solicited through the Walk Bike Audit Report.

Commissioner Hart asked about options for enlarging the tunnel and funding.
   Melissa Marshall responded that Union Pacific Railroad considers the tunnel a structural component of the tracks. If the City touches the tunnel in any way, they’ll require the City to bring it to their current standards. The project currently has $1.5 million in funding, but may not cover all costs.

Discussion occurred regarding the existing grade and whether widening the tunnel ramps to current standards would encourage unsafe speeds.

Commissioner Fuchs suggested eliminating southern access to tunnel to avoid converging ramps.

Commissioner Mitchell stated he has been in three collisions at the tunnel. Suggested a vertical retaining wall.
   Lisa Beyer confirmed the design concept widens the tunnel ramps and improves sight lights via vertical retaining wall. Location of retaining wall is limited by proximity to 30-inch sewer main line.

Commissioner Watterson suggested making each ramp one-way to reduce conflicts. Stated a roundabout at the bike path/J Street intersection should be considered.
Commissioner Hart suggested using mirrors.

A. West Davis Active Adult Community – Preliminary Comments

Ash Feeney, Assistant Director of Community Development & Sustainability Department, provide an overview of the topic’s purpose.

Dave Taormino, project applicant, gave a presentation on the project details.

Commissioner Hague asked how the project would connect to other neighborhoods.

Commissioner Gudz noted a clear understanding is needed how conflicts at intersections between streets and greenways would be resolved.

Dave Taormino responded they reduced the number of streets as much as possible. Stated streets need to be a little wider to accommodate seniors. Cited personal observations as the reason.

Commissioner Hague inquired what lighting standards will be used for project.

Dave Taormino replied the project will be a Planned Development, so they can set their own standards.

Commissioner Dodge asked about parking.

Brian Koster, project engineer, responded a precise parking count isn’t known yet, but effectively one on-street space per lot.

Dave Taormino added all units will have two-car garages and the activity center will have a rideshare coordinator.

Commissioner Bossard stated that wider & faster bicycle routes are needed, including Class IV protected cycle track or wider multi-use path on Covell. Would also like to see another connection to Sutter Health.

Commissioner Fuchs warned that other Measure R/J projects have failed due to connectivity issues and this project seems somewhat lacking in that regard.

Commissioner Watterson suggested the following areas to strengthen: 1) Undercrossing to Covell multi-use path on south side, 2) Better east/west access to John Jones, such as a connection over or under Hwy 113, 3) Make peripheral trail paved, not decomposed granite.

Commissioner Mitchell stated concern that the City’s recently adopted street standards are not being complied with. Public streets need to follow the standards. Other areas to address include:

- Widening multi-use paths in project.
- Separated or buffered bike lanes are needed, including reversing parking and bike lanes.
- Need stronger push for transit center.
- Bike parking.
- Removal of Covell Blvd free-right turns at Risling Ct. and Shasta Dr.
• Wayfinding is needed on multi-use path.

10. Establish Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Neighborhood Traffic Calming

Motion (Fuchs, Gudz): Table until after joint Council discussion.

Motion carries unanimously.

11. Commission and Staff Communications

A. Long Range Calendar

Motion (Bossard, Andrews): Motion to include electric bike policy & electric charging stations on long range calendar.

Motion carries 7-0-1

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

Brian Abbanat announced the April 29th Travel Training workshop targeted toward seniors and the mobility challenged.

12. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn (Bossard, Gudz)

Motion carries unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.