RESOLUTION NO. 14-033, SERIES 2014

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE
BICYCLING, TRANSPORTATION AND STREET SAFETY COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Davis community has long supported a sustainable, multi-modal transportation system; and

WHEREAS, the Davis City Council recently adopted an updated General Plan Transportation Element and the Beyond Platinum – Bicycle Action Plan and is developing a transportation plan to evaluate and prioritize transportation-related projects and programs; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has expressed a desire to approach transportation decision-making in a holistic, strategic, and coordinated manner; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no single commission to advise on all aspects of the transportation system and its relationship to other community issues; and

WHEREAS, the Davis Climate Action & Adaptation Plan recommends establishing a Mobility (i.e. Transportation) Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has directed that a permanent standing commission be appointed to advise the City Council and staff on transportation matters; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Davis hereby creates a Bicycling, Transportation and Street Safety Commission to achieve the following:

SECTION 1. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. The Bicycling, Transportation and Street Safety Commission shall have the following responsibilities:

A. Advise the City Council and staff on matters relating to transportation programs, capital projects, and planning efforts, including: transportation policy; transit, bicycle, pedestrian, and vehicular planning; street design; traffic operations and enforcement; traffic safety; parking; and transportation infrastructure maintenance.

B. Consider all transportation modes in its recommendations, with an orientation toward active transportation modes and overall traffic safety and circulation.

C. Monitor and facilitate implementation of the General Plan Transportation Element, Transportation Plan, Beyond Platinum - Bicycle Action Plan, and Downtown Parking Management Plan amongst others.

D. Serve as a focal point for the community and City government on transportation matters, projects, and issues.
E. The Commission shall report annually to the City Council its findings, recommendations and activities, or with greater frequency where the Council, Commission, or City staff deems necessary.

F. As an advisory body of the Davis City Council, the commission is established and guided by the following documents:
   a. Davis Anti-discrimination ordinance; and
   b. Commission Handbook; and
   c. Commission Policy Guidelines

SECTION 2. MEMBERSHIP. The Bicycling, Transportation and Street Safety Commission shall be comprised of eleven (11) members through September 30, 2016. Members shall have relevant knowledge and experience, as determined by the City Council and guided by Section 4, below. The initial commission composition shall follow:
   • 4 members shall be appointed from the existing Bicycle Advisory Commission.
   • 3 members shall be appointed from the existing Safety and Parking Advisory Commission.
   • 4 members at-large

For the purpose of transacting business, a quorum of the Bicycling, Transportation and Street Safety Commission shall consist of six (6) voting members through September 30, 2016.

All members, regular and alternate, shall be appointed by the City Council.

Effective October 1, 2016 the Bicycling, Transportation and Street Safety Commission shall be comprised of no more than nine (9) members. For the purpose of transacting business, a quorum of the Bicycling, Transportation and Street Safety Commission shall consist of five (5) voting members between October 1, 2016 and September 30, 2018.

Effective October 1, 2018, the Bicycling, Transportation and Street Safety Commission shall be comprised of seven (7) members and one (1) alternate. For the purpose of transacting business, a quorum of the Bicycling, Transportation and Street Safety Commission shall consist of four (4) voting members beginning October 1, 2018.

The alternate member shall not vote except upon one of the following conditions:
   a. Absence of one (1) or more of the regular members of the commission.
   b. Disqualification of regular member of the commission because of an expressed conflict of interest.

SECTION 3. MEETINGS. The Commission shall meet on a regular basis, which may be monthly, quarterly or on another schedule as deemed necessary. Efforts shall be made to avoid unnecessary meetings. The Commission shall establish a regular time and place of meeting. Special meetings of the Commission may be called at any time by the chairperson or by a quorum of members of the Commission, upon personal notice being given to all members of the Commission.
SECTION 4: TERMS OF OFFICE. The terms of office of all members not appointed from other standing Commissions shall be four years. Effective October 1, 2014, the terms of continuing Bicycle Advisory Commission and Safety and Parking Advisory Commission members shall be for two years, ending September 30, 2016, to create staggered membership terms. Effective October 1, 2014, terms for the four new members, shall be for four years ending September 30, 2018. All members shall serve at the pleasure of the City Council. No member shall serve for more than two consecutive four-year terms, except under special circumstances.

SECTION 5. TERMINATION OF APPOINTMENT. The term of appointment of any member of the commission who has been absent from three consecutive regular or special meetings, or who has missed more than 1/3 of the meetings in a 12-month period, without the approval of the City Council, shall automatically terminate.

Members of the Bicycling, Transportation and Street Safety Commission serve at the pleasure of the Council and may be removed from office by a majority vote of the Council.

SECTION 6. APPOINTMENT/VACANCY. All appointments made to the Commission shall be by action of the City Council. Vacancies on the commission shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner in which regular appointments are otherwise made.

SECTION 7. OFFICERS OF THE COMMISSION. The Commission shall select one of its members annually as chairperson and one of its members as vice-chairperson. The chairperson shall be responsible for chairing Commission meetings, calling special meetings and conferring with staff on meeting agendas. In the event of the chairperson’s absence the vice chairperson shall assume the responsibilities of the chairperson. No chairperson or vice chairperson shall serve more than two consecutive years as chair.

SECTION 8. FUNDING. No City funds shall be obligated or expended by the Commission unless specifically provided for by the City Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Davis this 25th day of March, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: Frerichs, Lee, Swanson, Wolk, Krovoza

NOES: None

ATTEST:

Joseph F. Krovoza
Mayor

Zoe S. Mirabile, CMC
City Clerk