



**Bicycling, Transportation, and Street Safety Commission (BTSSC)
Community Chambers
23 Russell Boulevard
Thursday, April 9, 2015
5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

Commissioners: John Berg (Chair), Earl Bossard, Elisabeth Bourne, Daniel Fuchs, Amy Lee (Vice Chair), Mike Mitchell, Russell Neches, Raoul Renaud, Jim Skeen, Doug Waterman, Jon Watterson

Absent: Bourne, Fuchs, Skeen, Neches

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

Council Liaison: Brett Lee, Robb Davis (alternate)

Meeting called to order at 5:32

5:30 1. Approval of Agenda

Approved unanimously

2. Commission and Staff Announcements

Brian Mickelson announced:

- *An offer has been extended for the vacant Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator position. The appointee will start end of April.*
- *City Council approved B Street parking removal. Will return soon with striping plans and parking ordinance soon.*

Brian Abbanat announced:

- *The City's grant application for streetscape design and study for grade separated crossing for Olive Drive was not selected for funding by the Caltrans Sustainable Communities grant program.*
- *Progress being made on Downtown Parking Task Force Recommendation #11 to develop a transportation and parking alternatives campaign.*
- *The City and transportation partners will be hosting its annual travel training workshop on April 25th at the Senior Center.*

Commissioner Berg provided an update on May is Bike Month.

Commissioner Mitchell expressed concern about the Drexel and J Street intersection. Stated more thought is needed before Cannery comes on line.

Commissioner Watterson stated a good job was done on the bike path along Lake Blvd near Marina Circle.

Subcommittee Report:

Commissioner Lee announced that seats have been chosen for the street standards committee. Both transit providers are now included. Will move forward in the next couple of weeks.

Commissioner Berg announced recent travels to Denver. Visited Boulder to observe another Platinum City. Observed higher traffic. Toured bicycle facilities. Two months ago Boulder opened secured transit station bike parking. Just opened, can hold a couple hundred bikes.

3. Council Liaison Comments

Councilmember Davis provided an update on Washington DC meetings. League of American Bicyclists annual meeting followed by one-day Safe Streets, Safe People Summit. All Platinum Cities got together & discussed ways to mentor other communities. Meeting in Boulder or Ft. Collins to bring representatives to discuss lessons learned & research agenda for our respective universities to work on. Session on Vision Zero: Program to reduce all traffic fatalities to zero. Where Davis lags is the integration between City and School District for education. State of New York has allowed local agencies to set their own speed limits. LA interested in local control of speed limits.

4. Public Communications:

No public comment.

5. Approval of Minutes: 3/12/15 meeting

Approved unanimously.

6. Water Pipeline Project

Diane Phillips, Water Project manager, introduced the project. Putting seven miles of pipeline within the City. Impacts to transportation.

Jeff Warrants, Brown & Caldwell stated project is out to bid right now. 2-3 months will be hired. Project will take a long time to build: through October of 2016. Impacts occur in small pieces over a long time. Don't know where the contractor will be working and when. Impacts have been minimized to the extent possible with detailed traffic control plans.

Commissioner Renaud inquired about coordination with the City's Road Rehabilitation program.

Jeff Warrants responded there is very little overlap with paving project. Pipeline is ahead of paving project. Avoiding a lot of work in same location(s).

Public Comment:

Anthony Palmere inquired about performance plans for affected bus stops.

Jeff Warrants responded they are included in part of the traffic control plan.

Jeff Warrants stated construction should begin sometime around the first of July.

7. L Street and Mace Blvd Design Concepts

Jennifer Border (City staff) provided background information regarding the projects, including how the City selects streets for grant-funded road rehabilitation projects. City received \$1.4 million and \$1.9 million for L Street and Mace Blvd, respectively.

L Street:

Aaron Silva from Mark Thomas & Co. provided an overview of the L Street plans. Stated plans are currently at 30% concept level.

Commissioner Bossard referenced New York City buffered bike lanes.

Commissioner Berg referenced how Boulder has 10' travel lanes in many places. Noted resistance in Davis to 10' lanes.

Commissioner Mitchell supported narrower travel lanes. Stated a need for traffic calming north of Drexel Dr.

Commissioner Renaud noted anecdotal observations on speeding. Suggested considering removing centerline to help calm traffic.

Mace Blvd:

Aaron Silva provided an overview of the L Street plans. Described improvements, including lane reduction from four to two lanes.

Commissioner Watterson noted Cowell Blvd intersection safety will be improved immensely.

Additional discussion of design included:

- Additional traffic calming south of Cowell (Watterson)
- Consideration for physical protection on both sides of Mace (Bossard)
- How to make access to cycle track from Cowell Blvd intersection easier. (Renaud)
- Ensure ped actuation buttons are on the right side (Mitchell)

Aaron Silva stated they will begin 60% drawings immediately and construction is planned for Summer 2016.

Motion (L Street): Recommend for L Street 10' travel lanes with 7' bike lanes (Mitchell, Renaud).

- Motion passes unanimously

8. Richards / I-80 Interchange Design Concept

Brian Mickelson provided background information on interchange including excessive vehicle queuing, modal conflicts, and future development.

Aaron Silva described the interchange design concept as a “clover leaf” converted to a “tight diamond”, which includes a grade-separated bike path from Olive Drive to Research Park Drive. Explained safety benefits.

Commissioner Mitchell expressed concerns regarding bike path tunnel beneath rail tracks and Olive Dr. intersection. Need brilliant ideas for intersection in addition to the interchange.

9. Winter 2015 Downtown Parking Survey

Brian Abbanat provided a brief overview of the parking survey and how it compares to the last survey conducted in Fall 2012.

Commissioner Berg noted the E Street Parking Paid appears almost completely full. Referenced Council rejection of Parking Task Force recommendation for on-street paid parking.

Commissioner Watterson noted parking structures as only 60% full. Wants signage to show direction and occupancy available.

Brian Abbanat responded that a new sign was installed at the First & F garage displaying number of spaces available. Fourth & G garage is more complicated due to private ownership and different parking space types, which would require a gated system.

Motion: Proclamation to thank Police Department volunteers for collecting parking occupancy data for the report (Renaud, Mitchell).

- *Motion passes unanimously*

10. Long Range Calendar

Brief discussion occurred related to the Citywide Speed Limit subject including:

- *Driver education and enforcement (Renaud).*
- *Focus on “Street Safety”, rather than exclusively bicycle safety (Lee).*

Other suggested topics include:

- *Establishing protected bikeway (Bossard)*
- *Beyond Platinum Bicycle Action Plan (Lee).*
- *For Bike/Ped Coordinator: Introduce objectives, some issues of importance to the BTSSC (Watterson).*
- *Social reception with Bike/Ped Coordinator (Bossard).*

11. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. (Lee, Mitchell)