



Minutes
Bicycling, Transportation, and Street Safety Commission (BTSSC)
October 8, 2020
5:30 p.m.

Commission Members: Joe Bolte (alternate), Timothy Csontos (Chair), Todd Edelman, Lizzy Hare, Jessica Jacobson (Vice Chair), Mick Klasson, Ayush Patel, David Soule

Council Liaisons: Brett Lee, Dan Carson (alternate)

Staff: Brian Abbanat, Senior Transportation Planner

Absences: Dan Carson

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion (Klasson, Patel): Approve agenda.

Commissioner Klasson requested to remove 5B from consent.

Motion carries, 7-0.

3. Brief Announcements from Staff and Liaisons

A. Bike/Ped Program Update

Jennifer Donofrio gave the following program updates:

- Attended online conference from NABSA this week. Learned a lot about bike share programs in other cities.
- Submitted LAB application
- Is in beginning stages of updating the bicycle parking standards ordinance

B. Council Liaison(s) Announcements

Councilmember Lee announced this could possibly be his last meeting. Has enjoyed working with the BTSSC. Followed up on last month's use of term "pseudo-vehicular cyclists" and what he meant by that term.

Commissioners thanked Brett for his enthusiasm for improving cycling in Davis.

C. Other Staff Announcements

Brian Abbanat announced that five commissioners have terms expiring after the December meeting. Please contact staff or the City Clerk's Office if they would like to be considered for reappointment.

4. Public Comment

Frank Reyes commented on the passage of Senate Bill 288 that exempts transit lanes from CEQA in the public right of way.

Nico Fauchier Magnan shared news of a bicycling fatality outside of Davis. A big blow to the community. Victim was a good friend of a Bike Davis board member.

5. Consent Calendar

A. Approval of Minutes: September 10, 2020

Motion (Patel, Jacobson): Approve minutes.

Motion carries, 7-0.

B. Proposed No Parking Restriction on J Street

Commissioner Klasson inquired about the gap between proposed red curb zones.

Joseph Garcia-Long responded the gap was to preserve the on-street parking that previously existed.

Motion (Klasson, Edelman): Paint entire curb red rather than leaving red. NACTO recommends longer red zones for bus stops.

Commissioner Edelman commented J Street is a major route to UCD, has had some close calls. Anything to improve it closer to the intersection is a good idea.

Motion carries, 7-0.

6. Regular Items

A. Review of Anderson Road – Chavez Elementary School Improvements Design Concepts

Brian Abbanat introduced the item and gave a presentation on the project's design concepts with consultants Adrian Engel and Greg Behrens from Fehr & Peers.

Commissioner Edelman commented that the starting point that we need drop-offs is wrong. Has spoken to DJUSD about bringing back buses to reduce driving demand. East side sidewalk widths, potentially not ADA compliant. Bikeway in front of school is seven feet and should be eight feet. Cyclists in groups not represented in simulations. 20 parked spaces for faculty and staff doesn't optimize space for active transportation. Consider shared parking with church.

Commissioner Bolte commented that he is pleased with design overall. Lives on Hanover. The requirements of retaining DJUSD parking is a sign we haven't implemented the climate emergency or prioritization of safety over the ability to park. Children must cross bike lane for pickup and drop off. Consider more physical protection to prevent pickup and dropoff immediately after the intersection.

Commissioner Klasson commented it is nice to see this project progressing and addressing several conflicts. Favors Concept 2. Concerned about exit from dropoff area, potential sightline problems. Raised potential operational problems that should be addressed. Concerns about other users crossing bike lane (children, bus riders). Asked where will bike parking be located at Chavez.

Brian Abbanat responded that bike parking would most likely be relocated to the back side of campus.

Commissioner Patel commented that a lot of students avoid Anderson because of current traffic hazard. Have seen buses and bikers dodging each other.

Motion (Patel, Jacobson): BTSSC supports concept #2 as the preferred concept for the purposes of the grant application.

Friendly Amendment (Edelman): All the elements in Concept #2 will adhere to minimum 2016 street standards.

Amendment accepted by Patel and Jacobson.

Motion carries, 7-0.

B. Implementation Status Update of the 2014 Bicycle Action Plan

Jennifer Donofrio introduced the item and gave an update on the activities prescribed in the Bicycle Action Plan, the City's roadmap for the Bicycle/Pedestrian program.

Commissioner Jacobson inquired about the bike theft program as this is a current concern of many residents.

Jennifer Donofrio responded that she is aware that the Police Department has put the bait bikes out in the community. Does not have any statistics related to the program but can follow up with the number of people who have been apprehended.

Commissioner Edelman asked Councilmember Lee if funding for proper bike counts similar to the UCD Campus Travel Survey can be added to the City Council Long Range Calendar.

Councilmember Lee responded that Council could request City Manager to allocate funding for this. A recommendation from the BTSSC with some level of specificity would be useful. Suggested a consent item, then forward to City Council.

C. Appoint Representative to Unitrans Advisory Committee

Commissioner Patel volunteered to continue serving on the UAC.

D. Establish Subcommittee for Street Design and Intersection Standards

Brian Abbanat provided background information and Staff's perspective on this item. Suggested an appropriate role for the subcommittee could be to conduct research on peer cities' street design standards and identify areas for strengthening the City's existing standards and identify potential omissions.

Public Comment:

Darrell Dickey commented that he was heavily involved in the 2016 street standards committee. Final product is not what it was supposed to be. It's now outdated already. We don't have standards for many facilities. Something needs to happen. It fell through the cracks. There is still some confusion.

Michelle Byars expressed support for looking at the standards. 2016 is ages ago and supports an update.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Bolte questioned how customized street standards must be. Can we not just use standards developed by others.

Commissioner Edelman commented that there is no reason to reinvent the wheel.

Commissioner Edelman expressed interest in serving on a subcommittee. No other commissioners volunteered, so a subcommittee was not formed.

Motion (Patel, Soule): Continue meeting.

Motion carries, 7-0.

7. Commission and Staff Communications

A. Long Range Calendar (subject to change)

Commissioner Bolte expressed interest in elevating UCD Transportation Services presentation.

Commissioner Edelman inquired about whether the commission will review the Mace Blvd 30% design prior to or after City Council.

Councilmember Lee responded that another public meeting is scheduled in November to discuss the County's sketches. Designs have not progressed beyond 30%.

Brian Abbanat added that he has been coordinating with lead Engineering staff on scheduling for this item and the intended sequence is to have the community meeting, BTSSC review, and then City Council.

Commissioner Edelman commented that in March 2019 the BTSSC asked bike share and SACOG operator about raising weight and age limits. It has fallen off the City Council Long Range Calendar.

Commissioner Edelman returned to the earlier topic of a comprehensive bike count. Proposed a Long Range Calendar item to form a subcommittee to sort out parameters of a new bike count. The commission did not show interest in adding this to the calendar.

B. Commissioner Announcements

No announcements

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

No reports.

8. Adjourn

Motion (Patel, Hare): Adjourn meeting

Motion carries, 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:22 p.m.