



Agenda
Bicycling, Transportation, and Street Safety Commission (BTSSC)
June 10, 2021
5:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Joe Bolte, Timothy Csontos (Chair), Lizzy Griffith, Jessica Jacobson (Vice Chair), Francois Kaepelin, Krasen Kovachev (alternate), Brook Ostrom, Ayush Patel

Staff/Council Present: Brian Abbanat, Jennifer Donofrio, Dianna Jensen, Joseph Garcia-Long, Councilmember Josh Chapman

Absences: None

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

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

2. Oaths of Office: Commissioners Kaepelin and Kovachev

Commissioners Kovachev and Kaepelin read the oath of office (Kaepelin at 6:05 p.m. upon arrival)

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion (Ostrom, Griffith): Approve agenda.

Motion carries, unanimously

4. Brief Announcements from Staff and Liaisons

A. Bike/Ped Program Update

Jennifer Donofrio gave an update on program activities, highlighting a meeting with LUVLOK, and community members to discuss bike security/theft in Davis.

B. Council Liaison(s) Announcements

No updates from Councilmember Chapman.

C. Other Staff Announcements

Brian Abbanat highlighted transportation-related items in the City budget in the packet attachment.

Commissioner Csontos inquired about the absence of traffic calming funding for FY 21/22.

Brian Abbanat responded that FY 20/21 traffic calming funding will carry over into next year for the City to implement projects already approved, but the funding reduction could leave a gap in the second half of next fiscal year when projects would otherwise be ready to install.

5. Public Comment

Cindy Kangas commented on the need for additional speed mitigation on Humboldt Ave. Stated she is really happy we might have traffic calmed with speed humps.

Ron Kangas commented that Humboldt Ave one of two long streets through residential areas with no stop signs or stop lights. Traffic has increased substantially. Very much in favor of speed humps, but would also like to see a stop sign at Barkley and Humboldt as an easy and inexpensive way to help slow down traffic.

Frank Reyes commented on the Alternative Transportation Corridor between Cities of Davis and Woodland, dedicated bike/ped path. Stated this project went through a process in 2010s but fizzled out. Would like to bring this back to the forefront.

6. Consent Calendar

A. Approval of Minutes: May 13, 2021

B. CCJPA Second Street Improvements

C. Proposed Parking Restrictions: El Cemonte Ave at Glide Dr

Motion (Patel, Bolte): Approve consent

Motion carries, unanimously.

7. Regular Items

A. Fifth Street Improvements Pilot Project (L Street to Pole Line Road)

Melissa Marshall introduced project, explained project goals including

- Address bike lane gap
- Repave street segment
- Extend road diet from L Street to Pole Line Road

Project is scheduled for construction in summer 2021.

Brian Abbanat commented that the recent \$100,000 SACOG grant award will enable the City to proceed with non-construction work on Phase 2 in parallel with monitoring Phase 1.

Commission Questions

Commissioner Griffith asked for clarification about the businesses concerned about parking in bike lane.

Melissa Marshall responded that some larger vehicles park in the center turn lane and will continue to do so. One other business asked for a loading zone. We're also looking at adding parking further west. Don't want to adversely impact other businesses.

Krasen Kovachev commented the westbound lane reduction could create large queues at L Street intersection. East side conflict zone could be a problem so pay careful attention.

Public Comment

No public comment

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Bolte commented that the design is a great concept because of the gap in the current network. Conditions merit a conversion of travel lane to bike lane. Having a loading zone should be a high priority.

Motion (Bolte, Patel): Approve staff recommendation.

Motion carries, unanimously.

B. Proposed Traffic Calming

- Arroyo Avenue
- Chestnut Lane
- Emerald Bay Drive
- Humboldt Avenue
- Miller Drive
- Radcliffe Drive
- Vista Way

Brian Abbanat explained approach to this item since a subset of commissioners were conflicted out of different segments. Miller Drive and Radcliffe Drive are discussed separately from the others.

All Segments Except Miller Drive and Radcliffe Drive

Joseph Garcia-Long introduced project purpose, locations, traffic/crash history, criteria for selection, and approach taken to traffic calming.

Commission Questions

Commissioner Ostrom inquired if a speed table was considered at Barkley at Humboldt.

Joseph Garcia-Long responded staff considered it, but omitted based on residents' feedback. Will be looking into stop control further east on Humboldt.

Public Comment

No public comment

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Bolte expressed support for recommendations and also lowering response threshold from 50%.

Joseph Garcia-Long added that thresholds come from the City's policy for installation on undulations, which hasn't been updated in 20 years so is worth looking into. 60% support is a required, whereas 50% response is discretionary.

Motion (Ostrom, Kaepelin): Follow staff recommendations regarding traffic calming improvements for all segments except Miller Drive and Radcliffe.

Motion carries, unanimously.

Miller Dr.

Joseph Garcia Long explained the Miller Drive traffic calming location.

Commission Questions

No questions.

Public Comment

Jennifer Carriere commented she is very interested in safety on Miller Drive. Miller Drive is heavily traveled by bicycles and pedestrians and would like to focus on them when thinking about speeds on Miller. Concerned about the location of the speed humps and the large gap between the two. Concerned they will simply accelerate in middle section, which will not be safe. She encouraged the City to add bike lanes to street to visually narrow very wide street. At street intersections, cars cut the corners putting bicyclists at intersection in danger. Would like to see some kind of barrier to protect and divide the lanes. This also occurs at Seventh and Miller. Jennifer Carriere summarized her comments:

- Bike lane striping
- Lane markers at intersections
- Address concern of cars speeding between speed humps

Jessica Jacobson, resident, noted that 23 children in 13 houses live on the segment not proposed for speed humps. Hope is that community will continue to protect children. Questions why 60% threshold is required as the segment referenced was just below at 58%.

Commission Discussion

Motion (Griffith, Patel): Follow staff recommendation

Commissioner Bolte requested a staff response to the public comment.

Joseph Garcia-Long responded that staff is following ITE guidelines for placement and spacing. Residents have commented to him that more are needed, but staff believes this is a good first step. If not effective, could be reevaluated at a later date. Traffic calming item is intended to be efficient, low cost. Other improvements would be part of a different program. Concerns about Russell/Miller intersection could be addressed in Reimagine Russell Blvd project.

Commissioner Csontos stated it would be helpful to have speed-related data, even though commissioners are in favor of these measures.

Motion carries, unanimously (Jacobson recused).

Radcliffe Dr

Joseph Garcia-Long introduced Radcliffe Drive segment.

Commission Questions

No questions.

Public Comments

Nico Fauchier-Magnan commented that as we move forward, we should broaden the toolbox and look at doing slow streets in these places. These are places where people are living and interacting with each other. Make street for everybody. Need to be more creative in approach to traffic calming.

Commission Discussion

No comments.

Motion (Ostrom, Kovachev): Support staff recommendation.

Motion carries, unanimously (Bolte, Patel recuse).

C. BTSSC Subcommittees

Brian Abbanat introduced the item highlighting key points in the staff report.

Commission Questions

Commissioner Griffith asked about process for forming ad hoc subcommittees.

Brian Abbanat explained that ad hoc subcommittees can be established at any time, they just need to be placed first on an agenda, have a clear purpose/task, a defined duration, and clear deliverable.

General discussion continued regarding establishing ad hoc committees.

Public Comment

No comments

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Bolte commented that he was disappointed we can't work in subcommittees, it was productive and a good system. Supports Lizzy's idea for planning for ad hoc subcommittees.

Commissioner Csontos commented it felt like the commission was hitting its stride with the subcommittees

Motion (Bolte, Patel): To follow staff recommendation

Motion carries, unanimously.

8. Commission and Staff Communications

A. Long Range Calendar

Brian Abbanat described the Long-Range Calendar, highlighting the changes from the prior month.

B. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Patel spoke that this is his last meeting. Serving on the BTSSC has been an educational experience. Came onto the commission without much knowledge and has learned a lot. Stated his aspiration is to become City Manager so this experience has been valuable.

Commissioner Bolte also spoke that this is his last meeting. Thanked the commission for all the collaboration.

Commissioner Csontos expressed appreciation for Commissioner Patel's leadership and participation and Commissioner Bolte's passion for transportation.

Brian Abbanat echoed comments stated and extended the City's appreciation for their service.

Commissioner Kaepelin expressed support for both commissioners' passion for transportation.

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

No updates.

- **Liaison Assignments:**

- **Unitrans Advisory Committee (1)**

Commissioner Kaepelin volunteered for the Unitrans Advisory Committee.

- **Climate Action and Adaptation Plan: Alternate (1)**

No volunteers.

9. Adjourn

Motion (Patel, Bolte): Adjourn.

Motion carries, unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:07 p.m.
