



Minutes
Bicycling, Transportation, and Street Safety Commission (BTSSC)
October 14, 2021
5:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Timothy Csontos (Chair), Lizzy Griffith, Jessica Jacobson (Vice Chair), Francois Kaepelin, Krasen Kovachev

Council Liaisons Present: Josh Chapman

Staff Present: Brian Abbanat, Jennifer Donofrio, Joseph Garcia-Long, Dianna Jensen

Absences: Brook Ostrom

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion (Kovachev, Griffith): Approve Agenda.

Motion carries, unanimously.

3. Brief Announcements from Staff and Liaisons

A. Bike/Ped Program Update

Jennifer Donofrio shared information about the new bike registry program. She showed commissioners the website to use to register bikes and the sticker to place on their bikes.

Commissioner Jacobson asked what happens if the sticker is removed.

Jennifer Donofrio stated that the sticker is tamper-proof, but if it is removed, then the police can use your bicycle serial number to link your bike to you.

B. Council Liaison(s) Announcements

Councilmember Chapman had no update.

C. Other Staff Announcements

Brian Abbanat had no update beyond the information included in the packet.

4. Public Comment

Todd Edelman noted that having bike registration was good news, but wanted to know how much funding will be spent on getting the word out about this program. Edelman shared that the bike parking ordinance is no longer on the long-term calendar and that is very concerning. Fifth Street bike lanes are blocked with signs. Edelman noted that Pole Line and Olive is great, but council promised changes with Olive Drive and nothing has been planned. Edelman stated that Olive Drive is total chaos. He also discussed that debris in bike lanes is not on the schedule and we are in leaf drop season. He mentioned that funding was budgeted for traffic engineer, but the job is not posted. Edelman emphasized the need for a senior engineer because the City is working on lots of projects. Lastly, he mentioned the Commission supported lowering the age limit for bike share, but nothing has moved forward.

Tracie Dewit, Speaking for herself and the Oak Shade West NA. She is asking for ARP funds be used for preservation on Putah Creek bike trail. She feels that the pathway has suffered great neglect. Residence do not use the path because of issues. She is asking the commission to please give attention to Cowell and Valdora where people walking and biking conflict with drivers exiting and entering Safeway. She feels like this intersection has been neglected and ignored. Finally, she would like commissioners to address access to the Pacifico complex, because there are no roads to this site.

5. Consent Calendar

Motion (Jacobson, Griffith): Approve Consent Agenda.

Motion carries, unanimously

6. Regular Items

A. Transportation Implementation Plan (TIP) and Annual Update

Brian Abbanat introduced project, explained project including:

- The TIP is a tool to making decisions and prioritizing resources. The time horizon is between 3 to 7 years.
- Projects in the TIP are in discrete categories based on their status.
- Prioritized projects are evaluated and scored. The projects are not necessarily completed in order.
- New features of the TIP include more simplified evaluation criteria that is weighted.
- The City is prioritizing maintenance over new projects because we need to maintain what we have. There are limited funding sources for project maintenance.
- New projects and enhancements usually mean more amenities. These added amenities result in more costs for future maintenance. The City needs to figure out how to fund maintenance of new amenities.
- More projects will be added to the TIP from the CAAP project, Reimagine Russell Boulevard, Downtown Davis Specific Plan and the Local Road Safety Plan.

Commission Questions

Commissioner Csontos asked if projects are relevant over time.

Brian Abbanat responded that the importance of projects on the prioritized list do not change much over time. Timing changes, but not necessarily the project.

Commissioner Csontos followed up with asking about G Street and converting it to a pedestrian area.

Brian Abbanat responded one reason why not many downtown projects are not on the TIP list is because of the Downtown Specific Plan.

Commissioner Jacobson asked that during public comment we heard about issues with the Putah Creek path. Does that go into the TIP?

Brian Abbanat shared that in prior years there was a call for projects from commissioners. But because of budget cuts and capacity issues with delivery that has been placed on hold. Staff is considering opening this process up in the spring.

Public Comments

Todd Edelman stated there are two maintenance issues. Council put forward a parcel tax measure that failed. And repaving money is not productive. Repaving wide streets is counterproductive. Edelman also shared he is concerned staff is not opening up the process for commissioners to add more projects to the TIP. He also noted that the new evaluation tool should have been brought to the BTSSC for review before being implemented.

B. Establish A DISC Subcommittee

Brian Abbanat introduced the project stating:

- The BTSSC has had a DISC subcommittee in the past.
- The previous subcommittee drafted baseline features.
- The new subcommittee would compare previous DISC project to new DISC project and propose new recommendations.

Commission Questions

No commissioner questions

Public Comment

Todd Edelman stated he was on the previous DISC subcommittee and it was a productive discussion. The subcommittee had a plan to share with the Council subcommittee, but they refused to meet. The whole thing failed. Edelman just moved to the area near the DISC site and shared that he does not want to bike in this area. He believes that the developer has no interest in connecting the DISC site to supermarkets.

Feels that people will just jump on I-80 and not use bikes and this project is a disaster in multiple ways. He hopes that the City Council will listen.

Commissioner Discussion

Commissioner Griffith shared that she was on the first DISC subcommittee and thinks that the subcommittee should happen to do a deep dive and bring recommendations forward.

Commissioner Csontos stated that we need to look at the new plan and see what needs to be changed. He does not believe this new effort will require the same amount of work as the first subcommittee.

Commissioner Kaepelin stated that subcommittees are very productive and wants to hash out issues with DISC.

Brian Abbanat shared that the BTSSC DISC meeting is scheduled for December 9.

Commissioner Griffith, Kaepelin and Kovachev will serve on the subcommittee.

Motion (Csontos, Griffith): Establish a DISC subcommittee

Motion carries, unanimously

7. Commission and Staff Communications

A. Long Range Calendar

Brian Abbanat reviewed the Long Range Calendar with the commission.

New commissioners are coming soon.

B. Commissioner Announcements

No announcements.

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

No announcements.

8. Adjourn

Motion (Jacobson, Griffith): Adjourn meeting.

Motions carries, unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm