



Minutes
Bicycling, Transportation, and Street Safety Commission (BTSSC)
January 13, 2022
5:30 p.m.

Commissioners: Debapriya Chakraborty, Timothy Csontos (Chair), Jessica Jacobson (Vice Chair), Krasen Kovachev, Brook Ostrom

Council Liaisons: Josh Chapman, Gloria Partida (alternate)

Staff: Brian Abbanat, Senior Transportation Planner

Absences: Lizzy Griffith, Gloria Partida

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion (Kovachev, Ostrom): Approve agenda

Motion carries unanimously.

3. Brief Announcements from Staff and Liaisons

A. Bike/Ped Program Update

Jennifer Donofrio announced that 500 people have registered their bicycles in the new registry program. Goal is to get thousands of bicycles registered. Local bicycle shops are participating in registering bicycles at the point of sale. Events have occurred at elementary schools, but Covid is slowing down activities.

B. Council Liaison(s) Announcements

Councilmember Chapman shared the Mace Blvd community meeting is scheduled for January 20. He has been working with Councilmember Frerichs, City staff, and County staff. Feel free to contact him or attend community meeting.

C. Other Staff Announcements

Bob Clarke stated that the recruitment for the vacant Transportation Manager position was posted last week. Recruitment is at Assistant Director level. Recruitment is open until early February, interviewing into March.

Commissioner Csontos requested staff to send commissioners link to the recruitment so they can send to their networks.

4. Public Comment

Todd Edelman commented that staff has been attending meetings of the I-80 project. Would like more information from staff. No progress on Pole Line Rd / Olive Drive connection. Supporting infrastructure was promised on Olive Drive by City Council. Bike registration is great, new bike parking standards were supposed to be working on but no movement. Don't know how we'll reach a critical mass for bike registration.

5. Consent Calendar

A. Approval of Minutes: December 9, 2021

Motion (Kovachev, Jacobson): Approve minutes

Motion carries unanimously

6. Regular Items

A. Climate Action & Adaptation Plan

Kerry Loux introduced the project. Emphasized the importance of the BTSSC and the CAAP as most of the recommendations involve transportation. Presentation themes:

- Recommendations for Action
- Project Goals
- Project Timeline
- Action Development and Prioritization Process
- Prioritized Actions
- Next Steps

Council has asked staff to do some more research on specific actions.

Commissioner Csontos inquired about Davis' greenhouse gas footprint and how does it compare over time, what are the units of measurement?

Kerry Loux responded that greenhouse gases are measured in CO₂ in metric tons. Data is available on the CAAP project website. Compared to 2010, transportation has gone up as a percentage, in part due to improvements in building energy efficiency. Limits with transportation because it relates to consumer behavior. Aiming for carbon neutrality by 2040 will be a combination of what we can reduce and what we can offset in other ways. Existing built environment and transportation habits are the real challenge. Actions in plan are not currently prioritized.

Commissioner Kovachev asked how land use factors into this project.

Commissioner Csontos commented that California has made an enormous push to fast-track housing around transportation centers. The closer we can build compact housing near transportation centers, the easier it is to get from A to B.

Kerry Loux confirmed that's the way the project team is looking at it. Land use is a component of good, sustainable communities. Most closely tied to

transportation. A wide array of actions that could be selected. We looked at combining transportation and land uses for compact development.

Commissioner Csontos asked whether the Amtrak station is considered the central transportation hub.

Brian Abbanat responded that the train depot has historically been viewed as a transportation hub for visitors and commuters because of its location. Whether its reaching its full potential is another question. Other transportation hubs include UC Davis Memorial Union and Silo terminals.

Kerry Loux: 90% of GHGs are related to trips coming into and out of Davis. If we encourage people to arrive/leave via transportation hub, need last-mile solutions.

Commissioner Chakraborty asked about Recommendation B1 Electric vehicle charging infrastructure, how fees will be handled.

Kerry Loux responded we need to make sure charging infrastructure will be able to meet the demand. Fee structure is assumed (user fees), but intent is to be less than internal combustion engine costs. Somebody has to pay for the electricity. Working on parameters currently.

Commissioner Csontos asked about effects of fare-free transit.

Brian Abbanat responded that a Transportation Research Board study analyzed all fare-free transit systems in the US and the conditions under which they are successful. Study concluded 4-11% mode shift to transit. Davis matches some of the conditions and even the low end of the mode shift range is meaningful in the larger picture.

Bob Clarke added that increasing frequency and expanding transit routes go a long way toward increasing ridership.

Commissioner Csontos Interested in from where/to people are traveling to Davis. Light rail to Sacramento could result in higher usage.

Public Comment

Todd Edelman commented that Davis has a higher rate of EV ownership than other places. No plan to decrease vehicle throughput. DiSC will widen Mace and increase travel. Davis has Councilmembers on Boards of organizations. Imagine if all money used for I-80 Managed Lanes is used to subsidize Capitol Corridor or point-to-point service within the region. Need huge bike parking at Davis depot, hundreds of bike share in town. Need more car share implementation. We're going to have to buy lots of credits if we don't do things to reduce driving.

Commissioner Csontos commented that a lot of effort was put into this. Looks forward to seeing prioritization of this plan. Should consider how the Commission approaches topics that come to the commission and how they support this plan.

Kerry Loux recommended reviewing comments on recommendations.

B. Introduction to Local Road Safety Plan

Jennifer Donofrio introduced project. Overview of purpose, principles, and progress. Will return to commission in spring for formal action.

Commissioner Jacobson commented that that she appreciates the data-focused nature of project. Asked about the statistics source and if they include un-reported collisions.

Jennifer Donofrio responded SWITRS data is used and only included reported collisions that result in a police report / injury. Property-only damage is not included.

Brian Abbanat added that future updates will hopefully include non-reported incidents, including input from the community of locations with safety concerns that may not be supported by existing data. Also hope to have more updated travel volume data so locations can be “normalized” based on traffic volume.

7. Commission and Staff Communications

A. Long Range Calendar

Brian Abbanat reviewed upcoming items scheduled for the commission. Commissioner Chakraborty offered to help with the community engagement volunteered to help with the analysis

B. Commissioner Announcements

No announcements

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

No announcements

8. Adjourn

Motion (Ostrom, Kovachev): Adjourn

Motion carries unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:21.