

**City of Davis
Transportation Commission
Final Meeting Minutes
Community Chambers, 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis CA 95616
Monday, November 10th, 2025
6:00 P.M.**

Commission Members: Nick Bates, James Giller, Mark Huising (Acting Chair), Brett Lee, Raymond Pascual, Eric Thronson

Commission Members Absent: Brook Ostrom (Chair)

Staff: Public Works Engineering & Transportation Director Ryan Chapman, Senior Transportation Planner Jennifer Donofrio and Active Transportation Coordinator Cory Frost

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call. Vice Chair Huising called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

J. Giller arrived at 6:09pm.

2. Approval of Agenda.

N. Bates moved, seconded by E. Thronson to approve the agenda as listed below. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Bates, Huising, Lee, Pascual, Thronson

NOES: None

ABSENT: Giller, Ostrom

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Council Liaisons.

Senior Transportation Planner Jennifer Donofrio: Provided an update on subcommittee coordination and planning efforts.

M. Huising: Reported that the Clean Air Resources Board (CARB) has ended its e-bike rebate program and redirected funding toward electric vehicle initiatives.

Councilmember Linda Deos: Shared that the Village Farms workshop held during a recent City Council meeting was extensive, insightful, and highly recommended for viewing.

E. Thronson: Added that, in relation to CARB's actions, it remains important to engage state legislators annually given the new cap-and-invest process.

4. Public Comment

Kim Garza: A resident of the Tremont Green Apartments, which have limited access to public transit due to their distance from existing routes. She reported that she has discussed this location with SACOG representatives as an unmet transit need and also engaged with SACOG staff at the farmers market to advocate for improved transit service to this area.

5. Consent Calendar

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B. Lee made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, N. Bates seconded.

M. Huising proposed a friendly amendment to the motion, revising the language from "removing parking from both sides of the street" to "removing parking on one side of the street" in the October minutes.

B. Lee accepted the friendly amendment, and N. Bates agreed.

The amended motion passed by the following vote:

AYES:	Bates, Giller, Huising, Lee, Pascual, Thronson
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Ostrom

6. Regular Items

A. 2025 General Plan Update Presentation to the Transportation Commission.

Eric Yurkovich of Raimi + Associates and Bob Grandy of Fehr & Peers: Provided a presentation outlining the meeting's purpose, the requirements of the Circulation Element, project phases, key statistics on housing, employment, and transportation in Davis, as well as existing constraints and questions for the commission's consideration.

Commissioners followed up with questions on how to ensure the document remains actionable rather than symbolic, how to balance introducing new ideas with retaining effective elements from the previous plan, and clarification regarding discrepancies between the bicycle commute mode share figures presented and those included in the staff report.

Public Comment:

None.

R. Pascual: Emphasized the need for context when discussing issues and solutions; suggested reviewing existing modes for effectiveness, noting underused transit like YoloBus; supported learning from other cities' successful cycling policies.

M. Huising: Highlighted benefits of shifting to non-automobile travel, need for connected and safe infrastructure, and importance of designing roads for slower speeds rather than relying on enforcement. Noted transportation's large share of emissions and distance from CAAP goals. Supported including physically protected infrastructure, separating intracity vs. regional VMT, and inviting planning experts to engage with the Commission.

B. Lee: Advocated for mode-neutral neighborhood design where all travel modes are considered from the start; emphasized equal representation in project design, though not necessarily equal roadway space. Supported looking to international examples for safe infrastructure and educating the community on design options; cautioned against prioritizing flashy but inefficient projects.

E. Thronson: Suggested exploring specific funding sources (e.g., sales tax, paid parking) for transportation projects, focusing on connecting people to destinations beyond car travel, and identifying high-collision areas such as Downtown and the UC Davis campus for safety improvements.

N. Bates: Questioned alignment of General Plan policies with CAAP goals; raised safety concerns about right turns on red and supported revisiting speed-setting practices.

J. Giller: Urged designing for flexibility among travel modes, improving permeability between developments, and encouraging internalized trips within neighborhoods.

Community Development Director Sherri Metzker: Advised balancing specificity with flexibility in policies; noted high VMT due to Davis's jobs-housing imbalance and regional commuting patterns.

Senior Transportation Planner Jennifer Donofrio: Recommended referencing established frameworks such as the 15-Minute City and Safe Systems Approach in the General Plan.

Public Works Engineering & Transportation Director Ryan Chapman:
Discussed parking challenges, with some neighborhoods overparked and others under parked; acknowledged slip lanes are problematic but costly to fix; explained state law limits flexibility on speed limits.

There was no motion made on this item.

7. Task Calendar: Upcoming Meeting Dates and/or Potential Agenda Items

Senior Transportation Planner Jennifer Donofrio: Shared the task calendar and upcoming agenda items including a Short-Range Transit Plan Data Dive workshop scheduled for December.

8. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

J. Giller moved, R. Pascual seconded. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES:	Bates, Giller, Huising, Lee, Pascual, Thronson
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Ostrom