



City of Davis
Transportation Commission
Final Meeting Minutes
Community Chambers, 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis CA 95616
Monday, March 9th, 2026
6:00 P.M.

Commission Members: James Giller, Mark Huising, Brett Lee, Brook Ostrom (Chair), Raymond Pascual, Eric Thronson

Commission Members Absent: Nick Bates

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

1. Call to Order & Roll Call. Chair Ostrom called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2. Approval of Agenda.

M. Huising moved, seconded by J. Giller to approve the agenda as listed below. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Giller, Huising, Lee, Ostrom, Pascual, Thronson

NOES: None

ABSENT: Bates

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

M. Huising: Mentioned the Bike Lane Uprising March Madness competition, which tracks bike lane obstructions across cities during the month.

Public Works Engineering & Transportation Director Ryan Chapman:
Acknowledged the recent bicycle collision that resulted in a fatality. Noted that the incident remains under investigation and no additional details are available at this time.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Consent Calendar

A. February 9th, 2025 Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes

J. Giller made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, B. Lee seconded.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

6. Regular Items

A. YoloTD Short-Range Transit Plan proposed route changes and funding scenarios

YoloTD Senior Transportation Planner Lola Torney: Presented on the goals of the SRTP, including prioritizing coverage versus frequency, the public engagement process, and community feedback.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions about bus headways, whether a schedule has been developed, and potential service loss in South Davis.

Public Comment:

None.

B. Ostrom closed the public comment period.

R. Pascual: Commented that public outreach for the Route 42 riders and potential riders was not robust enough.

YoloTD Senior Transportation Planner Lola Torney: Noted that YoloTD is a small transit agency and does not need to comply with the same FTA requirements as larger agencies.

M. Huising: Asked about funding sources and whether anyone is advocating for transit in Sacramento. Suggested incorporating first- and last-mile connections into the plan and communicating the broader benefits of transit.

YoloTD Senior Transportation Planner Lola Torney: Stated that most funding comes from grants and transit allocations, with roughly \$1 million generated from fares.

E. Thronson: Emphasized the importance of maintaining express routes, noting Governor Newsom's indication that more state employees may

return to in-person work this summer. Suggested potential cuts to Route 42 while keeping express routes.

J. Giller: Asked how funding could be directed toward express services instead of other services.

There was no motion made on this item.

B. Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Update on Transportation

Climate Action and Resilience Program Manager Sam Blacklock: Presented on the CAAP, including transportation goals and actions, 2025 implementation highlights, and opportunities for 2026.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions about incentive programs for DJUSD students and coordination with private developments to include EV charging infrastructure.

Public Comment:

None.

B. Ostrom closed the public comment period.

M. Huising: Noted the CAAP still uses 2016 data as a baseline and requested updated emissions data. Stated the City does not yet have a clear path to achieving zero emissions and emphasized that transportation is the largest source of emissions. Commented that reducing vehicle trips will be critical and noted that a 15% vehicle mode shift could have a comparable impact to electrifying all homes in the city.

B. Lee: Recalled a previous meeting where Davis High School students requested more parking. Commented that policies should increase the cost of driving to encourage use of other modes. Added that total driving is more important than the number of vehicles owned and suggested tracking emissions per capita to better reflect changes as the city grows.

B. Ostrom: Asked about the relationship between improving parking and reducing vehicle trips.

Public Works Engineering & Transportation Director Ryan Chapman: Stated staff are exploring implementation of additional elements from the 2014 Parking Plan, including four paid parking lots Downtown.

M. Huising: Expressed support for parking behind businesses and reiterated the need for updated emissions data, noting the CAAP states it will be updated every two years.

M. Huising made a motion to recommend that City Council prioritize funding for updated emissions data. B. Lee seconded the motion.

AYES: Giller, Huising, Lee, Ostrom, Pascual, Thronson

NOES: None

ABSENT: Bates

C. 2025 General Plan Update Task 9: Preliminary Land Use and Mobility

Public Works Engineering & Transportation Director Ryan Chapman and Community Development Director Sherri Metzker: Presented a preliminary land use exercise intended to prompt discussion about future development patterns. Noted it is not a draft land use plan. Explained the General Plan will account for two RHNA cycles and discussed potential housing capacity, street sections, traffic impacts, and transit opportunities.

E. Thronson: Asked about the cost differences between various housing types.

Public Comment:

None.

B. Ostrom closed the public comment period.

M. Huising: Stated he wished the item had initially been brought to the commission. Emphasized planning for climate goals and noted RHNA does not require single-family housing. Supported more development near Downtown, potentially including UC property. Expressed interest in reducing reliance on traffic signals and ensuring new areas prioritize separated bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. Raised concern that development in the northeast area would make crossing Covell difficult.

E. Thronson: Noted the exercise was intended as a thought exercise but felt the approach presented was too traditional.

R. Pascual: Commented that transit discussion went into significant detail for a thought exercise and cautioned against dismissing certain transit options based on this scenario.

B. Lee: Said the exercise was useful because it illustrated potential outcomes if development occurs incrementally. Expressed concern that

residents in that area would be unlikely to bike to school or Downtown and did not want Davis to resemble nearby cities.

J. Giller: Emphasized the value of infill housing due to existing infrastructure. Noted traffic will increase with population regardless of development location and suggested quantifying long-term maintenance costs.

Community Development Director Sherri Metzker: Said the City is evaluating underutilized properties for infill opportunities and considering eliminating single-family zoning. Noted infill is harder to count toward RHNA requirements unless projects are guaranteed to occur. Also emphasized the need to attract more jobs to Davis and provide housing for those workers locally.

M. Huising: Said the exercise illustrates the need for better planning and expressed concern about the planning process. Suggested evaluating tax revenue per acre and considering consultants with more innovative ideas. Stated it may be worth investing additional resources now to better plan for the future.

As the meeting extended past 8:00 PM, a vote was required to continue. B. Lee motioned to proceed; M. Huising seconded.

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

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

Senior Transportation Planner Jennifer Donofrio: Shared the task calendar and upcoming agenda items.

8. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:53pm.

M. Huising moved, R. Pascual seconded. Motion passed by the following vote:

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