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Draft Minutes
City of Davis
Bicycling, Transportation, and Street Safety Commission (BTSSC)
Davis Senior Center Activity Room, 646 A Street, Davis, CA 95616
Thursday, April 13, 2023
5:30 p.m.

9 Commissioners: Schuyler Campbell, Andy Furillo, Jessica Jacobson (Chair),
10 Keshav Kumar, Brett Lee, Brook Ostrom (Vice Chair)

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12 Council Liaisons: Vice Mayor Chapman and Councilmember Gloria Partida

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14 Staff: Dianna Jensen, PWET Director/City Engineer
15 Ryan Chapman, PWET Assistant Director/City Traffic Engineer
16 Jennifer Donofrio, City of Davis

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18 Absent: Councilmember Partida
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21 1. Call to Order & Roll Call
22 Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

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24 2. Approval of Agenda
25 Motion to approve the agenda.

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27 *Motion (Kumar, Campbell)*
28 *Motion carries: 6-0*

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30 3. Brief Announcements from Staff and Liaisons

31 A. Staff Announcements

32 Jennifer Donofrio shared that Commissioner Mills has resigned from the
33 BTSSC. Ryan Chapman shared City Council updates including the design of
34 Mace Boulevard, pavement management project was approved and the
35 speed hump policy. We are recruiting an Active Transportation Coordinator
36 and Assistant Engineer. On April 27th, there is a community meeting for 14th
37 and Villanova. Jennifer Donofrio shared upcoming events including the Cesar
38 Chavez bike registration, Travel Training on April 29th, Loopalooza on May
39 7th, and May 12th at Celebrate Davis bike valet.

40 4. Public Comment

41 Earl Bossard shared his proposal for the north Davis bike loop. He is proposing a
42 7-mile loop that connects to amenities. He requested to come to the May
43 BTSSC meeting to share his proposal in greater detail.

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5. Consent Calendar

- A. Commission Minutes from March 9, 2023
- B. Establish a no parking zone along the east and west sides of Lake Boulevard near the crosswalk at the entrance to the Stonegate Country Club.
- C. Establish a no parking zone along the northwest side of Caceres Way and Atlantis Drive near the crosswalk in order to increase the visibility of pedestrians using the crosswalk.
- D. Extending an existing no parking zone to add 15 feet of red curb on east side of Sycamore Lane near the University Mall shopping center driveway.

*Motion (Ostrom, Furillo): Approve the consent calendar.
Motion carries: 6-0.*

6. Regular Items

- A. Amtrak American Disabilities Accessible (ADA) / Olive Drive Shared Use Path Connection CIP No. ET8319, Information Item

Sophia Jones-Bradford, the Amtrak Project Manager, shared two viable concept options for the Davis train station, project timeline and challenges. Amtrak is responsible for the platform and paths of travel to the platform. The City is responsible for the station and parking. The work must be related to ADA improvements and it needs to be complete by 2028. Option 1 is an overpass and option 2 is an underpass. The presentation tonight is not to select an option, but provide comments on each option.

Clarifying Questions

Commissioners asked questions about costs and if one option was more expensive than the other. Sophia shared that the underpass would cost Amtrak more and take more time to construct. Another commissioner asked if the City costs would be less with the tunnel option.

A commissioner asked if Union Pacific had a preference and Sophia shared that Union Pacific prefers the overpass.

A commissioner asked to see the ADA path of travel from the station to the platform. The overpass option will include an elevator and the tunnel option will not. Commissioners also asked about the parking loss comparison between the two options and where people will park with the loss of parking.

Public Comment

87 Larry Guenther read letter from Old East Neighborhood association that supports the
88 tunnel. They believe the overpass will be massive and they have concerns about the
89 height and scale. This letter is attached in the meeting minutes.

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91 Russell Reagan emphasized that the tracks will be walled off and people will need to go
92 over and under to access the tracks. He wants this to not be a project about accessing
93 Olive Drive. He also feels like the overpass will be a massive structure. He wants to the
94 community to see examples of these tunnels and overpasses from other train stations.

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96 Alan Miller stated that the overcrossing is dead on arrival with a gigantic bicycle ramp.
97 We need to do the undercrossing and connect it to nearby streets. Connecting to Streets
98 will create a safe route to school. Alan shared drawings of his plan.

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100 *Commissioner Discussion*

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102 Commissioners discussed the overpass and underpass options. Some commissioners
103 preferred the overpass and some preferred the underpass option.

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105 There were concerns about safety in the underpass and overpass. There were also
106 concerns that the overpass is less desirable for people bicycling. Commissioners noted
107 that the height and scale of the overpass will have negative visual impacts on the historic
108 train station.

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110 No motion was made on this item.

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112 B. Local Road Safety Plan Review, Action Item (*Jennifer Donofrio, BTSSC Staff*
113 *Liaison*)

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115 Jennifer Donofrio provided an overview of the Local Road Safety Plan. She defined
116 what the is, why the City needs a plan and shared some highlights from the plan.

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118 *Clarifying Questions*

119 A commissioner asked questions if the data includes scooters and e-bikes. The
120 dataset did not include this information. A commissioner asked about transit collision
121 data. Jennifer Donofrio shared transit collision data from Unitrans. There was interest
122 in doing before and after traffic collision analysis for projects with roadway
123 improvements. A commissioner asked why there are few bicycle collisions in Boulder
124 versus Davis. Commissioners wanted to understand if there was a reason the KSI
125 collisions in 2019 increased.

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127 *Public Comment*

128 Jeff Bruchez spoke on behalf of the Bike Davis Board he pleaded we need a
129 complete street mandate to eliminate all collisions. He wants us to question what
130 happened in collisions and supports the vision zero policy.

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132 *Commissioner Discussion*

133 Commissioners overall thought the report was very insightful. Commissioners
134 suggested that transit be included as a recommendation to reduce collisions. They
135 also thought that the dots need to be increased on the maps for single collisions and
136 included UC Davis and parts of Yolo County in the next version of the report.

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138 *Motion (Kumar, Ostrom): Recommend approval of this plan to City Council.*

139 *Motion carries: 6-0.*

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141 C. BTSSC Subcommittees, Appoint new member to the Public Comment Review
142 Subcommittee, Action Item (*Jennifer Donofrio, BTSSC Staff Liaison*)

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144 Jennifer Donofrio shared that because Commissioner Mills resigned a commissioner
145 would need to be appointed to the Public Comment Review subcommittee or the
146 committee needs to be disbanded.

147 *Motion was made to disband the Public Comment Subcommittee meeting.*

148 *Motion (Ostrom, Furillo)*

149 *Motion carries: 6-0.*

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151 7. Subcommittee and Liaison Assignment Updates. This item is for brief updates on
152 subcommittee work or reports from commission liaison(s) on meetings attended, if
153 any.

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155 8. Long Range Calendar: Upcoming Meeting Dates and/or Potential Agenda Items

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157 Commissioners requested that Earl Bossard come to the BTSSC meeting on
158 May 11th to share more detailed plans of the north Davis bike loop.

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160 9. Adjournment.

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162 *Motion (Furillo and Kumar): Adjourn*

163 *Motion carries, 6-0.*

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165 *Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.*
