

Memorandum

DATE: March 11, 2021
TO: Bicycling, Transportation, and Street Safety Commission
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SUBJECT: Transportation Planning Announcements

This memo reflects Transportation Planning activities and announcements since the prior BTSSC meeting that may interest the commission. It is not exhaustive of all activities. In the interest of BTSSC meeting efficiency, staff provides this information to the BTSSC in memo format. This is an informational item, which commissioners can request further discussion of during Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons.

CITY COUNCIL / COMMISSIONS:

City Council:

February 16th: City Council awarded a construction contract for this year's multi-use path rehabilitation program. Paths being resurfaced are located in the Green Meadows neighborhood just north of Covell Blvd and east of Pole Line Road. Click on the [staff report](#) for more information.

March 3rd: A special meeting was held where an update was given to City Council on transportation collaboration projects between the City and UCD:

- Russell Blvd Multi-Use Path
- Reimagine Russell Blvd (formerly Russell Blvd Corridor Plan)
- Richards Blvd / I-80 Interchange Improvements
- Causeway Connection
- County Road 98 Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Project

BTSSC Work Program: City Council has initiated the process to adopt their 2021-2022 goals and priorities. A goal setting session will be held on March 23, 2021, and Council will consider an updated goals document on April 6, 2021.

City Council has requested commission workplans be provided to inform their discussion on March 23. Staff will coordinate providing the workplans to the City Council. The workplans will provide an overview of commission activities, focus areas, and objectives. If commissions do not have formal workplans, a summary may be provided of commission priority focus areas and tasks for the upcoming year

GRANTS:

Caltrans Sustainable Communities Transportation Planning Grant Program: On February 15th, staff submitted a grant application to develop a network level multi-modal transportation plan to identify and prioritize improvements to help achieve the City's transportation system performance goals. This is a high ranking Planning & Policy project in the Transportation Implementation Plan.

INTERAGENCY COORDINATION:

Caltrans: On February 9th, Caltrans held an I-80 Comprehensive Multi-Modal Corridor Plan local agency stakeholder meeting. For more project information click on the below link:

[I-80 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan | A Plan to Improve Mobility on the I-80 Corridor \(i80cmcp.com\)](https://www.i80cmcp.com)

Caltrans is also launching an I-5 Comprehensive Multi-Modal Corridor Plan with boundaries from the San Joaquin County line to just north of Woodland. The first local agency stakeholder meeting was held on March 5th. A project website is not yet posted.

YCTD: On March 1st Transportation Planning staff attended a Yolo County Transportation District Technical Advisory Meeting. Key agenda items were 1) update on the Comprehensive Operational Assessment and Reassessment study, 2) presentation on microtransit projects, and 3) Executive Director's report.

SACOG Community Design Working Group: Transportation Planning staff is one of six transportation professionals in the region asked to serve on the evaluation committee for the Community Design grant program, competitive category. In February and March, Working Group volunteers evaluated applications and spent two days conducting interviews with project applicants leading to recommendations that will be forwarded to the SACOG Board.

PROJECTS:

Plans/Studies:

Russell Blvd Corridor Plan: The project team held a project site tour on February 17th. The project team is currently sending invitations for a Community Steering Committee which will consist of councilmember appointees from districts in the project area, transportation and sustainability advocacy organizations, business organizations, UC Davis student government, and others. Consultants are currently evaluating existing conditions and developing project branding and logo materials in preparation for the first community workshop tentatively scheduled for early April.

The project was brought to the BTSSC in November 2020 for preliminary input and is scheduled for the June 2021 meeting, closely following the second community workshop.

LUVLOK: Transportation Planning and Bike/Ped program are partnering with a private technology company called [LUVLOK](#) approached the City to collaborate on the design, fabrication, installation, and pilot study for a secure bike lock device that can be bolted to the City's existing lightning bolt-style rack. The purpose is to collaborate with City staff and the Davis community at the earliest stage to provide more secure bike parking for bicyclists and reduce theft. The BTSSC, bicycling advocates, and the community at-large will have the opportunity to participate in this unique partnership. UC Davis TAPS and SACOG may also participate in some form as well, with potential research opportunities for the UCD Institute of Transportation Studies. For reference, no City resources other than staff time are being used for this project.