



**City of Davis
Transportation Commission
Final Meeting Minutes
Community Chambers, 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis CA 95616
Monday, September 8, 2025
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 6:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda. M. Huising moved, seconded by B. Lee 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 provided an update on the upcoming “Bike to the Movies” event, where participants ride together from their respective neighborhood schools to the Varsity Theatre Downtown to enjoy a movie.

Senior Transportation Planner, Jennifer Donofrio: Last week for commissioners to apply for the General Plan Committee, upcoming Active Transportation Symposium in October at UC Davis, new City Manager starting September 15th and the Fifth St Improvement Projects began on September 8th to restrict turns at I, J, and K Streets.

4. Public Comment

Kim Garza requested expanded Unitrans service to the South Davis Tremont Green apartment complex, which she identified as low-income housing. She noted that Davis Community Transit (DCT) is limited to qualified users and requires advance scheduling, making spontaneous travel difficult.



In response to questions from Commissioner Ostrom, Garza suggested a potential stop along Cowell Blvd to serve the broader area. She shared that residents distributed surveys and received strong positive feedback regarding interest in expanded service. She clarified that the current stop on Schmeiser Ave is limited to morning and afternoon service for school routes only.

When asked about the need for service, Garza explained it would support commuting, grocery shopping, and general access around Davis. She confirmed most desired destinations are within the city.

5. Consent Calendar

A. August 11, 2025 Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes

E. Thronson made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, B. Lee seconded. Motion passed by the following vote:

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

6. Regular Items

A. Other Power-Driven Mobility Device Policy

Senior Transportation Planner Jennifer Donofrio delivered a presentation outlining the definition of other power-driven mobility devices (OPDMDs), community feedback regarding specific devices, elements of the policy that can be modified, and the proposed policy framework developed by staff.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions regarding the proposed weight limit, maximum allowable speed, and the number of individuals permitted on each device.

Public Comment:

Trish Price voiced concerns about the safety of these devices, noting that due to their size and weight, they appear more dangerous than e-bikes. She expressed skepticism about the necessity of allowing such devices.

Gary Sandler raised an issue regarding the proposed weight limit being based on gross weight (including both the user and the device), rather than net weight. He noted that this could unintentionally exclude individuals with mobility disabilities who are also overweight.

B. Ostrom closed the public comment period.



Commissioners discussed several issues, including concerns about excessive speeds, the practicality and appropriateness of enforcement methods—particularly opposition to law enforcement patrolling bike paths—the impact of these devices on path maintenance, and the distinction between maximum device speed and desired pathway speed limits. They emphasized the importance of including clear justifications for the proposed policy elements and discussed setting clear boundaries for what the policy is intended to accomplish. Commissioners also raised the possibility of establishing a recurring review process to adapt the policy over time as technology and usage patterns evolve.

B. Lee moved to adopt the staff recommendation with three modifications: changing the weight limit to a net device weight of 350 pounds, setting the maximum speed on pathways to 15 mph, and limiting speed on sidewalks to 5 mph. J. Giller seconded the motion.

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

B. Review proposed list of actions for mitigating safety concerns for e-devices and proposed changes to the Davis Municipal Code Chapter 6, Bicycles.

Senior Transportation Planner Jennifer Donofrio presented the purpose of the item, the City’s goals, relevant laws, proposed actions, and suggested changes to the Davis Municipal Code.

PWET Director Ryan Chapman discussed enforcement and fines related to cyclists.

M. Huising asked about collision data involving e-bikes and e-scooters, and the number of citations issued to cyclists.

Public Comment:

Trish Price emphasized that enhancing street safety for cyclists will also improve conditions on shared-use paths. She discussed the importance of conducting outreach to bike shops that may be selling unsafe devices and suggested implementing a warning step before issuing citations to cyclists.

B. Ostrom closed the public comment period.

Commissioners discussed device use on City bike facilities. M. Huising cautioned against overly strict rules on bikes due to climate goals and recommended waiting for full data. B. Lee expressed concern about delaying the policy. Topics of conversation included a universal speed limit, lowering the minimum age for e-device use to 12, and double riding.



E. Thronson moved to follow staff recommendations, including a pathway speed limit and guidance on appropriate device types. B. Lee seconded.

AYES: Giller, Lee, Ostrom, Pascual, Thronson
NOES: Huising
ABSENT: Bates

C. Establish subcommittees

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

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

PWET Director Ryan Chapman outlined subcommittee rules, goals, and potential ideas for future subcommittees.

E. Thronson asked Staff about which subcommittees would be the most useful or important. PWET Director Ryan Chapman listed a few that he would find useful.

Public Comment:
None

M. Huising moved to create a 'Traffic Safety Around Schools (Safe Routes to School)' subcommittee. B. Ostrom seconded. Pending Council approval, members will include Huising, Lee, and Ostrom.

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

R. Pascual moved to create an Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Subcommittee. B. Lee seconded. Pending Council approval, members will include Lee and Pascual.

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

E. Thronson moved to create a Speed Hump Policy Subcommittee. J. Giller seconded. Pending Council approval, members will include Giller and Thronson.

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



D. Quorum check

Senior Transportation Planner Jennifer Donofrio confirmed quorum for the November meeting. B. Ostrom will be absent, but all other commissioners are expected to attend.

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

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

J. Giller moved, M. Huising seconded.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Bates

8. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.