

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING AT CITY HALL/ZOOM
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 15TH, 2022**

MEMBERS	N _H	D _H	J ^H	F ^H	M _H	A	M	J	J	A	S ^V	O _H	APPOINTED BY:
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Silvia Pinera-Vazquez	E	+-	p	/	P	A	P	P	P	+-	p	+-	Fors
Oscar Sosa	E	+-	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	+-	p	+-	Mayor Lago
Debbie Swain	P	+-	P	/	P	P	P	E	P	+-	P	+-	VM Mena
Sue Kawalerski	P	+-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	+-	P	+-	Anderson
David Fournier	p	/	A	P	P	P	P	p	P	+-	p	+-	Menendez
Roberta Neway	P	+-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	+-	p	+-	Commission
Peter Wood	P	+-	P	/	P	P	P	p	E	+-	P	+-	City Manager

P: Present in person
E- Excused Absence
*-New Member

P: Present virtually (zoom)
A- Absent
(+ -) No Meeting

^V Virtual Meeting
^H Hybrid

Staff:

Melissa de Zayas, Sr. Transportation Engineer- Via Zoom
Cherie Menendez, Transportation Engineer
Mairelys Gensler, Transportation Engineer
Jessie Acebo, Assistant to the Public Works Director

Guest

Sgt. Erasmo Lopez

Via ZOOM Attendees:

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order by Sue Kawalerski at 5:33 PM. Sue Kawalerski, Roberta Neway, David Fournier, and Peter Wood and Debbie Swain were in attendance, quorum was met. Debbie moved to have Silvia and Oscars absence excused, Roberta seconded, all in favor.

Meeting Minutes Approval:

The Board minutes for the TAB meeting that took place on September 20th were presented. Minor changes were suggested. Sue would like to clarify for the record that more than one Board member may attend a meeting as long as those members do not discuss the projects. Sue also clarified that she requested certified letters s for Biltmore way Streetscape because she gets asked by residents why they do not receive certified mail. Peter moved it and Debbie seconded all in favor.

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Police Update

No updated provided. David asked about traffic on Ponce De Leon going south. David asked for increased surveillance on Sarto, Romano and Ponce due to speeding. Sgt Erasmo will arrange to have surveillance in those areas. Debbie advised the Sgt. Lopez that the 4-way stop on Pisano and University is being ignored. Sgt. Lopez advised that surveillance will be increased.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- **Scooters on Sidewalks**

- Sgt. Lopez advised that scooters on sidewalks are not allowed. The Board clarified that scooters are prohibited in the downtown area.

Sue requested to have “ Public Comment” permanently on the agenda under “Police Update”.

- **The Annual Report**

- Sue requested that all members of the board contribute to the annual report. Sue stated she would like the Board members to write a summary of what they are passionate about. Roberta stated that the annual report is based on accomplishments. Peter asked for clarification on whether Sue would draft it and send it to staff.

Secretary's Report

Staff provided updates on three traffic impact studies:

1. 290 Valencia – Final copy has been submitted. In review by commission.
Sue request Cliff notes on the project. Mairelys advised that all intersections and roadways segments are expected to operate with no major impacts. The project has been reviewed and tested, based on the data the repurposing of a traffic lane shows no major impact. Sue asked how many units in the project and who the contactor was. Mairelys advised the contractor is Calvin Giordano and 175 multifamily units and a restaurant is what's proposed. Melissa clarified that this project did not meet the criteria for a traffic impact study. The City requested a traffic impact study for what was being proposed. Sue stated that the data doesn't seem accurate for a parking lot turned into a multi-family building. Staff advised that the current facility is a dealership with auto servicing. Debbie requested to see a traffic impact study stating that attacking the staff because of results from a traffic impact study conducted by a contactor is putting staff on the line for a study they did not perform. Sue asked who was attacking staff stating that yes, staff has to sign off on the reports.
2. The Crystal Project – The recommendation was for timing and signal adjustments and traffic circulation plan. David asked how many units. Staff advised 184 dwelling units, 16 live/work units, 60 student school, and a parking garage.
3. 4225 Ponce – some intersections require signal retiming. Miami-Dade County is requesting a loading operation plan for the service vehicles David requested a visual.

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DRC Updates

Staff advised of three new proposed projects.

351 San Lorenzo - a proposed new building.

730 Coral way – new apartment complex building being proposed.

2551 Lejeune Rd. – a Publix shopping center on the first floor and apartments above. Sue asked the height on the building. Staff advised it's 18 story of 282 units.

Old Business

Meeting Adjourned: 7:04 PM.