

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD REQUESTING THAT THE CORAL GABLES CITY COMMISSION ADOPT A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2015-101, PASSED AND ADOPTED ON JUNE 16, 2015, TO INCORPORATE THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD INTO THE REVIEW PROCESS FOR SITE PLAN APPROVAL OR OTHER DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS, AND INTO THE REVIEW OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION THAT COULD IMPACT TRANSPORTATION, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE CITY'S LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, ZONING CODE, CODE OF ORDINANCES, DEVELOPMENT OVERLAYS, AND MASTER PLANS; FURTHER ESTABLISHING A REQUIREMENT FOR RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OR OTHER QUASI-JUDICIAL DECISION-MAKING BOARD OF THE CITY BEFORE FINAL APPROVAL; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTING CODE MODIFICATIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY; AND THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON THE DATE OF ADOPTION.

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 30149, passed and adopted by the City Commission on August 28, 2001, established a citywide Traffic Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2005-17, passed and adopted by the City Commission on January 25, 2005, broadened the City's Traffic Advisory Board's purpose to include serving as an Oversight Committee for transportation related projects; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2015-101, passed and adopted on June 16, 2015, renamed the Traffic Advisory Board to the "Transportation Advisory Board," broadening the Board's purpose to identify and recommend improvements involving transportation connectivity, maintain a well-integrated urban street grid, providing access to commercial centers without sacrificing the high quality of life that exists within city neighborhoods, with the ultimate goal of protecting and maintaining the multimodal transportation network, and the safe and effective use of the public rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS, as the City and surrounding communities continue to grow, there exists a need for the Transportation Advisory Board to look at the impact of both individual development projects and broader City policies on traffic and transportation infrastructure related to all public rights-of-way in the City, which will support Complete Streets Projects and promote public health and safety for all, including pedestrians, cyclists, and scooter-riders; and

WHEREAS, current City procedures frequently do not provide any opportunity for the Transportation Advisory Board to make recommendations on site plan approvals or other development applications for individual projects, nor proposed legislation that could impact transportation, before final approvals are obtained from the City; and

WHEREAS, to properly address and provide recommendations to the City Commission, as is required under Resolution No. 2015-101, there is a need to incorporate the Transportation Advisory Board into the site plan review process for individual development applications and the review of proposed legislation that could impact transportation, including but not limited to the city's local comprehensive plan, land development regulations, zoning code, code of ordinances, development overlays, and master plans; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to better align the Transportation Advisory Board's purpose with their responsibilities as a recommending board of the City, the Transportation Advisory Board requests that the City Commission amend Resolution No. 2015-101 to incorporate the Board as part of the City's review and recommending processes on matters affecting transportation and public rights-of-way as outlined below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That Resolution 2015-101 be amended as follows, with deletions indicated by strikethrough and insertions indicated by the underline:

- 1.** That a Transportation Advisory Board is hereby established which should be subject to the by-laws hereinafter set forth.
- 2. PURPOSE.** That the purposes of the Board shall be: to identify and recommend improvements to develop transportation connectivity of all modes to provide a variety of transportation alternatives; ~~One of the primary objectives of this Board would be to maintain a well-integrated urban street grid, providing access to commercial centers without sacrificing the high quality of life that exists within city neighborhoods;~~ It will to review traffic calming opportunities and recommend policies and strategies to apply in all City neighborhoods; and to effectively assist in the City's development of ~~The ultimate goal would be to effectively protect and maintain the~~ a multi-modal transportation network and the ~~with~~ safe, effective, and

efficient use of all roads, streets, avenues, boulevards, alleyways and any and all other public rights-of-way.

- 3. DUTIES AS RECOMMENDING BODY.** That the Board shall make recommendations to the City Commission or other quasi-judicial decision-making Board of the City in matters related to the Board's stated purpose, prior to final approval, for each of the following: (1) site plan approvals or other development applications for individual projects; and (2) legislation that could impact transportation, including but not limited to the City's local comprehensive plan, land development regulations, zoning code, code of ordinances, development overlays, and master plans.
- 4. MEMBERSHIP.** That the Board shall be comprised of (7) Members, to be appointed to each of the (7) City Traffic Zones, with the (5) Members of the City Commission appointing one Member each, one Member to be appointed by the City Manager, and one Member to be appointed by the Board-as-a-whole, with all appointments being confirmed by the Commission.
- 5. QUALIFICATIONS.** That Members must be residents of the City and shall have resided in the City for (6) months prior to their appointment.
- 6. TERM.** That the term of each Member shall be for a two-year period commencing on June 1st of odd years. Appointments for the replacement of any Member or to fill a vacancy shall be for the unexpired term.
- 7. CHAIRPERSON.** That the Board shall elect from among its Membership a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson who shall serve for a period of one year; nothing shall prevent the Committee from naming a Chairperson or Vice Chairperson to successive terms.
- 8. MEETINGS.** That the Board shall hold one regular meeting each month and special meetings at such times as the Board may determine, at the call of the Chairman or Secretary. If there is no business to conduct, a meeting need not be held, however, the Board must meet at least semi-annually to remain active.
- 9. QUORUM.** That meetings shall be called to order when a quorum is present. All Board action shall require a majority vote of the Membership and for the purpose of conducting Board business (4) Members shall constitute a quorum.
- 10. COMPENSATION.** That all Members of Boards shall serve without compensation. (Sec. 93 City Charter)
- 11. PUBLIC MEETINGS.** That all meetings of the Board shall be open to the public. A written record of the proceedings of the Board shall be kept showing its action on each question considered and such record shall be filed in the office of the Secretary and submitted to the City Commission.

12. ADVISORS. That the Police Department, Fire Department, and City's Transportation and Traffic Engineer shall serve the Board in an advisory capacity. The Miami-Dade Traffic Division and the State of Florida Department of Transportation shall be requested to provide representatives to serve in an advisory capacity.

13. SECRETARY. That the Public Works Department shall serve as Secretary to the Board. It shall be the responsibility of the Secretary to notify Members of meetings and to maintain the record.

14. COSTS. That costs incurred for notifications, mailings, printing, legal ads and other items necessary to conduct Board business shall be borne by the City of Coral Gables.

15. GENERAL STANDARDS. That Sec. 2.46 of the City Code provides general standards which are applicable to all Commission appointed Board and Committee Members

SECTION 3. Following approval of this Resolution, the City shall review existing laws and policies to determine what additional code modifications may be necessary to effectively implement the policies adopted in this Resolution, allowing the Transportation Advisory Board to make recommendations on individual development applications and proposed legislation that could impact transportation before final approvals are obtained, and the City Commission shall consider the approval of such code modifications at the first available opportunity.

SECTION 4. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

SECTION 5. That said Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.