CITY OF CORAL GABLES
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING AT CITY HALL/ZOOM
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON JULY 22, 2025.

MEMBERS	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	APPOINTED BY:
	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	
Vacant	p	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*Castro*
Jose "Mike" Gonzalez	p	P	-	-	-	-	P	-	-	-	-	-	*Mayor Lago*
Henry Pinera	P	p	-	-	-	-	P	-	-	-	-	-	*Fernandez*
Roland Rodriguez	p	P	-	-	-	-	P	-	-	-	-	-	*VM Anderson*
Christophe Difalco	p	P	-	-	-	-	P	-	-	-	-	-	*Lara*
Vacant	A	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Commission
Vacant	A	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	City Manager

P - Present in person A - Absent *- New Member (+ -) No Meeting

Staff:

Melissa de Zayas, Transportation Division Manager
Jessie Acebo, Assistant to the Public Works Director
Sgt. Richard Gruich

Guest:

Nestor Menendez

Via ZOOM Attendees:

Christina Argulles
Janet Perez
Roberta Neway
Kristi
Iphone 20
Matthew Pinera
Douglas Pinera

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Roland Rodriguez at 5:34 PM. Mike Gonzalez, Henry Pinera, and Christophe Difalco were present. Quorum was met.

New Business

Election of the Chair - Difalco moved to elect Roland Rodriguez Chair of the Board, seconded by Mike. All in favor.

Election of the Vice-Chair – Rolando Rodriguez moved to elect Christophe Difalco as Vice Chair. Mike requested a quick introduction before proceeding. Mike asked about how many vacancies the board currently has and if it would be possible to hold off the election for Vice Chair till the vacancies are filled. Staff advised that this item was requested by City Clerk, and they would have to make a motion to wait till the vacancies are filled. The Board decided to move forward with the motion on the floor to elect Christophe as Vice-Chair, seconded by Henry. All in Favor.

Landscapers parking on the street – Nestor explained to the Board the issue with landscapers blocking the right of way. The Board discussed possible solutions. The Board will discuss it further and invite Code Enforcement and Coral Gables Police Department to brainstorm a solution to the blockage.

Riviera pedestrian bridge – Nestor gave the Board a synopsis on this project. Nestor and a previous TAB member are requesting a pedestrian bridge cross to Ingraham Park. Staff advised that this is a county project. Matthew and Douglas Pinera also brought up concerns about lighting in the area. Staff advised that lighting will also be addressed as part of the project.

Swale restoration after sidewalk repair – Nestor asked staff if contractors are responsible for replacing damaged swale after a job is completed. Staff advised, yes.

Traffic calming for collector streets – Staff advised that Traffic calming is not an option for collector streets.

Letter advocating for the addition of inspectors - Henry, briefed the Board to an inconvenience with utility workers doing work outside of the allowable time frame. Mike advised that non-emergency would be the best contact. Staff advised that they can always call the main office.

Invitation to Raimundo Rodulfo – Henry would like to invite Mr. Rodulfo to the next TAB to discuss new technologies and ideas to aide in traffic calming. Staff advised that they will extend the invitation.

Meeting Minutes Approval:

None

Police Update:

- Sgt. Gruich provided police traffic updates, details and citations.
  - Henry asked if the city has had any fatalities in the past 3 months, the answer was no.

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY:

Staff provided updates for Last Mile Transit, Citywide Traffic Calming, and Coral Way and Granada. All projects are progressing.

Updates on sidewalks and bicycles projects were provided.

DRC Updates:

A link to DRC is sent via email.

Old Business:

Update no response from school administration - Henry advised the Board of the difficulty he has experienced trying to get a response from schools. The Board agreed to drop this item for now.

Meet adjourned at 7:06 Pm