

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING AT CITY HALL/ZOOM
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 17TH, 2023.**

MEMBERS	O _H	N _H	D _H	J ^H	F ^H	M _H	A	M	J	J	A	S ^v	APPOINTED BY:
	23	22	22	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	
Silvia Pinera-Vazquez	A	-	-	p	P	P	+-	A	P	E	A	p	Castro
Jose "Mike" Gonzalez	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	E	-	P	P	Mayor Lago
Henry Pinera	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	p	A	P	Fernandez
Nestor Menendez	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	P*	P	P	VM Anderson
David Fournier	P	-	-	P	P	P	+-	P	P	p	P	P	Menendez
Roberta Neway	P	-	-	P	P	P	+-	P	P	P	P	P	Commission
Deborah Swain	P	-	-	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	P	P	City Manager

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

Staff:

Melissa de Zayas, Transportation Division Manager
Mairelys Gensler, Transportation Engineer
Jessie Acebo, Assistant to the Public Works Director
Kevin Kinney, Director of Parking and Mobility Services
Sgt. Erasmio Lopez

Guest:

Carolina Estefan-Chahine

Via ZOOM Attendees:

Roland Rodriguez
#305xxxxx
Sue
Ed Santamaria
Conference room

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by David Fournier at 5:34 PM. Debbie Swain, Roberta Neway, Nestor Menendez, Jose Gonzalez, and Henry Pinera were present. Quorum was met. Silvia was absent. Nestor moved to have Silvia’s absence excused, Henry seconded, all were in favor.

Meeting Minutes Approval:

Nestor motioned to approve the September meeting minutes, seconded by Roberta. All were in favor.

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Chairman's Report

- Discussion regarding the appointee for Zone 6 was brought up the Chair. Applicant John Miles Maronto applied. Mr. Moronto is the only applicant for Zone 6. David asked if the Board could motion to approve Mr. Moronto, Debbie advised that the applicant information should go to the City Commission. Staff advised that they would follow up with City Clerk's office. Nestor stated that this should be open a bit longer in hopes of attracting more applicants.
- Scooter use in the City – Kevin spoke the Board regarding scooters in the City. The scooters that are available to rent within the city are geofenced to certain areas. The scooters available for rent also have a sticker on them that says, "DO NOT RIDE ON SIDEWALKS". Sgt. Lopez advised that they have a bicycle patrol unit that enforces them not riding on sidewalks. The city is in the process of receiving a grant to continue with the patrolling for additional 3 months. Henry asked if the box on US 1 can be outlined. Kevin advised that it is FDOT jurisdiction. *Henry motioned to write a letter from the transportation Advisory Board requesting the painting of the Roadway to say "Do Not Block the Box" or proper signage and nomenclature across the US 1 sector that encompasses Coral Gables. Debbie Seconded, all in favor.*
- Dedicated travel lanes – David proposes to have dedicated travel lanes in the City for trolleys, bicyclist, and Freebee. David also explained that in Europe they have signage of where parking is available all over the City. Kevin informed the Board of an app called Park Meet that shows where parking is available. Kevin advised that the City app informs users how often a trolley will pass by.

Police Update

No update provided. TAB recognized the increase of enforcement presences in certain areas of the City.

Public Comment

Carolina Estefan-Chahine from the Landscape Beautification Board presented to the Board regarding concerns about the road/traffic conditions of Old Cutler leading to 57th. The Landscape Beautification Board has suggested that the Road be paved further back so drivers making a left do not hold up traffic. Drivers are using the swale as a road and creating a hazard, the swale now has potholes, possibly caused by the usage. Debbie asked whose jurisdiction is the road under. This is a County road. The Board asked if staff has been in communication with the County. Staff advised that yes, a service request was created to check the queue and the volumes at that intersection. Staff will follow up with the County. Regarding the potholes, staff have reached out to the county to mill and resurface. The County has a project that was included in the fiscal year 23 and 24 to mill and resurface.

Henry motioned to have staff send a letter to the County, request an amplification of Old Cutler Road lanes to be as wide as feasible at the point of intersection with Red Road to maximize the number of turn lanes. Nestor seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Henry suggested that the Landscape Beautification Board also reach out to the coral gables fire depart so they also write a letter to the county requesting the traffic modifications.

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Traffic Project Updates

- Traffic Calming
 - Zone 3 – ballots were received, all were in favor of the speed tables and cushions. The design is expected to be completed by next month. Construction should begin early 2024.
- Alhambra Cir Sidewalks
 - The arborist report was received. The report is being reviewed internally.
- University Dr. Sidewalks
 - Construction has begun. Feedback received from residents has been positive. DOT has been looking into adding a crosswalk on University and Bird Road.

Traffic Impact Studies

- **93 Miracle Mile** - No update
- **2525 Le Jeune Rd.** - The loading area must be redesigned because of the auto turn.
- **1520 S. Dixie HWY (The Mark)** - the consultant has not finalized the TIS. Debbie advised that the consultant was going to present to the TAB. Staff stated that the City consultant will not be presenting, it might be the developers' consultant. Debbie stated she has been in communication with the developer and that the developer would include a presentation to TAB.
- **1501 Sunset Drive**
 - Methodology meeting was held.

Staff informed the TAB how a Traffic Impact Study works.

Members Items

- **New Trolley Services**
 - Kevin advised the Board that as of October 1st a pilot project started to extend the trolley down to Riviera, Kyrdyk Park neighborhood area on Saturdays. The project will run for about 3 months. Kevin also informed the Board that they will be receiving a grant from FDOT to support Freebie Service. Nestor asked what the territory perimeter for Freebie, Kevin stated that it goes just south of the plaza, the
 - north boundary on madeira, east goes to Douglas, west goes to LeJeune with some off-shoots to Biltmore Way.
- **Set of Questions for Developers -**
 - Roberta asked the Board if having a set list of questions that focus on the TABS goals be a good idea for presentations. Mike stated that we should review the questions already asked by the City and go from there.
- **Reconciling sidewalk needs with city sidewalk plans.**

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- Staff advised that the City has a sidewalk gap map. The City is working addressing the areas that need it most.
- **Follow up on the Bus use by The Thesis Hotel**
 - Staff advised that the city has nothing to do with the use of the bus.
- **The Underline Project**
 - Roberta advised that they are starting work on phase 3.

DRC Updates

A link to DRC is sent via email.

Transit update

Update was provided during Members items.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Meeting Adjourned: 7:24 pm.