

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING AT CITY HALL/ZOOM
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 17, 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	-	-	p	A	-	Mayor Lago
Henry Pinera	P	p	-	-	-	-	P	-	-	p	P	-	Fernandez
Roland Rodriguez	p	P	-	-	-	-	P	-	-	p	P	-	VM Anderson
Christophe Difalco	p	P	-	-	-	-	P	-	-	p	P	-	Lara
Vacant	A	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Commission
Eduardo "Ed" Santamaria	A	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	p	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:

Jacob Lyons from UMTV
Andrew Worley from UMTV
Nestor Menendez

Via ZOOM Attendees:

Sebastian Marmol

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Roland Rodriguez at 5:32 PM., Roland Rodriguez, Henry Pinera, and Christophe Difalco, and Ed Santamaria were present. Quorum was met.

Meeting Minutes Approval:

The October meeting minutes were approved. Christophe moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Ed, all were in favor.

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Police Update:

- Sgt. Gruich provided no traffic updates; however, he did mention that the police force was dealing with the loss of one of its former members who lost his life while on duty. Difalco expressed his condolences.

New Business

Updated Bike Master Plan – staff advised that this is something that they will be working in conjunction with Matthew Anderson.

City of Coral Gables Transportation Work Program - Roland asked if the City has a 5-year work program. Staff advised that the city has the budget book. Staff emailed the budget book to the Board.

Cartagena Circle – henry asked about construction of the Cartagena circle. Staff advised that the construction is 2 years out. Nestor Menendez spoke on the item and his efforts to recommend to the commission safe drop-off area for the residents in that area. Henry asked if a recommendation was ever sent to commission. Staff clarified, no. nestor did meet with residents and members of the commission on site to discuss possibilities of a walkway on the south side of the bridge. Ed asked if the county is implementing any pedestrian crossing improvements? Staff answered yes. *Henry made a motion to make an official recommendation to commission for a feasibility study to cross underneath the bridge on the south side. Seconded by Difalco, all in favor.*

Conditions of Biltmore Way between Anderson Road & Lejeune - Staff advised that a project is underway, pending funding. A study was performed where they identified locations that were not compliant within the central business district. The improvements will be phased; they will be looked at as part of a bigger project.

Thermoplastic on Columbus Boulevard - Staff advised that thermal will be done at a later time because that area will be milled and resurfaced.

Possible Scramble Crosswalk on Ponce and Miracle Mile Intersection - Roland spoke on the item, staff advised that in the past they have reached out to the county and this is something they typically don't do. However, the TAB has been in support of this and so has the Vice Mayor, particularly in this intersection. Henry opposed it. Staff advised that it was brought up by previous Board members and discussed.

Uber Eats Set Aside Locations - Roland shared concerns of the staging issue for food delivery platforms, and the back up traffic they cause. Staff advised that this is an issue for enforcement.

Trash Pits - Ed asked the city has a program to fill trash pits. Staff advised that yes, request should be emailed to PWsolidwaste@coralgables.com.

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Member's Items:

Traffic Project Updates:

- Citywide Traffic Calming Projects – Meeting for zone 5 is being planned for some time in the beginning of next year. Zone 4 is almost complete.
- Last Mile Transit – good progress, several shelters have gone up.

A link to DRC is sent via email.

Old Business:

FPL lights- Ed provided and update. FPL corrected the lights.

New Business:

Dates for 2026 TAB were provided

Candidates for TAB – The Board discussed the possibility of appointing a someone who is a half a block away from zone 6. Discussion ensued about Mr. Snook and Mr. Fesinger being appointed. Ed made a motion to nominate Mr. Fesinger. Staff advised that they reach out to see if Mr. Snook still is interested since his application matured.

Meet adjourned at 7:15 Pm