

CITY OF CORAL GABLES
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
 HYBRID MEETING AT CITY HALL/ZOOM
 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 18, 2021

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Silvia Pinera-Vazquez	P	/	/	/	/	/	/	*	P	P	/	p	<i>Fors</i>
Oscar Sosa	P	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	P	<i>Mayor</i>
Debbie Swain	P	P-V	E	P	P	P	/	P	P	P	P	P	<i>VM Mena</i>
Sue Kawalerski	P	P	P	P	P	P	/	P	P	P	P	P	<i>Anderson</i>
Roberta Neway	P	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	P	P	/	p	<i>Commission</i>
Peter Wood	P	A	P	P	P	P	/	P	P	E	P	P	<i>City Manager</i>

P: Present in person P: Present virtually (zoom) ^v Virtual Meeting
 E- Excused Absence A- Absent ^H Hybrid
 *-New Member (+ -) No Meeting

Staff:

Melissa de Zayas, Sr. Transportation Engineer
 Cherie Rodriguez, Transportation Engineer
 Jessie Acebo, Acting Assistant to the Public Works Director
 Dora Sequeira, Clerical Assistant II

Guest:

Sgt. Lopez
 Jessica Keller
 Joe Martucci
 Maria Martucci
 Sheryl Gold via Zoom

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order by the Chair Sue Kawalerski at 5:35 PM. Sue Kawalerski, Debbie Swain, Oscar Sosa, and Roberta Neway started meeting. Peter Wood and Silvia Pinera-Vazquez joined at 5:51 PM. Quorum was met.

Meeting Minutes Approval:

Sue Kawalerski motioned to approve the October 19, 2021, meeting minutes with minor alterations.

- Remove “Transportation Advisory Board” as an item.
- Change of language under “Traffic Calming” item.

Sue Kawalerski opened discussion with a briefing of the Parking Advisory Board (PAB) meeting. Sue advised the Board, both TAB and PAB are looking into a joint resolution to include both Boards on the Development Review Committee (DRC) review panel. Sue stated this resolution is on hold until the December Board meeting.

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Mobility Hub:

Sue Kawalerski opened discussion asking the Board about the mobility hub design. Topics in question were:

- Micromobility;
- Traffic in/out of Hub;
- Storage for accessories;
- Charging stations.

Debbie Swain asked about potential location for the parking of bicycles and scooters. The Board suggested for the whole first floor be dedicated to micromobility. Debbie proposed a resolution for the ground floor to be solely for micromobility and security. The resolution should include:

- Space on ground floor for bicycle and scooter parking;
- Charging stations on ground floor;
- Access to the mobility hub in the form of protected bicycle lanes.

The Board proposed to take away the outside parking on the South side of Andalusia Avenue to add a protected bicycle lane. A crosswalk would also need to be added to access the hub.

Police Update:

The Board asked Sergeant Lopez if there were any pressing concerns with traffic. Sgt. Lopez stated, he had no pressing concerns. Sgt Lopez dismissed himself at 6:06 PM.

Traffic Project Update:

The Board asked Melissa for updates on City-Wide Traffic Calming. Melissa provided status of each zone.

- **Zone 1** – Final plans for speed tables and cushions are complete. Working on purchase order for the Contractor. Draft of conceptual drawings for roundabouts are complete. Field visit with Greenspace Management Division is required before ballot distribution.
- **Zone 2** – Met with design consultant to go over comments for (2) medians North and South of the bridge on Alhambra Circle. Moving forward with design.
- **Zone 3 & 4** – No update.
- **Zone 5** – No community meeting scheduled yet. Projected meeting will be held (3-4) years from now.

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Traffic Calming:

Sue Kawalerski introduced Jessica Keller, former Assistant Director of Public Works. Sue asked for the chronology of traffic calming. Jessica informed the Board that she is a resident that resides in Zone 1. Jessica would like the project to be done as it was supposed to be implemented. Discussion continued about projects that preceded the City-Wide Traffic Calming. Jessica expressed concerns that people who know elected officials, will get traffic calming first. Jessica stated that she would share her emails and proceeded to distribute copies of emails. Jessica expressed support for a **resolution that will remove political favors out of the implementation of traffic calming.** Sue asked if anyone on Zoom had any questions. Silvia requested to see the emails from Jessica Keller. Sheryl Gold on Zoom had a question. Sheryl Gold mentioned that Biltmore Way was not included in the traffic calming plans, and residents asked for a makeup meeting about a year ago. Sheryl asked if they could go to the Miami-Dade County to reduce the speed limit to 25 MPH. At that time Ms. Keller advised residents that the County had given a preliminary positive approval. Sheryl mentioned that after following up with the [Public Works] Department no one had any proof of communication between Ms. Keller and the County. Jessica stated that she does not work for the City anymore. Sue asked if anyone else had questions about the resolution. Sylvia shared her concerns about the effectiveness of the resolution. Different verbiage for the resolution was discussed. Joe Martucci, City of Coral Gables Zone 1 resident, entered the discussion. Joe stated that the presentation given by traffic experts stated that the implementation was going to be done zone by zone. Joe expressed his discontent with the project. The Board continued to discuss the validity of the resolution proposed by Debbie. Maria Martucci, Zone 1 resident, entered the discussion, and stated that she has been attending meetings for seven years. She was concerned with plans being changed. Silvia stated the plan has not changed. Sue called the meeting to order and stated the resolution was split 3 – 3. She recommended that the residents need to go to the City Manager to state their concerns. After a heated discussion with the Board, Joe and Maria left Meeting at 7:18 PM. Jessica asked when Zone 1 was starting and Melissa responded that construction would start after the holidays, in January.

Grants:

Sue spoke to Ariel Fernandez from the School Community Relations Committee regarding Safe Routes to School (SRTS) funding. The School Community Relations Committee is going to spearhead the initiative. Sue asked Cherie if the School Community Relations Board had reached out to her for the SRTS funding. Cherie stated the School Community Relations Committee needs to reach out to Elsa Fuentes in the Finance Department.

Youth Zones:

Roberta Neway spoke about the Youth Zone initiative. Roberta elaborated what this initiative stood for. The initiative would reduce the speed limit to 20 MPH around youth zones. Youth Zones include parks, libraries, and youth centers. Roberta thinks the Board should show support for this initiative. Debbie motioned to express support from TAB for the Youth Zone initiative and to show appreciation, gratitude to Commissioner Fors. Motion was unanimously agreed upon.

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Shared-Use Path:

Roberta stated that Commissioner Anderson wants visuals of shared-use paths and bike lanes. Melissa stated that she will send Roberta the requested visuals.

Old Business:

Sue asked about the sidewalk gap map. Melissa responded it has been completed and is being reviewed internally. Sue wants to make this the focus of the following meeting.

The Board agreed to have the next Board meeting on December 21, 2021

Meeting Adjourned: 7:44 PM.

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