

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING AT CITY HALL/ZOOM  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MAY 20, 2026.**

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<b>MEMBERS</b>	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	<b>APPOINTED BY:</b>
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Tomas Snook	+-	+-	P	+-	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<i>Castro</i>
Jose "Mike" Gonzalez	+-	+-	A	+-	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<i>Mayor Lago</i>
Henry Pinera	+-	+-	P	+-	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<i>Fernandez</i>
Roland Rodriguez	+-	+-	P	+-	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<i>VM Anderson</i>
Christophe Difalco	+-	+-	P	+-	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<i>Lara</i>
Carlos Musso*	+-	+-	-	-	P*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Commission
Eduardo "Ed" Santamaria	+-	+-	A	+-	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	City Manager

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

**Staff:**

Melissa de Zayas, Transportation Division Assistant Director  
Jessie Acebo, Assistant to the Public Works Director

**Guest:**

Dr. Alfred Fiengold

**Via ZOOM Attendees:**

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Roland Rodriguez at 5:32 PM., Roland Rodriguez, Christophe Difalco, Henry Pinera and Tomas Snook, Ed Santamaria, and Carlos Musso were present. Quorum was met. Mike was absent, absence was excused.

**Meeting Minutes Approval:**

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

**Police Update:**

- No police update was provided.

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New Business

- **Bike Lanes through Andalusia Ave** - Discussion was held regarding the proposed bike lanes along the south side of Andalusia Ave, particularly in front of Publix. Staff advised that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan is not yet in development; however, a proposal and scope have been requested from Kimley-Horn. Staff noted that the city was awarded a grant for the Bike/Pedestrian Master Plan and anticipates execution of the agreement with FDOT in the upcoming fiscal year, allowing issuance of a Notice to Proceed (NTP). Board members emphasized the importance of focusing on the Publix corridor and reviewing potential bike lane configurations in that area. It was clarified that the Board will not approve the overall bike plan but will review individual segments as they are developed and provide comments or recommendations for further study, modifications, or improvements.

Staff was asked to provide an update at the next meeting regarding the Publix permitting process and findings related to proposed bike lanes in the area. Staff also offered to share the plans with the Board for review and comments.

Staff advised that it may still be early to provide a finalized update at the next meeting, as Public Works is currently reviewing the Publix development plans and evaluating options to incorporate a bike lane along the south side of Andalusia. Staff explained that the Publix development consolidated multiple driveways into a single access point, creating a requirement for a right-turn lane into the site from Andalusia, which impacts potential bike lane configurations.

Ed inquired whether the previously discussed conversion of the one-way pair of Andalusia and Valencia into two-way streets was still under consideration. Staff confirmed that the conversion is not currently being considered and that the streets will continue to remain one-way.

Discussion followed regarding the existing bollards and on-street parking on the south side of Andalusia. Staff noted that prior concepts included removing parking to accommodate a two-way cycle track between Le Jeune and Ponce. Staff stated that the proposed bike improvements for this area have been under consideration for several years, dating back to earlier mobility hub discussions. Staff agreed to share the current Publix development plans with the Board for review and comment.

- **Intersection at Caballero Blvd** – Roland brought forth discussion regarding pedestrian and bicycle crossings along US-1, including concerns about the intersection at Caballero due to new development in the area. Staff noted that coordination with Miami-Dade County and FDOT would be required because US-1 is a state roadway. Additional safety concerns were raised regarding portions of the Underline along US-1 that are located close to high-speed traffic. The Board discussed the potential need for guardrails in areas with limited separation between the roadway and pedestrian/bicycle facilities to improve safety. Board members agreed that pedestrian and bicycle mobility and safety along the Underline and US-1 corridor should continue to be evaluated comprehensively as part of ongoing mobility planning efforts.

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**Public Comment**

See “Old Business” for comments from Dr. Feingold.

**Member’s Items:**

- Staff provided an update regarding the recently approved resolution directing the evaluation of surface treatments/rumble strip-style protection for bike lane striping. Staff stated that different implementation options are being reviewed and coordinated with FDOT to determine applicable standards and treatments for existing and future bicycle lanes.  
It was noted that the treatments would generally apply only to striped bike lane segments and not at driveways, intersections, or crossing points where vehicles must traverse the bike lane. Board discussion emphasized the need to avoid surface treatments that could create hazards for bicyclists, with concerns raised about similar treatments previously used on the Venetian Causeway. Board members generally agreed that visible striping and pavement markings may be preferable to raised or disruptive surface treatments for cyclist safety.
- **F-6** - Discussion was held regarding a recently approved City Commission resolution urging Miami-Dade County to expedite review and approval of a uniform traffic signal priority/preemption system for emergency vehicles, police, transit, and trolley operations. Staff noted that implementation would require coordination with Miami-Dade County, which maintains the traffic signal system. Board members generally supported signal preemption for emergency vehicles but raised concerns about extending the technology to trolley operations, citing potential traffic flow and driver behavior concerns. The Board explained that similar preemption systems are already used for emergency vehicle access at certain locations, such as fire stations. The item was presented primarily as an informational update so the Board could remain aware of transportation-related initiatives being discussed at the City Commission level.
- **Ponce Circle Park** - Discussion was held regarding the latest design iteration of Ponce Circle Park and related pedestrian and right-of-way improvements surrounding the park. Board members noted the area’s significant pedestrian activity and suggested the project may warrant further review by the Board. Staff confirmed that the current design concept still includes raised intersections and curb-less design elements. Staff also noted that the southwest slip lane adjacent to the park is proposed to be removed and replaced with a raised intersection treatment consistent with the surrounding crossings. Board Members expressed support for ensuring that the surrounding right-of-way improvements complement the updated park design and pedestrian environment.

**Old Business:**

- **Issues with Walkability at the Underline Project** – Tomas Snook introduced Dr. Feingold who had comments on the item. Concerns were raised regarding pedestrian and cyclist safety along the Underline corridor, particularly at crossings along US-1 near Riviera, Granada, Douglas, and Le Jeune. Dr. Feingold noted that construction activities have blocked crosswalks and pedestrian access, forcing pedestrians and cyclists into traffic lanes. Requests were made for construction

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sequencing to prioritize reopening crosswalks and maintaining safe access during construction. Staff advised that maintenance of traffic (MOT) requirements should provide alternate pedestrian routes and agreed to coordinate with the County to ensure compliance with approved MOT plans. Discussion included the need for future safety enhancements such as improved pedestrian crossings, signal timing adjustments, no-right-turn-on-red restrictions, and potential guardrails due to the proximity of the Underline to US-1 traffic. Board members also discussed concerns regarding speeding scooters and e-bikes within the Underline corridor and the potential need for enforcement and future regulation.

**Traffic Project Updates:**

- **Citywide traffic calming:** Staff provided updates on citywide traffic calming efforts, including Zone 5 public meetings and upcoming ballots for Zone 4 roundabouts and speed tables. Proposed roundabout on Biltmore Way/Anderson Road received strong public support. Staff noted the Biltmore Way roundabout is expected to improve traffic operations and pedestrian safety. Board members discussed the need for additional public education regarding proper roundabout usage. Staff announced plans to apply for a Safe Streets grant focused on vehicular safety initiatives. Updates were also provided on sidewalk and bicycle improvement projects, including studies for Riviera Drive and funded sidewalk projects along Granada Boulevard.

A link to DRC is sent via email.

- **Next TAB meeting is July 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**Meet adjourned at 6:41 Pm**