

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES**  
**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
 MEETING AT CITY HALL/ZOOM  
 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 20, 2024.

<b>MEMBERS</b>	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	<b>APPOINTED BY:</b>
	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	
Silvia Pinera-Vazquez	A	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Castro
Jose "Mike" Gonzalez	A	p	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Mayor Lago
Henry Pinera	p	p	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Fernandez
Nestor Menendez	A	p	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	VM Anderson
David Fournier	A	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Menendez
John "Miles" Maronto	P*	p	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Commission
Deborah Swain	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  
 Charles Hart, Transportation Engineer  
 Jessie Acebo, Assistant to the Public Works Director

**Guest:**

**Via ZOOM Attendees:**

Roberta Neway

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by David Fournier at 5:40 PM. Debbie Swain, John "Miles" Maronto, Jose Gonzalez, Henry Pinera, Nestor Menendez, and Silvia Pinera-Vasquez were present., Quorum was met. The Board asked about excusing the absences from the January meeting. Staff advised that the directive received from the City Clerk's office is that staff determine who is excused. Staff advised that David, Nestor, and Mike were excused from the January meeting. Silvia was not excused; staff did not receive any notice of her absence before the meeting.

**Meeting Minutes Approval:**

December meeting minutes were approved Debbie moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Nestor, all were in favor.

**Chairman's Report**

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David asked Debbie to recap the January meeting. Debbie informed the Board that Matt Anderson, Assistant Director for Mobility and Sustainability gave a recap on the ridership numbers for 2023. No police update, all other items were moved to the February meeting. The annual report was already submitted to City Clerks office.

- **Signal timing duration in Coral Gables**
  - David asked the Board to suggest intersections that can be submitted to Miami Dade-County for signal timing. Henry suggested Riviera and Ponce. Henry has noticed that it feels desynchronized. Henry has reached out to the County. Henry attended the meeting that was held by “the Mark”. Henry would like someone who could answer the Boards questions regarding the traffic impact study. Debbie asked if it would be possible to have someone from the county explain to the TAB about the signal timing. Miles informed the Board of an accident that happened in the intersection where Pinecrest, Coral Gables, and Palmetto Bay intersect. Miles would like to request a 4-way stop. Henry asked how to get the consultant from “The Mark “to present to the TAB. Debbie clarified that it would be the consultant for the city, who performed the study the correct party to answer questions regarding the study. The Board must reach out to the consultant directly. Staff advised that any questions can be sent to staff and staff will provide answers.
- **Pedestrian crosswalk on Ponce Park**
  - David expressed his concern about the crosswalk in front of The Plaza. Staff advised that they are working on reducing the speed and raised intersections. David expressed his frustration stating that you can still get hit by a car except at a lower speed. David suggests that the crosswalk be moved to the middle of Ponce Circle Park. Staff advised that having the crosswalk in the middle of the park was rejected by the County. Sylvia asked why the crosswalk was rejected, staff advised they will investigate.

**Police Update:**

No update provided.

**Member’s Items:**

- **South Alhambra Bike Lane**
  - Staff advised that DOT was moving away from the green color, instead the markings would be at key points of the bicycle lane due to maintenance concerns.
- **Possibility of traffic apparatus for the intersection of Lejeune and Riviera**
  - Nestor asked staff to assess the feasibility of a way to get traffic from Riviera to go north on Lejeune.
- **Pedestrian crosswalk at the intersection of Lejeune and Riviera**
  - Nestor would like for the City to look into potentially adding a pedestrian bridge under the bridge. Mike informed that a crosswalk exists north of the bridge. Staff advised that the Cocoplum Circle is getting redesigned, and it will include a crosswalk on the north side with an island in between.
- **Parking Situation around Cocoplum Circle**

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- Nestor would like to explore the possibility of making the parking around the circle a “Residents Parking”. Staff advised that the area is County jurisdiction.

Debbie asked about the plans. Staff advised that the plans are only at 60%.

**Traffic Project Updates:**

- **Citywide Traffic Calming**
  - The city is moving into Zone 3.

**Traffic Impact Studies:**

- 2800 Douglas – report was received and is in review.
- 1501 Sunset Dr - report was received and is in review.

**DRC Updates:**

A link to DRC is sent via email.

**Old Business:**

Staff explained how traffic impact studies work.

**New Business:**

- Approval of TAB meeting dates for 2024
  - All Board members agreed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month.

**Meet adjourned at 6:56**