

CITY OF CORAL GABLES
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
 HYBRID MEETING AT CITY HALL/ZOOM
 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 18, 2022

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

P: Present in person P: Present virtually (zoom) ^vVirtual Meeting
 E- Excused Absence A- Absent ^HHybrid
 *-New Member (+ -) No Meeting

Staff:

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

Guest:

Sgt. Erasmo Lopez
 Jessica Keller – Via ZOOM

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order by the Chair Sue Kawalerski at 5:33 PM. Sue Kawalerski, Debbie Swain, Peter Wood and Roberta Neway, started meeting. Silvia Pinera-Vazquez joined at 5:43 PM. Quorum was met.

Meeting Minutes Approval:

Sue motioned to approve the November 18, 2021, meeting minutes, seconded by Peter Wood. Minutes Approved.

Sue opened discussion removing item F6- Better Bus Network Presentation from the agenda. TAB 2022 Calendar was reviewed and approved.

Traffic Project Update

City wide traffic calming - Melissa updated the Board on start date for construction on the first location which is Obispo, starting in February.

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Blue Road Sidewalks

Melissa stated that the project under Blue Road sidewalk expansion is in the pre-conceptual stage. Sue questioned if a bike lane will be incorporated in the design. Melissa responded no; this is a Miami-Dade County road. Miami-Dade County has no plans for a bike lane, and they adopted the City's old master bike plan. Debbie asked if the Riviera Country Club sidewalk will be wider and Melissa responded, yes. The Board had inquired about the possibility of adding a bike lane towards the bridge, Melissa informed the Board there is not enough right of way. The Board discussed the presentation on the Hardee Road bridge, The Board was advised that residents have been reached, and all residents are in agreement.

Sidewalk Extension:

Sidewalk Gap Map was presented by Cherie and Melissa. The Board was informed on how the Sidewalk Gap Map functions, and that is currently used internally. The Board asked direction from supporting staff if the Board can ask for prioritization on certain areas. Melissa advised if this is requested the Board would have to present it at Commission. Sue requested a shortlist of the three (3) roads that according to staff are priority roadways. The Board was informed that Maynada is a Miami-Dade County road, and any request would have to go through Miami-Dade County. Sue request for public works to reach out to Miami-Dade County and request to close the sidewalk gap on Maynada.

Vision Zero

Roberta presented The Vision Zero Initiative to the Board. Vision Zero is a strategy that is being implemented in many cities, and the goal is to eliminate all traffic fatalities and serious injury, while increasing mobility for everyone. Roberta informed that Miami-Dade County has adopted Vision Zero and would like for the Board to support this initiative and request that the City Commission also support it. Sue wants to know what's the implementation. Roberta elaborated that Vision Zero would help with traffic calming by basically lowering the speed and narrowing roads. Peter would like to know what Miami-Dade County is doing to implement Vision Zero and believes it would be beneficial for Coral Gables to follow those steps. Silvia asked if by adopting this strategy would the city be able to apply for grant and requested more information about Vision Zero. Sue requested for staff to reach out to Carlos Costas Cruz who's in charge of Vision Zero at Miami-Dade County and invite him to the next TAB meeting to explain Vision Zero and how MDC is implementing it.

Police Update

The Board asked Sgt. Lopez if there were any concerns with traffic. Sgt. Lopez stated, he had no concerns. Silvia asked Sgt. Lopez about an increase in vehicle theft. Sgt Lopez responded that this is not his department.

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Youth Zones

Sue requested to move the Youth Zone resolution to the next TAB meeting. The Board would like to present Commissioner Fors with a letter of appreciation for his support in the Youth Zone initiative. Melissa advised this letter would be attached to the TAB Board minutes. Sue motioned to write a letter recognizing the implementation of Youth Zones, advising that the TAB supports this course of action expressing their appreciation and gratitude to Commissioner Fors for initiating the process. Motion was second by Silvia, all in favor.

Old Business:

Peter was under the impression that at the January 11th City Commission meeting, two items involving traffic calming were to be addressed. Melissa informed the Board of two presentations that took place at the January 11th City Commission meeting addressing: 1) Traffic calming; and 2) Youth Zones, where Commission Anderson questioned the possibility of consolidating these initiatives. City Commission decided to keep the items separate.

Sue Discussed the Mobility hub and concerns the Board has with this project. There were no comments from the Board.

Sue brought up the possibilities of a joint resolution amongst TAB and PAB, to allow both Boards to review development projects before they go to the DRC.

Sue requested an update on the South Alhambra bike lane project for the next TAB meeting. Melissa stated a purchase order has been executed and the conceptual design is being worked on.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:34 PM.