

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES
 TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
 MEETING AT CITY HALL/ZOOM
 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON APRIL 18, 2024.**

MEMBERS	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	APPOINTED BY:
	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	
Silvia Pinera-Vazquez	A	P	P	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Castro
Jose "Mike" Gonzalez	A	p	P	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Mayor Lago
Henry Pinera	p	p	P	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Fernandez
Nestor Menendez	A	p	P	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	VM Anderson
David Fournier	A	P	P	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Menendez
John "Miles" Maronto	P*	p	P	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Commission
Deborah Swain	p	p	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:

Sgt. Erasmo Lopez
 Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson

Via ZOOM Attendees:

Joseph Fadel

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by David Fournier at 6:01 PM. Debbie Swain, John "Miles" Maronto, Henry Pinera, Nestor Menendez, and Silvia Pinera-Vasquez were present., Jose "Mike" Gonzalez was absent, absence was excused. Quorum was met.

Meeting Minutes Approval:

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

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Police Update:

- **Update on traffic accidents in Coral Gables**
 - Sgt. Lopez informed the Board of 4 fatal accidents this year to date. A possible 5th accident that is still under investigation. Debbie asked, aside from fatalities, how many accidents have been reported. Sgt. Lopez advised that 749 accidents had been reported so far. The Board asked about the number of accidents in previous years. Sgt. Lopez provided the information.
 - The Board asked if the Valets on Ponce de Leon, 37th and Lejeune can be eliminated. Staff advised they would need to confer with the Parking Department.
 - Sgt. Lopez updated the Board on the Pedestrian Bicycle Grant. The grant is for an educational program which provides about 16k for educational material for pedestrians and bicyclists.

- Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson spoke to the Board regarding the Vision Zero Resolution. Henry spoke about the resolution the TAB proposed to move an item on the agenda to openly discuss it now. Henry updated the Board that he was supposed to go before the commission to present the resolution from TAB to have developers come and better explain the traffic impact studies and potential changes for micro mobility for egress in and out of the property and all those parameters. Henry stated that per commissioner Fernandez suggestion to withdraw that resolution and resubmit with more specific parameters of how TAB want it, suggesting a new resolution tasking the commission to task the TAB to come up with what makes sense for TAB to in Traffic Impact Studies.

The Board discussed traffic impact studies. Silvia asked about the form that is given to developers. Stating that everyone has their own form, and it doesn't contain pedestrian studies. Staff clarified that it is not a form. Staff advised of the process. The developer and staff have a scoping meeting. At this scoping meeting staff has an agenda (that has been shared with TAB before) that goes over everything that could be included in the traffic impact study depending on the type of development. Traffic impact studies are going to be different because all developments are different. Henry would like to create a traffic impact study for the layperson that would include pedestrian and the impact a building has in terms of transportation and quality of life. Staff clarified that a traffic impact study is a data driven study, it doesn't measure resident happiness, the development review process is what looks at the impact to the community.

Chairman's Report

No items.

Member's Items:

- **Speaking on behalf of the Board at City Commission/Board/Community Meetings**
 - Debbie clarified that members from the Board should first discuss with the Board prior to speaking on behalf of the Board at any meeting.

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- Update on Cocoplum Bridge “underpass”
 - Nestor spoke regarding requesting an underpass under the bridge. Debbie stated that she has been in communication with the County, and they have no issue with it. Nestor expressed the need to facilitate pedestrian walkability in an area that has heavy vehicular traffic.

Traffic Project Updates:

- Citywide Traffic Calming
 - Zone 3 is on track. Zone 4 will go to design in the summer.
- University Dr. Sidewalks
 - On track, expected completion in May.

Traffic Impact Studies:

- 2800 Douglas – The TIS was discussed. David requested more details.
- 1501 Sunset Dr – The TIS was completed and is being reviewed.
- 624 Anastasia – Consultant to perform the TIS.

DRC Updates:

A link to DRC is sent via email.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

- Approval of TAB meeting date for May
 - The Board agreed to meet on May 23rd since the original meeting conflicted with the City Commission.

Meet adjourned at 7:30 pm