

CITY OF CORAL GABLES
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
 MEETING AT CITY HALL/ZOOM
 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 19, 2024.

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MEMBERS	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	
Silvia Pinera-Vazquez	A	P	P	P	+ -	A	+ -	p	A	A	A	-	Castro
Jose "Mike" Gonzalez	A	p	P	A	+ -	A	+ -	p	P	A	P	-	Mayor Lago
Henry Pinera	A	p	P	P	+ -	A	+ -	p	P	P	P	-	Fernandez
Nestor Menendez	A	p	P	P	+ -	P	+ -	A	P	P	A	-	VM Anderson
David Fournier	A	P	P	P	+ -	P	+ -	P	P	P	p	-	Menendez
John "Miles" Maronto	P*	p	P	P	+ -	P	+ -	A	P	P	p	-	Commission
Deborah Swain	p	p	P	P	+ -	P	+ -	P	P	P	p	-	City Manager

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

Staff:

Melissa de Zayas, Transportation Division Manager
 Charles Hart, Transportation Engineer
 Mairelys Gensler, Transportation Engineer
 Jessie Acebo, Assistant to the Public Works Director
 Sgt. Erasmo Lopez

Guest:

Via ZOOM Attendees:

Roberta Neway
 Matthew Anderson
 Monica Beltran

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by David Fournier at 5:32 PM. Debbie Swain, Henry Pinera, Mike Gonzalez and Miles Maronto were present. Silvia Pinera-Vazquez and Nestor Menendez were absent, absences were excused. Quorum was met.

Meeting Minutes Approval:

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

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Police Update:

- Sgt Erasmo Lopez advised he had no update. David stated that there was an accident on University and Lejeune at the end of September. Every month he witnesses an accident. Sgt. Lopez advised that they do monitor the intersection however they cannot have a police officer stationary in the intersection, however they do perform citation enforcement.

New Business

10 Minute Presentation about Coral Gables school bus options was presented by Debbie. Debbie informed the board of what Jessica Keller met with Gables Prep and Sunset Elementary school principals in an effort to address congestion issues around school zones. Gables prep principal rejected the idea because “Cuban mothers will not put their children on buses”, Sunset elementary stated that everything is fine and there is nothing to optimize. Debbie believes that the new principals will be open to discuss. Discussion ensued about the funding and possible trial period. Debbie suggested for someone to reach out to the schools and revive this initiative. Henry stated that he will reach out to the school principals.

Roberta spoke about including walkability in the TAB resolution.

Member’s Items:

None.

Traffic Project Updates:

- Citywide Traffic Calming Projects - Work has started on zone 3. Temporary devices also being installed in certain locations. Zone 4 is out for design.
- Blue Rd - Currently waiting for County approval.

Traffic Impact Studies:

Staff advised that a potential sidewalk project is being looked at on Granada Blvd between DeSoto fountain and Bird Rd. a grant application will be submitted for this potential project. Two pending grant applications that staff should receive the final determination in January.

DRC Updates:

A link to DRC is sent via email.

Old Business:

None.

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- Debbie made some edits to the document. Debbie moved to accept Henry's revised version with minor edits, Henry seconded the motion, all were in favor.

New Business:

The board reviewed the meeting dates for 2025, the third Tuesday of every month.

Meet adjourned at 6:20 Pm