CITY OF CORAL GABLES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

HYBRID MEETING AT CITY HALL/ZOOM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MAY 17TH 2022

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Silvia Pinera-Vazquez	Р	*	Р	Р	/	р	Р	+-	р	/	Р	Α	Fors
Oscar Sosa	Р	/	/	/	/	Р	Р	+-	Α	Р	Р	Р	Mayor
Debbie Swain	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	+-	Р	/	Р	Р	VM Mena
Sue Kawalerski	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	+-	Р	Р	Р	Р	Anderson
David Fournier*	Р	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	Α	Р	Р	Р	Menendez
Roberta Neway	Р	/	Р	Р	/	р	Р	+-	Р	Р	Р	Р	Commission
Peter Wood	Р	Р	Р	Е	Р	Р	Р	+-	Р	/	Р	Р	City Manager
P: Present in person E- Excused Absence *-New Member	Excused Absence A- Absent							^v Virtual Meeting ^H Hybrid					

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Staff:

Melissa de Zayas, Sr. Transportation Engineer Cherie Menendez, Transportation Engineer Mairelys Gensler, Transportation Engineer Jessie Acebo, Assistant to the Public Works Director Anthonique Jay, PT Clerical Aide

Guest:

Sgt. Erasmo Lopez Benezir Portal, PE. Will Weismantel, PE.

Via ZOOM Attendees:

Jessica Keller

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order by Sue Kawalerski at 5:37 PM. Sue Kawalerski, Roberta Neway, Debbie Swain, David Fournier, Oscar Sosa, and Peter Wood, Silvia Pinera-Vazquez were in attendance. Quorum was met.

Meeting Minutes Approval:

The Board minutes for March 17th and April 19th were presented for the Board's approval. Roberta requested changes to the April minutes. Changes were noted and applied to the April minutes. March's minutes were approved, moved by Debbie second by Sue, all in favor. Roberta moved the April minutes as corrected; all were in favor.

^{*-}New Member (+ -) No Meeting

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Park Bonds - Melissa informed that there is no new information other than what has already been provided in previous meetings. Park Bonds were not approved by the City Commission. Sue asked if there is going to be money going towards sidewalk improvements.

Sue requested for "scooter on sidewalks" to be discussed. Staff advised that this item will be added to the next Board meeting agenda for discussion.

Traffic Project Updates

- South Alhambra Bike Lane Presentation by Kittleson & Associates.
 - o Consultants from Kittleson & Associates presented the two conceptual bike facilities that are being considered for South Alhambra Circle, from US 1 to Trionfo Street. Comments from the Board were heard and noted. Sue commented that an accident involving a pedestrian and a bicycle is more dangerous than a car and a bicycle. Staff advised the Board of the upcoming community meeting to present the South Alhambra Bike Facility concept to the residents. The date, time, and location were provided.
 - o Public Comment
 - Jessica Keller, via zoom, stated her preference of a shared use bike lane, adding that the City needs to be developing a network that is for families.
- Citywide Traffic Calming Update

Melissa stated seven traffic calming devices have been installed.

Last Mile Transit

Cherie stated everything is on schedule as planned, submittal is expected June 1st. Cherie added that the Last Mile Transit Project consists of ADA improvements and adding shelters to trolley bus stops.

Ponce Phase III

Cherie stated the project is on schedule, as planned. The next submittal is due May 31st.

Members Items

Visibility on Ponce de Leon, San Sebastian, Romano, Sarto and Camilo

David asked staff for an update. Melissa informed the City is looking at restricting parking to improve visibility and improve landscape at the medians. David requested for mirrors to be added at intersections to increase visibility. Melissa advised mirrors are not in the plan.

Congested traffic on Ponce de Leon and Malaga Avenue

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David advised the Board of the traffic congestion on Ponce de Leon and Malaga Avenue. He suggested to eliminate the curb and create a left lane on Malaga. David and Melissa agreed to meet on-site and evaluate.

TPO Resolution

Roberta informed the Board what the TPO resolution stands for. The Board discussed their concerns regarding the TPO resolution.

Sylvia excused herself at 7:01 PM.

Police Update

Sgt. Lopez reported no updates. Sue asked about the traffic back-up caused by parent drop off/pick-up lines at schools around the City. Sgt. Lopez advised this is the situation for all of South Florida and that the School Board has their own law enforcement department who handle traffic concerns on and around schools. Jessica Keller commented this is an opportunity to discuss with the School Advisory Board, as this is a topic that has been popular with this Board.

Secretary's Report

Staff provided updates on three traffic impact studies:

- 1. 1505 Ponce De Leon same update from previous TAB meeting.
- 2. 290 Ponce De Leon same update from previous TAB meeting.
- 3. 1101 E Ponce De Leon the City is in the process of scheduling the methodology meeting and selecting a consultant.

DRC Updates

Staff advised the Board of four new applications received that same afternoon and requested for project information to be emailed.

Old Business

The Board requested an update on the Biltmore Streetscape Project. Staff advised meetings have not been scheduled yet. Once there's a schedule, the Board will be advised.

Oscar requested an update on the speed zone signs along Biltmore Way. Staff advised the Purchase order has been executed.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:12 PM.