

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING AT CITY HALL/ZOOM  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MARCH 19, 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	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Castro
Jose "Mike" Gonzalez	A	p	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Mayor Lago
Henry Pinera	p	p	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Fernandez
Nestor Menendez	A	p	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	VM Anderson
David Fournier	A	P	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Menendez
John "Miles" Maronto	P*	p	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Commission
Deborah Swain	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:**

Officer H.Diaz

**Via ZOOM Attendees:**

Roberta Neway  
Sarah Friedman

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by David Fournier at 5:33 PM. Debbie Swain, John "Miles" Maronto, Jose Gonzalez, Henry Pinera, Nestor Menendez, and Silvia Pinera-Vasquez were present., Quorum was met.

**Meeting Minutes Approval:**

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

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**Chairman's Report**

- **Speed limit on Lejeune**
  - The Board discussed lowering the speed limit on Lejeune. Staff advised that Lejeune is not in their purview.
- **Feedback from Miami-Dade County regarding the pedestrian walkway on Ponce Park and why it wasn't approved in the middle section of the park.**
  - Staff advised that this was a discussion that occurred before their time. However, it did not work well for safety. The trolley stops are located midblock and it's safer for pedestrians to cross at the intersection.
- **Signal timing duration in Coral Gables**
  - David asked the Board about his request for suggested intersections for signal retiming.

**Police Update:**

- **Update on the accident involving a scooter near Coral Gables High School.**
  - H.Diaz provided the Board with a short update regarding the crash. The crash is still under investigation. Debbie asked if the Board could get a report of crash incidents for the previous months. Mike also asked about the police grants.

**Member's Items:**

- **SS4a grant**
  - Staff advised that Coral Gables did not qualify for the grant.
- **Annual traffic calming studies and traffic monitoring for the Paseo Project**
  - Staff advised that the monitoring had paused due to the pandemic, studies and monitoring will resume for the next years. However, traffic has not increased to pre-pandemic levels. Henry stated that he feels the data may be faulty and would like resident happiness to be taken into consideration.
- **DTPW improvements at Cartagena Plaza & Lejeune Rd Bridge**
  - Staff shared the plans with the Board.
- **Presentation from the TIS engineer for The Mark**
  - Staff advised that The Mark presented to the Board at a previous Board meeting. It is up to the Board to ask for them to come to the Board and present. Henry motioned to request the Commission to have the developer present to commission. Conversation ensued about a resolution that the Board already approved and that it should be resurrected. Silvia stated she agreed with bringing the old resolution back stating that with the new city commission the Board might have a chance at getting it approved. Henry volunteered to present the Resolution at the city commission. Henry motioned to resubmit the resolution as written, seconded by Debbie, all in favor.

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**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 April
  - The Board agreed to meet on April 18<sup>th</sup> since the original meeting conflicted with the City Commission.

**Meet adjourned at 7:28 pm**