

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
 CORAL GABLES YOUTH CENTER – CONFERENCE ROOM
 405 UNIVERSITY DRIVE
 CORAL GABLES, FL 33134
 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2015 @ 5:30 PM

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	APPOINTED BY:
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Ignacio G. Borbolla	P	E	+-	P	E	P	E	P	P	+	E	P	Jim Cason
Gordon Sokoloff	P	P	+-	P	P	P	P	P	p	+	P	P	Patricia Keon
Deborah Swain	P	P	+-	P	P	P	P	P	P	+	P	P	Vince Lago
Courtney Thompson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	P	P	Jeannette Slesnick
Albert Corrada	P	P	+-	P	P	P	P	P	P	+	P	A	Frank C. Quesada
Chris Morrison	P	P	+-	P	P	P	P	P	P	+	P	P	Commission-as-a-Whole
Al Smith	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	+	P	P	City Manager

P - Present
E - Excused Absence
A - Absent
*** - New Member**
+ - No Meeting
(#) Resigned

STAFF:

Jessica Keller, Assistant Public Works Director
 Yamilet Senespleda, Public Works City Engineer/Senior Traffic Engineer

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Swain called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

August 18, 2015 Meeting Minutes Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes, Dr. Sokoloff seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

GUEST:

Ricardo Herran - Campus Planning and Development Dept.
 Janet Gavarrete - Associate Vice President Campus Planning & Development Dept.

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Brandon Gross - Student Government Advisor
Jeffrey Shnotstylor
Briana Hathaway- Student Government President

MOTIONS:

Mr. Borbolla made a motion to support the University of Miami in moving forward with the *Pedestrian safety concerns in the San Amaro corridor and the Levante area* plan. Dr. Sokoloff seconded the motion, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Thompson made a motion to recommend putting up temporary signage along the San Amaro corridor for pedestrian safety, while staff plans a study on the project. Dr. Sokoloff seconded the motion, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Thompson made a motion to request the Developer of the Paseo de Riviera project attend the T.A.B. Meeting to discuss the traffic study of the project. Mr. Morrison seconded the motion, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Morrison made a motion for the City to post on their Facebook page and E-news to give ample time notices to the City of C. G. residents that Critical Mass will be passing through the City. Dr. Sokoloff seconded the motion, the motion was unanimously approved

UM PRESENTATION

Pedestrian safety concerns in the San Amaro corridor and the Levante area, near campus - a year ago the University of Miami, Planning & Development Dept. staff met with the Traffic Advisory Board to discuss pedestrian safety concerns. Since then UM has gone over a series of pedestrian safety improvements, including speed limit reduction, push button crosswalks, wider sidewalks, additional signage and more lighting. The Board was very supportive at the time and encouraged UM to continue working with the City. UM has met with Public Works staff on several occasions to help collaborate and work together and come up with a better strategy to redesign San Amaro, which would lead to a safer street for pedestrians, bicyclist, students and neighbors.

Janet Gavarett added that the University is interested in funding, the first phase corridor review of the project, in order to better the San Amaro corridor that abuts the University and ensure pedestrian safety as well as traffic calming, particularly since there have been a couple deaths in this area of the campus.

Jessica mentioned that the City and UM are in the discussion phase, trying to develop a process where they can go to the community and develop a project that is reflective of the wants and needs of the community. Staff asked the University to do a presentation at the Transportation Advisory Board meeting so that the board is aware that UM is working with the City to provide funding and a multi-model corridor to improve safety.

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Briana and Jeff, both seniors at the University of Miami spoke about the safety issues on San Amaro including 2 deaths involving UM students, one in 2010 and one in 2013 as well as a student hit by a car in February of this year.

Board members suggested putting up signs as well as the University educating their students on the dangers that occur in this area.

A traffic study will be part of the first phase and then there will be community engagement to develop the project. For this first part of phase 1, the estimate is \$100,000.

The University is asking for support from the board for a city wide lead initiative to study the two corridors, from Ponce de Leon Blvd. to the circle and secure the services of professionals and establish a public process for input.

Mr. Morrison asked Jessica if this corridor is part of the City Wide Comprehensive Transportation Plan. Jessica said it could be, but the University has the ability to move this project along quickly.

TRAFFIC PROJECT UPDATES

The Comprehensive Transportation Plan will be going to Commission on September 22, 2015. The plan is still on schedule to be launched in October.

Aragon Avenue - will be moving forward with traffic calming initiatives on Aragon Ave. & Giralda. Speed humps/tables will be proposed on both streets, raised intersections and entrance features to be pavers at each end of the street.

Bike Stations - will be installed at the Venetian Pool.

October 8, 2015 Community meeting for traffic calming at gated communities - The City will allow traffic calming devices, if they don't meet threshold. The County is in agreement and it will have to be funded by the community.

Paseo de Riviera Project - Planning & Zoning meeting scheduled for tomorrow night at 9:00 pm in City Hall. Mr. Thompson raised concerns currently at Granada and US1 and the impact it will have if the Paseo de Riviera project is approved. Board members asked staff to have the developer attend one of the T.A.B. meetings to discuss the plans for this project. Members also asked if they can invite as many commissioners to attend the T.A.B. meeting so they can listen to the concerns of the board.

Traffic light timing on Blue Road/Granada & University Dr. - staff is working with the County. Mrs. Swain suggested that some of the residents meet with the County.

Bike Lanes on Sevilla - a North Greenway resident will be attending the next T.A.B. meeting to express her concerns on the traffic that is now diverted to her street because of the bike lanes on Sevilla. Yamilet and her team are working to try and fit two vehicular lanes on the east bound

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direction to full capacity. A study was done already and staff is currently working on it. Mrs. Swain will like staff to continue finding a reasonable solution in keeping the bike lanes on Sevilla and to keep the board updated.

TRANSIT UPDATE:

As per Kevin, the Trolley will be launching soon and people can download the app to know when the Trolley is coming.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Morrison said he would like to make a motion that when Critical Mass (bikes) are going to come through the City of Coral Gables, that E-news give ample notice to the citizens with a picture of a map showing the Critical Mass route.

Parking Day - will be on Friday, September 18, 2015 on Miracle Mile, Aragon Ave., and Sunset Dr. and in front of City Hall.

ADJOURNED 7:10 pm