

CITY OF CORAL GABLES
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
 HYBRID MEETING AT CITY HALL/ZOOM
 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 22, 2022

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Silvia Pinera-Vazquez	/	/	/	/	*	P	P	/	p	P	+ -	p	<i>Fors</i>
Oscar Sosa	P	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	P	P	+ -	A	<i>Mayor</i>
Debbie Swain	/	P	P	/	P	P	P	P	P	P	+ -	P	<i>VM Mena</i>
Sue Kawalerski	P	P	P	/	P	P	P	P	P	P	+ -	P	<i>Anderson</i>
David Fournier*	P	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	A	<i>Menendez</i>
Roberta Neway	P	/	/	/	/	P	P	/	p	P	+ -	P	<i>Commission</i>
Peter Wood	/	P	P	/	P	P	E	P	P	P	+ -	P	<i>City Manager</i>

P: Present in person
 E- Excused Absence
 *-New Member

P: Present virtually (zoom)
 A- Absent
 (+ -) No Meeting

^vVirtual Meeting
^HHybrid

Staff:

Melissa de Zayas, Sr. Transportation Engineer
 Cherie Rodriguez, Transportation Engineer
 Jessie Acebo, Assistant to the Public Works Director
 Dora Sequeira, Clerical Assistant II

Guest:

Sgt. Erasmo Lopez
 Carlos Cruz-Casas

Via ZOOM:

Jessica Keller
 Sheryl Gold
 Biltmore Home Ipad
 Donald Kress
 Ian Linder Sheldon
 Desiree @
 Blanca Famadas
 Marisa Chisena
 DWCondo

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order by Sue Kawalerski at 5:34 PM. Sue Kawalerski, Oscar Sosa, David Fournier, and Roberta Neway, started meeting. New member David Fournier was acknowledged, and quorum was met.

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Meeting Minutes Approval:

Sue requested to move the January 18th, 2022 meeting minutes approval to the next Board meeting. All Board members in attendance agreed.

VISION ZERO PRESENTATION

Carlos Cruz-Casas, Assistant Director, of Miami-Dade County (MDC) Department of Transportation and Public Works presented a power point presentation on MDC's Vision Zero initiative. Mr. Cruz-Casas elaborated on the objective of the Vision Zero initiative by highlighting the number of fatal and severe injuries throughout MDC. He stated that it is MDC's goal to eliminate all fatalities and injuries.

Sue asked about funding, specifically the \$13 million dollars. Mr. Cruz-Casas replied that MDC has identified the top (20) priority intersections and has programmed projects for those segments.

Sue asked if residents could contact MDC to request an area be added. Mr. Cruz-Casas responded stating that, areas of concern have already been prioritized, but residents are welcomed to contact MDC.

Oscar asked if there were other types of traffic control projects to slow down traffic. Mr. Cruz-Casas responded that the approach is to work together with municipalities to leverage efforts and be proactive.

Biltmore Speed Zone

Sue acknowledged the Biltmore Way speed zone item that was placed late on the agenda. Residents on ZOOM requested that the item be discussed. All Board members agreed.

Mrs. Sheryl Gold started with a summary of the speed zone project since 2020 and requested an update on the speed limit reduction, from 30 to 25 MPH. Melissa stated that the City of Coral Gables will be moving forward with the installation of 25 MPH signs along Biltmore Way, between Anderson Road and Segovia Street, as well as other locations identified throughout the City within the next (2) two to (3) three months. In addition, as per MDC, their striping contract is at capacity. However, once the new contract is in place, MDC will move forward with the City's previously requested striping.

Mr. Donald Kress requested police presence in efforts to reduce speeding on Biltmore Way as well as reduction of the number of lanes, from 4 to 2 lanes, on Biltmore Way as part of the Biltmore Way Streetscape project.

Biltmore Way Streetscape

Melissa stated the City is looking into options to develop different concepts to move forward with the project and update residents in the affected area. Public meetings will be announced through all media outlets. The Biltmore Way Streetscape project will be placed on future agenda for regular updates.

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Police Update

Sgt. Lopez stated that traffic citations and enforcement are the number one priority for law enforcement. The Department is thinking of adding Bike Patrols in the Downtown area. The Board requested for an empty police car or visual deterrent on-site to discourage speeding at the Biltmore Way & Segovia intersection. Sgt. Lopez stated he will send an e-mail to address the speeding. The Board also requested that a shield be placed on both directions at mid-block on Biltmore Way and Cardena Street, between Segovia Street and Anderson Road. Sgt Lopez stated we would deploy the shields.

Mobility Hub Resolution

Sue provided a summary on the previous mobility- hub discussion and stated a formal resolution was not motioned in the previous Board meeting. Sue Motioned for a resolution to include all the bullet points sent to staff via email. Melissa indicated that the City Attorney's office requested for the motion to be very specific as to what the Board wants included in the resolution. Sue was informed that the Chair cannot bring forth a motion. Therefore, Roberta moved the motion for the Mobility-Hub Resolution as noted by bullet points sent to staff via email. The Motion was seconded by Oscar. All Board members were in favor. Jessie asked the Board to be specific on what the Board wanted the resolution to say. The Board referred staff back to the email with bullet points.

Old Business:

Sue mentioned the 2019 draft resolution that did not pass. Sue requested motion for the resolution to be amended section 2 No. 3A. Oscar moved the motion forward. The Motion was seconded by Roberta. All Board members were in favor.

Sue indicated that the only new item in the 2019 resolution would be on page one (1). Where the last paragraph states, "whereas the City continues to grow...", extending to section 2 number 3. Sue suggested to add that the Board be involved. Jessica Keller commented that the resolution should include wording that it does not exclude bicycle infrastructure on residential areas, which would be completely detrimental to the City as a whole and in opposition to the adopted bicycle master plan. Sue stated that the resolution does not include that statement.

Sue advised that Better Bus Network report was not available yet and she is trying to get the head of the Better Bus Network to do a presentation to the Board.

Melissa provided updates on Traffic calming projects:

1. Project construction started on Obispo with construction of the speed cushions.
2. Pre-conceptual design is being finalized for Zone one and ballots will be mailed-out within the next month.
3. Zone two is moving forward with design for the median. Consultants sent the design, including the sidewalk. Resident comments are being reviewed internally, once completed, design will be sent back for MDC's review.
4. Zone three's conceptual drawings are complete.
5. Zone four, there is no design yet.

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6. Zone five, no updates.
7. South Alhambra Circle bike lane project, the consultant is currently working on the design for the shared use path and will later start the development of the hybrid alternative. The consultant's proposed schedule is to start work in the beginning of the summer, if approved by the community.

Sue presented the newest member of the Board, Mr. David Fournier.

Sue asked Roberta to put together a list of people that are in favor of the bike lane project.

Youth Zones

Sue clarified that no resolution was going to be submitted for the Youth Zone. A Thank You Letter be attached to the Board meeting minutes to express the Board's gratitude to Commissioner Fors for supporting the Vision Zero Initiative. Roberta was asked to draft the letter.

Sidewalk Extension:

Sue requested updates on The Sidewalk Gap Map. Melissa confirmed that the sidewalk construction located further south on Hardee is complete. The Sidewalk Gap Map will be reviewed next year for new locations. Ian Linder Sheldon asked if there are any future sidewalk projects on Granada Blvd., North of Bird Road. Melissa responded that she would look at the sidewalk gap map, for sidewalk connectivity or expansion. Jessica Keller mentioned that there is a resolution that states: There is no concurrence required on Granada Boulevard, the City of Coral Gables should fully fund sidewalk construction on a street like Granada Boulevard without concurrence. In addition, Jessica suggested that the City of Coral Gables pursue grant funding that has been released by the Biden Administration.

Secretary Report:

Melissa stated there are no pending traffic impact studies and that this month's DRC has been cancelled for the month of February.

Transit update:

Monthly transit ridership numbers from October 2020 to January 2022 significantly increased based on the graph submitted by Parking Department Director, Kevin Kinney.

Sue requested analysis/reason behind the statement for transit number increase.

Sue concluded that expectations for the next meeting will be to have two resolutions. The formal resolution will be reviewed, and the Board will decide who will present those resolutions before the City Commission.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:31 PM.