

**City of Miami Beach**  
**Transportation, Parking & Bicycle-Pedestrian Facilities Committee Minutes**  
**Monday, May 10, 2021**  
**Meeting Held Via Microsoft Teams**

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- I. **Call to Order:** M. Edelstein, Chair, called meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.
- II. **Introduction of Committee Members & Public:** *Please refer to attendance sheet for reference*
- III. **Approval of April 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes:** **Moved by R. Streim, seconded by E. Porcelli; opposed by A. Rabin, as her last name was misspelled on page 2; minutes approved with correction**
- IV. **Resuming In-Person Committee Meetings:** Discussion held; hybrid option favored
- V. **Transportation Department Items:**

- **Trolley & Freebee Ridership Report:** Alicia Fernandez Diaz, provided numbers

C. Esquivel: YTD ridership report to compare to prior year, as numbers are still small, and will Freebee still run after bus fare starts June 1<sup>st</sup>?

Jose Gonzalez will share ridership report (LTC) that contains this information with committee; Commission has directed to provide Freebee until September 30<sup>th</sup> and then come before Commission again to determine if to continue service or revert to original purpose – Middle Beach community on-demand transit

- **Upcoming Commission/Committee Items:** Jose Gonzalez briefed on items

A. Rabin: Bicycle safety questions, laws, etc.; Josiel Ferrer to send link to City's masterplan that has policies and rules, articles

- **Status on Pending TPBPFC Items/Requests:** Josiel Ferrer briefed on items they have been working on

A. Rabin: Sheridan/37<sup>th</sup> – where to find information about things in progress (traffic circle, etc.); Josiel Ferrer will send presentation to be shared with committee

JP Morgan: 83<sup>rd</sup>/Harding Ave – there is a SR 441 sign; will send picture / Transportation to look at/arrange to remove

- **Update on Washington Ave Street Pilot:**

C. Esquivel: Status of pilot/feedback; Jose Gonzalez – Master plan being conducted to look at different streets and reconfigurations and will be ready by July, then to City Commission

Looking at shared bus/bike lane concept on Washington; trying to keep parklets, bike lanes, bringing transit back and improve traffic flow

- **Update on Better Bus Project:**

C Esquivel: Salvage 150 / extending around Collins corridor; Jose Gonzalez – 150 being replaced with another route that will also go from airport to Miami Beach

C Bolado: Issue is it is one of the most expensive routes to run and ridership has not been worth it; Better Bus Project will replace it with another route via McArthur, South Beach, Omni, up to Airport and will run more frequently but take longer

- **Southbound Alton Delays & 43<sup>rd</sup> ST Light at Mt. Sinai:**

M Edelstein: Southbound light at 43<sup>rd</sup>/Alton, takes 4 light changes to get through – perfect opportunity for smart signal; Josiel Ferrer – recommendations have already been made to County. Infrastructure with signal is not working, working with the hospital project to expedite

**VI. Parking Status Reports – December 2020, January & February 2021:** No questions/comments

Monica Beltran: 300 paystations brought back and parking revenue in general has improved; Collins Park Garage is also doing well

**VII. Other Business:**

C. Esquivel: Are Lyft scooters from Dade County allowed on Miami Beach? Airbnb getting residential permits and taking up residential parking

Jose Gonzalez – scooters are not supposed to be on this side of bay and should be geo-fenced; report them when seen

Monica Beltran: Airbnb – not causing impact; these permits have not been issued in years and City has strict policy on Airbnb's. Will look at issue closer

B. Jacobs: Indian Creek project work hours issue; Claudia Wong will reach out to David Gomez/CIP

M. Edelstein: Venetian Causeway Improvement meeting; Josiel Ferrer – project development/environmental study of all twelve bridges on Venetian and appropriate course of treatment, looking at replacement, etc.

Josiel Ferrer shared project/options on screen

FDOT to be invited to next meeting regarding this project

A. Feola: Venetian work schedule; Claudia Wong to reach out to Sabrina Baglieri/CIP to obtain update

P. Henao: Blue markings on Bay Drive; Claudia Wong to reach out to Public Works to find out reason

P. Henao: Bike racks on Ocean Terrace; Transportation to look at

**VII. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

**DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 14, 2021 – 3:30 P.M.**

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