

City of Miami Beach
Transportation, Parking & Bicycle-Pedestrian Facilities Committee Minutes
Monday, September 13, 2021
Hybrid Meeting / Microsoft Teams & In-Person

- I. **Call to Order:** M. Edelstein, Chair, called meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.
- II. **Introduction of Committee Members & Public:** *Please see attendance sheet for reference*
- III. **Approval of July 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes:** *A. Feola moved to approve the minutes, seconded by A. Rabin; minutes were unanimously approved*
- IV. **Items Req. by C. Esquivel:**

Traffic/Speeding Concerns on Michigan Ave/SOF – Adding Speed Bumps/Crosswalk Safety Concerns:

C. Esquivel shared screen of area of discussion with notations of issues/suggestions

Guests/residents: Siobhan Lee representing South Pointe PTA and William, joined discussion to discuss concerns with speeding by school/non-functioning pedestrian crosswalk (1st/Alton); suggesting speed bumps to address speeding

Discussion held

Transportation: Concerns are being addressed with traffic counts/observations and item on September 17th Commission meeting agenda to conduct a traffic calming study South of 5th; crosswalk also being addressed and should soon be completely functioning

Follow-up on Better Bus Project

C. Esquivel: Concern with planned removal of bus stops and no outreach done - some serving senior citizens; shared screen with slides

Discussion held w/ committee members/guests

Guest/resident: Matthew Garwick representing CMB Housing Authority – no outreach to tenants was done (Rebecca Towers)

Guest/resident: Ray Breslin concerned with elimination of bus 150 and feels all was not properly vetted

C. Esquivel moved to send Letter to Commission with the following:

The Transportation, Parking and Bicycle-Pedestrian Facilities Committee asks City to pause any action/consideration of the Better Bus Project, based on the lack of senior community input. The Dade County bus system is a primary source of transportation for seniors and those with disabilities. The buses are equipped with low floor easy access ramps and accessibility at front of bus. Concern is no outreach was done to local community to find out how it would affect them to remove over 100 bus stops across Miami Beach. We have a large population of seniors with disabilities and walking impairments that are physically unable to walk more than 2 blocks. We urge the Commission to delay and say no to any decision of the Better Bus Project coming in October to provide more time to investigate/analyze impact to our community; Seconded by A. Rabin; 3 in favor/7 opposed – motion not passed.

- V. **Update – 71st/Maimonides (Req. by M. Edelstein)**

Guests: Dr. Zuluaga & City's Consultant Chuck Hart

Update provided – 2 immediate parking spaces can be added and relocation of Citi Bike station will allow for another 2 additional spaces; short-term will be done in next few weeks

VI. 100 Blocks of Ocean Drive – Issues w/ Residential & Commercial Vehicles (Req. by A. Feola)

A. Feola: Nobody parks there and so much parking has been lost; parking should be reintroduced as it was before

Josiel Ferrer: Workshop is scheduled for 9/23 to discuss Ocean Drive and what can be done to accommodate this request

A. Feola: Washington Ave – change in parking pattern and now some have been put back before pandemic

Josiel Ferrer: 23 spaces were recouped; alternatives will be discussed at same workshop

VII. Transportation Department Items:

- **Monthly Trolley & Freebee Ridership Report:** Information provided by Milos Majstorovic
- **Upcoming Commission/Committee Items:** Milos Majstorovic & Josiel Ferrer briefed Committee on items

VIII. Other Business:

Items brought forth by P. Henao:

Pedestrian crossing corner of Indian Creek/71st is difficult; Transportation will send this issue to County

Red light (no right on red) same area eastbound, turning southbound on Indian Creek/71st; Transportation will bring to the attention of Police

Lack of bike racks on Beachwalk on 53rd and on 75th

Parking signs on 29th St/Collins are very confusing and should be looked at

IX. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 11, 2021 – 3:30 P.M.

Disclaimer: If you should require the video recording of this meeting, please send a request to claudiawong@miamibeachfl.gov

**Transportation, Parking & Bicycle-Pedestrian Facilities Committee
Sign-In Sheet
Attendance for September 13, 2021**

NAME	SIGNATURE	REPRESENTING	PHONE	CELL	E-MAIL ADDRESS
Carolina Bolado	<i>Virtual</i>	Comm. Arriola		305-525-5519 (C)	cbolado@gmail.com
Dean Campbell	<i>Virtual</i>	Beach Neighborhood Assoc.		202-674-2150 (C)	dcampbell@deanecampbell.com
Marc Edelstein	<i>Virtual</i>	Comm. Richardson	305-865-0683	305-318-2409 (C)	medelste@hotmail.com
Cynthia Esquivel	<i>Virtual</i>	Mayor Gelber		786-202-3990 (C)	esquivel@bellsouth.net
Al Feola	<i>Virtual</i>	South Beach Business Assoc.	305-531-9478	305-773-8094 (C)	alfeola@atlanticbb.net
David Grieser	<i>Virtual</i>	South Beach Neighborhood Assoc.			dvgrieser@gmail.com
Patricia Henao	<i>Virtual</i>	N Beach Business Assoc.		786-202-9102 (C)	pattyhenao@gmail.com
Linsey Lovell	<i>Virtual</i>	MB Chamber of Commerce	305-358-1001	954-881-6469 (C)	llovell@nordojackson.com
Baruch Jacobs	<i>Virtual</i>	Comm. Samuelian			bjacobs@miamiteachersthisugroup.com
JP Morgan	<i>Virtual</i>	Comm. Gongora	305-868-1161		jpmorgan@miami
Esteban Porcelli	<i>Virtual</i>	Mid-Bch Neighborhood Assoc.		917-294-3511 (C)	eporcelli@yahoo.com
Amy Rabin	<i>Virtual</i>	Comm. Meiner		305-793-4308 (C)	amy923@bellsouth.net
Richard Streim	<i>Virtual</i>	Comm. Steinberg		516-835-2234 (C)	rstreim@aol.com
Guests					
Sisipah Lee		Resident/SP PTA			<i>Virtual</i>
William		Resident			
William Garwick		MB Housing Authority			
Wette		MB Housing Authority			
Chuck Hart		City Consultant (Transp)			
Ray Breslin		Resident			

Transportation, Parking & Bicycle-Pedestrian Facilities Committee

CMB EMPLOYEE/VISITOR & GUEST SIGN-IN

NAME	SIGNATURE	REPRESENTING	PHONE	CELL OR FAX #	E-MAIL ADDRESS
Monica Beltran		CMB-Parking	26863		monicabeltran@miamibeachfl.gov
Jose Gonzalez		CMB-Transportation	26768		josgonzalez@miamibeachfl.gov
Josiel Ferrer		CMB-Transportation	26831		josieferrer@miamibeachfl.gov
Milos Majstorovic		CMB-Transportation	26855	7/526 1913	milasmajstorovic@miamibeachfl.gov
William Acosta	<i>W Acosta</i>	"		7/552 9202	wacosta@miamibeachfl.gov
Firat Accay	<i>Firat Accay</i>	"	66834		firataccay@...
Laudia Wray	<i>Laudia Wray</i>				
Loren Rowl	<i>Loren Rowl</i>	Parking Parking	26845		lorenrowl@miamibeachfl.gov
Albert Ventura	<i>Albert Ventura</i>				