

**City of Miami Beach**  
**Transportation, Parking & Bicycle-Pedestrian Facilities Committee Minutes**  
**Monday, April 12, 2021**  
**Meeting Held Via Microsoft Teams**

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- I. **Call to Order:** A. Feola, Chair, called meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.
- II. **Introduction of Committee Members & Public:** *Please refer to attendance sheet for reference*
- III. **Approval of March 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes:** *Moved by R. Streim, seconded by D. Grieser, all in favor - passed*
- IV. **Appointment of Chair & Vice-Chair:**

*JP Morgan moved to nominate Marc Edelstein as Chair, seconded by R. Streim, all in favor/none opposed – motion passed (9 members present/voted yes)*

*JP Morgan moved to nominate Al Feola as Vice-Chair, seconded by R. Streim, all in favor/none opposed – motion passed (9 members present/voted yes)*

New committee member representing North Beach Business Association, Patricia Henao introduction

- V. **Update on CIP Projects (Venetian):** Discussion/update provided by Sabrina Baglieri; ready to commence work, but working on resolving issues with County that revoked permitting of work trucks (weight) coming in through Venetian bridge; start date/timeline to be sent to Claudia Wong to share with committee

VI. **Transportation Department Items:**

- **Better Bus Plan Presentation by MDT:** MDT Staff provided information/answered questions and presented slides on Better Bus Network; May 11<sup>th</sup> public hearing and hoping for final approval on May 18<sup>th</sup> via Commission

C. Esquivel: Routes coming east at peak times to help workers get home (Downtown/Wynwood)

Carlos Cruz-Casas, MDT Assistant Director: Through COVID, eliminated overnight services (midnight to 5a). Go Nightly voucher program for Uber/Lyft was introduced to provide same service along those corridors at no cost to rider – within ¼ mile of route alignment; 120 new buses have been added as well

C. Esquivel to communicate directly via email with Carlos Cruz-Casas to address issues

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

C. Esquivel: Pre-COVID running cost/ridership (25 trollies) vs current ridership (15 trolleys), numbers are low and still paying premium. There are empty trolleys, people using bus; concern- City is spending money where it shouldn't be and feels trolley service should be halted until paid bus service returns; JP Morgan agreed

Jose Gonzalez: Comparing numbers to pre-COVID is not fair; service resumed a month and half ago after being suspended for a year. February was half month (Feb 15 service resumed) – between February and March there was a 20% increase and expect same for March-April

Jose Gonzalez: If turning off trolleys, still not a zero cost – will be \$160k per month for fixed cost that city must pay regardless if vehicle(s) is in service or not

City's savings if pulling plug on trolleys would be approximately \$450k

Jose Gonzalez: Feels that after June 1<sup>st</sup> when County resumes bus fares, trolley ridership will pick up

- **Upcoming Commission/Committee Items:** Jose Gonzalez briefed on items
- **Status on Pending TPBPFC Items/Requests:** Josiel Ferrer: Data collection programmed for Alton & 3<sup>rd</sup> (per LTC by Committee)

Update for A. Rabin: Sheridan & 37<sup>th</sup> all-way stop not warranted, but supplementary signage installed – cost to restripe intersection and improving signage north/south direction

Josiel Ferrer will follow up with A. Rubin to address other items and schedule meeting

**VII. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

**DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING: Monday, May 10, 2021 – 3:30 P.M.**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

1	Bolado	Carolina	P
2	Campbell	Dean	A
3	Edelstein	Marc	P
4	Esquivel	Cynthia	P
5	Feola	Alfred	P
6	Grieser	David	P
7	Henao	Patricia	P
8	Lovell	Linsey	P
9	Jacobs	Baruch	P
10	Morgan	JP	P
11	Porcelli	Esteban	P
12	Rabin	Amy	P
13	Streim	Richard	P

<b><u>CITY STAFF / GUESTS</u></b>	<b><u>REPRESENTING</u></b>
Jose Gonzalez	CMB Transportation
Josiel Ferrer	CMB Transportation
Alicia Fernandez Diaz	CMB Transportation
William Rivera Paz	CMB Transportation
Monica Beltran	CMB Parking
Claudia Wong	CMB Parking
David Gomez	CMB CIP
Sabrina Baglieri	CMB CIP
Valerie Navarrete	CMB Resident
Marcia Duprat	Transit Alliance
Carlos Cruz-Casas	Miami Dade Transit
Linda Morris	Miami Dade Transit
Jarice Rodriguez	Miami Dade Transit