

City of Miami Beach
Transportation, Parking & Bicycle-Pedestrian Facilities Committee
October 14, 2024, 3:30 pm
Hybrid Meeting / Microsoft Teams & In-Person

- I. **Call to Order:** E. Dias called meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call/Attendance:** *Please see attendance sheet for reference.*
- III. **Approval of September 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes:** Moved by L. Kolko, seconded by E. Porcelli; minutes approved.
- IV. **Public Comment (2 minutes for each speaker)**
 - Jeremy Brown: Attending to get to know the City of Miami Beach
- V. **New Member: Josh Squire**
 - Represents the South Beach Business Association. Owner of Bike & Roll.
- VI. **Special Guest: Commissioner Tanya Bhatt - Separate Paths on Beachwalk for Micro-mobility Users and Pedestrians**
 - Comm. Bhatt addressed the Committee and mentioned that the Commission is looking into alternatives for Beachwalk improvements. State approval is required. A study will be undertaken to gauge all safety options, which is already funded. They are looking at drainage improvements, improved signs, striping, and safety, among other things. Additional bike lane connections have been identified. But it will take time for a study to be completed, which could take up to 6-8 months to collect data, then get state approval. The project is a work in progress but seems to have support from staff & the Commission. Discussion held.
 - i. P. Henao moved, M. Gellman seconded, to draft LTC to have them experiment with installation of alternative temporary paths (blue mats) from 15th-36th Street & Ocean Terrace, specifically for pedestrians, to test out whether a permanent path, like Bal Harbor's, would improve foot and bicycle/e-mobility traffic. Motion unanimously passed.
- VII. **Special Guest: CMB Neighborhood Affairs/Communications**
 - Melissa Berthier addressed the Committee and discussed how the TPBPFC can gain more exposure to the community, raise awareness of what the TPBPFC is working on, and engage residents through the City's E-Newsletter and Social Media. Melissa suggested a webpage on the City's website. Discussion held.
- VIII. **Upcoming Commission Items**
 - Update on Bus Shelter Contract. Prototype to be installed at Soundscape Park in November 2024 for testing for 60-90 days. If approved by Commission, up to 250 Bus Shelters will be installed, which could take up to 2 years. (TRANS)
 - Ordinance that extends enforceable metered hours to 11:00pm, as opposed to the current 6:00pm timeframe. (PKG)
- IX. **City Department Items (Transportation, Parking, Public Works, CIP, etc.)**
 - "No Left Turn" on Sheridan & Royal Palm: Pilot is underway until Feb. 2025. (TRANS)
 - North Beach Restricted Residential Parking Permit – Registration starts on October 15, 2024. (PKG)

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X. Items Requested by Members

- **Bicycle Lane on 17th Street (L. Kolko)**
 - i. Deferred from the September 2024 TPBPFC Meeting*
 - ii. L. Kolko addressed the Committee discussing the Bicycle Lane on 17th St., which was included on the 2015 Transportation Master Plan.
 - i. L. Kolko moved, M. Gellman seconded, to draft LTC to urge the Commission to use careful consideration regarding the 17th St. Right-of-Way Project to include protected and safe bicycle lanes from the Venetian Causeway to the Beachwalk. Motion passed.

- **Uniform General Parking and SEPARATE Uniform Event Parking Regulation for Miami Beach Non-Profits (P. Matos)**
 - i. P. Matos addressed the Committee and proposed to have a specific standard on closing the parking lot at the Rowing Center, for example, be closed from public parking during special events. Transportation responded saying that this is already being explored and a meeting will be held with Vice Mayor Fernandez on this very topic. Transportation to provide update during the November 2024 TPBPFC Meeting.*

XI. Status of Pending TPBPFC Items

- N/A

XII. Other Business

- Briefly discussed the implementation of 115 Bus Route replacement and the suspension of parking rate increase for FY 2025.
- Electric Fleet Vehicle Info (J. Squire) – for Nov. 2024 Meeting
- Data on Bicycle Parking locations (J. Squires) – for Nov. 2024 Meeting

XIII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: November 18, 2023