

**City of Miami Beach**  
**Transportation, Parking & Bicycle-Pedestrian Facilities Committee Minutes**  
**Monday, February 8, 2021**  
**Meeting Held Via Microsoft Teams**

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- I. **Call to Order:** A. Feola 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 December 7, 2020 Meeting Minutes: Moved by JP Morgan, seconded by R. Streim, all in favor - passed**

*A Feola: Committee has 3 vacancies (Mid-Beach Business Association/N. Beach Business Association/N. Beach Neighborhood Association) - up to Committee to nominate new Chair (as he is termed out)/Vice-Chair or postpone until vacancies are filled*

**JP Morgan moved to postpone nominations, seconded by L. Lovell**

**D. Grieser modified motion – postpone on a month by month basis and see how vacancies get filled, seconded by JP Morgan, all in favor - passed**

*A. Rabin asked if associations know about openings – C. Wong to check with City Clerk's*

**Approval of January 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes: Moved by JP Morgan, seconded by D. Grieser, all in favor – passed**

Committee congratulated Transportation Department in receiving the 2021 Complete Streets Community Award from county; A. Feola thanked them for the signs in Flamingo neighborhood – they look great!

IV. **Transportation Department Items:**

- **Update on Trolley & Freebee Service:**

Citywide trolley service relaunching citywide February 15<sup>th</sup>. Disinfecting solution will be provided to operators to disinfect interior of vehicles upon completion of every loop. Hand sanitizer will be provided for passengers; facial covering/mask required during duration of travel, when boarding/disembarking/passengers will be advised to wait for those disembarking to board

JP Morgan: Concern drivers taking role of traffic cops and putting them in proximity as far as social distancing

Milos Majstorovic: Controls/expectations need to be put in place; limits to which drivers are required to enforce mask/social distancing – may have to rely on Police for non-compliance, deny service, etc. City must be careful in handling – this has been communicated to operators (expectations/steps to take for non-compliance); some masks will be provided onboard

JP Morgan: Updates to be provided via email on how things are going before March meeting so committee can provide recommendations on improving service, etc., if needed

C. Equivel: Will freebee still run to senior building where trolleys are running – why run both to same places and have 2 expenses– elderly are using buses and there is no social distancing/masks

Milos: Main concern by elected officials was exposure to Corona virus by this vulnerable population when using trolleys; elected officials wanted start of freebee service much in advance of trolley to limit exposure, as trolleys are used by many more people compared to Freebee

Not duplication because it is not same capacity (10-12 passengers); Freebee will compliment trolley service and hope is that elderly will not use trolley service

- **Update on Upcoming Commission/Committee Items:** Transportation briefed committee on items

JP Morgan: 69<sup>th</sup> ST light synchronization causing back-up (Harding, Abbot, Indian Creek); 63<sup>rd</sup> eastbound once you cross bridge, light will turn green on Indian Creek, but immediately turns red on Collins Ave

JP Morgan: Every weekend southbound Harding, 50+ bicycles ride on lanes; Police to be invited to March meeting to address

R. Streim: Update on Indian Creek construction (south from 41<sup>st</sup>)

A Feola: CIP to be invited to March meeting as there are a few items: Update on Venetian Islands roadwork. C. Esquivel added Beachwalk from 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>

**V. Parking Status Report – November 2020:** No Comments

**VI. Other Business:**

A Feola: Update on parking, paystations, commercial loading zones to pedestrian, etc.

Monica Beltran, Interim Parking Director provided update: Paystations removed / contactless parking solution; high adoption of parking app to pay for parking via app or calling

Looking at halfway solution for paystations – downsize to 250 to provide an option and help cut cost

Commercial loading zones: Some have been impacted by closing of Ocean Drive; looking to alleviate issues on 100 blocks

C. Esquivel: Issue with paystation signs for app are too high (Nikki Beach lot); simplify directions on how to pay

C. Esquivel: Monitoring of residential spaces South of 5<sup>th</sup> – oversized campers, RVs, oversized vans; Monica confirmed not allowed – report to her to make sure it is enforced

A Feola: Signage for parking is key and be clear for people to understand payment options; Monica confirmed new signage has been approved

Monica: Pilot at 1600 block of Alton and 73<sup>rd</sup> ST east of Collins – 15 minute parking (food pick up only) still need to pay; attempt at reserving spaces for quick pick up activity, also open to residents that are picking up as well as Uber, etc.

A Feola: 395 project – Transportation to provide update via email

**VII. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

**DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 8, 2021 – 3:30 P.M.**

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**February 8, 2021 Attendance via Microsoft Teams  
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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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

<b><u>CITY STAFF / GUESTS</u></b>	<b><u>REPRESENTING</u></b>
Jose Gonzalez	CMB Transportation
Josiel Ferrer	CMB Transportation
William Rivera Paz	CMB Transportation
Milos Majstorovic	CMB Transportation
Monica Beltran	CMB Parking
Claudia Wong	CMB Parking
Lauren Firtel	CMB Communications
Valerie Navarrete	Guest/Resident