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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Honorable Mayor Dan Gelber and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Rafael Granado, City Clerk 

DATE: May 16, 2023

SUBJECT: **TPBPF Committee Motions – Transportation Master Plan Quarterly Report & Alternative Bicycle Path to the Beachwalk**

The purpose of this Letter to Commission is to provide you with correspondence received from the Transportation, Parking & Bicycle-Pedestrian Facilities Committee.

   
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C: Eric Carpenter, Deputy City Manager  
Mark Taxis, Assistant City Manager  
Rickelle Williams, Assistant City Manager  
Monica Beltran, Parking Director  
Jose Gonzalez, Transportation and Mobility Director

## *Transportation, Parking & Bicycle-Pedestrian Facilities Committee*

Matthew Gultanoff, Chairman  
Marc Edelstein, Vice-Chair

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**Members:**

Carolina Bolado  
Dean Campbell  
Marcia Duprat  
Alfred Feola  
Patricia Henao  
Joe Saunders  
Linda Kolko  
Eva Dias  
Esteban Porcelli  
Amy Rabin  
Harvey Burstein  
Cynthia Esquivel

*Members Present: Carolina Bolado; Marc Edelstein; Cynthia Esquivel; Linda Kolko; Amy Rabin; Eva Dias; Marcia Duprat; Esteban Porcelli; Dean Campbell; Harvey Burstein; Alfred Feola; Joe Saunders; and Matthew Gultanoff*

*Members Absent: Patricia Henao*

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Commission:

The Transportation, Parking and Bicycle-Pedestrian Facilities Committee (TPBPFC) held its hybrid meeting on Monday, May 8, 2023, and passed the below motions:

**Transportation Master Plan (TMP) Quarterly Report**

The Transportation, Parking, and Bicycle-Pedestrian Facilities Committee passed a motion requesting the Transportation and Mobility Department to resume issuing the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) Quarterly Report, which was last released in May 2017. This report is crucial for providing visibility into the City's implementation of transportation alternatives, including improvements in bicycle, pedestrian, and transit infrastructure, as well as maintaining automotive facilities. The report will provide essential information to residents, elected officials, and city employees, while also ensuring accountability.

**Alternative Bicycle Path to the Beachwalk**

The Transportation, Parking, and Bicycle-Pedestrian Facilities Committee discussed the proposed Commission referral to evaluate an alternative bicycle path to the Beachwalk shared-use path that would be located on the sand and east of the dunes. The Committee is opposed to this idea and urges caution in exploring proposals that shift bicycles onto hard sand or the beach. The Committee does not believe this is an appropriate transportation strategy for the City.

The Committee also proposes to host a workshop on the Beachwalk and ways in which the now completed 7-mile shared-use path can be improved. The workshop would cover items such as public safety and user accessibility. During the meeting, the Committee briefly addressed the following:

- Drainage improvements
- Emergency call buttons
- Public safety and enforcement
- Service vehicle size

- Shade along the path
- Signage, including rules, regulations, and etiquette
- Street end curb ramps
- Vegetation encroachment
- Vehicle Bollards

This meeting would be open to the public, and the Committee urges participation by members of the City Commission.

As an advisory Committee, we urge the Mayor and City Commission to support these motions.

Sincerely,

Transportation, Parking & Bicycle-Pedestrian Facilities Committee