

City of Miami Beach
Transportation, Parking & Bicycle-Pedestrian Facilities Committee
January 13, 2025, 3:30 pm
Hybrid Meeting / Microsoft Teams & In-Person

- I. **Call to Order:** E. Dias called meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call/Attendance:** *Please see attendance sheet for reference.*
- III. **Approval of December 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes:** Moved by L. Kolko, seconded by A. Lester; minutes approved.
- IV. **Public Comment (2 minutes for each speaker)**
 - N/A
- V. **2025 Chair/Co-Chair Nominations**
 - *Follow up on nominations for L. Kolko & J. Saunders; Set Election Date & Discuss Election Process*
 - E. Dias, L. Kolko will be running for Chair; J. Saunders rescinded his nomination. P. Matos running for Vice-Chair. Nominations are open until February's TPBPFC Meeting; Elections to be held in March 2025.
- VI. **Upcoming Commission Items**
 - Install Speed Tables on Meridian Ave between 42nd – 47th Streets. (TRANS)
 - Street Co-Naming – 17th Street. (TRANS)
 - Bulb Out Removal to Increase Parking Inventory. (TRANS)
 - Pilot Program for Seniors for Public Transportation Access. (TRANS)
 - Removal of Bicycle Lane on Collins Ave between 63rd – 75th Streets. (TRANS)
 - Ocean Drive Pedestrian Promenade. (TRANS)
 - Amendment changes to Right of Way Violations. (PKG)
 - Discussion of Converting Taxi Spaces to multi-use spaces. (PKG)
 - Discuss Valet Operations. (PKG)
- VII. **City Department Items (Transportation, Parking, Public Works, CIP, etc.)**
 - Pedestrian Path/Bridge on the I-395 (TRANS/CIP)
 - Update on Project Updates sent to the Committee by Transportation (TRANS)
 - Uniformed Parking for Non-Profit Organizations/Parking during Events at the Rowing Center (PKG)

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VIII. Items Requested by Members

- **Resident Petition RE: Venetian Causeway Construction (J. Squire)**
 - Petition created by residents that has over 100 signatures regarding major construction on Venetian Island. Public Works is leading the project and provides updates on the project. Discussion held.

- **Crosswalk at W 25 St & Pinetree Drive; Safety Issues w/Crosswalk @ Rakow Center (L. Kolko)**
 - L. Kolko opened the topic by suggesting there be a crosswalk planned for W 25th St/Pinetree Dr. Transportation to investigate whether that is a plan. Discussion held.
 - L. Kolko addressed the committee with community concerns about the crosswalk by the Rakow Center. Transportation noted the suggestions made and will work with the County for improvements. Discussion held.
 - A. Rabin mentioned other areas in the Bayshore neighborhood. Discussion held.

- **TDM Program for Large Employers (J. Squire)**
 - J. Squire addressed the committee regarding Transportation Demand Management. Transportation briefed the committee with city voluntary programs such as free Transit Passes for City Employees and also mentioned there are subsidies available for local businesses to take advantage of reduced public transit passes in lieu of municipal parking and Deco Bike membership programs; available on a voluntary basis. The City has partnered with consultants in the past to help with TDM. Discussion held.

- **Autonomous Electric Passenger Van Service Pilot Program (J. Squire)**
 - J. Squire opened the topic with suggestion the city look into whether “Driverless” a pilot program for local public transit is something that would work well in the city. Transportation mentioned that a meeting took place a few years ago with Beep or Waymo discussing this very topic. A pilot was planned but did not pan out due to numerous reasons, including cost. A meeting with Beep will be taking place soon. Discussion held.

- **Speed Bump Installation/Finalization in South Beach (E. Dias)**
 - Transportation updated the committee with Short & Long-Term projects taking place in South of 5th Neighborhood. Discussion held.

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IX. Status of Pending TPBPFC Items

- **Update from Transportation: Bicycle Storage Facilities**
 - Map of Bicycle Storage locations was provided by Transportation to the Committee. Discussion held.
- **Post-Art Basel Update (TRANS)**
 - Transportation mentioned the success of the Water Taxi that was available in 2024 in addition to shuttle bus service versus previous years where shuttle service was the only public transit option; Ad campaign directing the public to take advantage of the public transit options rather than drive in; Added Bike Station in Pride Park, which saw a lot of usage; Plans to expand the successful portions of 2024's Art Basel Transportation Plan are being made for 2025. Discussion held.
 - L. Kolko presented community feedback she received regarding the lack of Water Taxi availability, customer experience on shuttle buses, and customer service feedback for Art Basel transit workers.

X. Other Business

- **Gas Station Prices in Miami Beach (J. Squire)**
 - Brief discussion held about the difference in gas prices on Mainland Miami vs Miami Beach.

XI. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: February 10, 2025

