
**Transit, Connectivity & Mobility Committee
Meeting Minutes**

200 S. Biscayne Blvd., Suite 2929, Miami, FL 33131

Tuesday, March 7, 2017 | 9:00 A.M

DDA Conference Room

Committee Members Present:

Alan Ojeda, Chair and Miami DDA Board Member

Marta Vicedo, Miami DDA Board Member

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1. Presentations:

None

2. Committee Action/Discussion Items:

- a. Ideas on how to initiate or support initiatives to increase transit ridership

Christina Crespi said that the Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works is working on an initiative to re-brand the metromover to increase ridership. Committee Chair, Alan Ojeda said that he agrees on supporting initiatives to increase transit ridership. However; he feels that ridership has to do with the quality of the product, in this case quality of the metromover service, and instead of re-branding the metromover, more effort should be put into making it a better product, so that ridership increases because the whole system works properly.

Ms. Crespi explained that Alice Bravo was not able to attend today's committee meeting, as she is attending the County Commission meeting. However, she has been invited to attend the next committee meeting to discuss metromover issues.

Committee member, Marta Vicedo mentioned that in other cities where she has travelled to, the transit system is effective, because the service is not free, and was thinking that if the metromover service were not free, maybe some of the transit issues we are experiencing with the service would improve. *Ms. Crespi said that she would be sending a Miami-Dade County report that addresses free vs paid metromover ridership to the Committee members.*

- b. Resolution for consideration: 25 MPH speed limit (PPZ)

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIAMI DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ("DDA") OF THE CITY OF MIAMI ("CITY"), FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ("COUNTY") AND THE CITY TO DIRECT THEIR STAFF TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PLAN TO LOWER THE SPEED LIMIT TO TWENTY-FIVE (25) MILES PER HOUR ("MPH") ON ALL STREETS WITHIN THE DDA

DISTRICT (“DOWNTOWN MIAMI”) THAT ARE CLASSIFIED AS PART OF THE CITY OR COUNTY STREET SYSTEMS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 334.03 OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES AND SECTION 30-299 OF THE COUNTY CODE.

Committee member, Marta Viciado expressed her support for the proposed resolution. Committee Chair, Alan Ojeda said that he would support the proposed resolution, however; he felt that reducing the speed limit was not useful. Committee members agreed to add this item to the March DDA Board Agenda. *Committee Chair, Alan Ojeda would like clarification on the resolution language about what portions of the Downtown District would be covered under the proposed speed limit.*

3. Project Updates:

a. Pedestrian Priority Zone (PPZ)

DDA staff member Fabian de la Espriella provided a report on the PPZ that included the current initiatives, objectives, actions to date, status and lead agencies for each one of the priorities for Downtown Miami that were recommended at the previous committee meeting. *Committee Chair, Alan Ojeda said that he would like to have MPO come to report about the status of the tunnel, as we need to prioritize projects at committee level, not updates. Christina Crespi agreed to send a report for improvement and reliability of transit from the Miami-Dade County Transit Department to the committee members, this report would be available before the meeting with Alice Bravo.*

Executive Director, Alyce Robertson reported that the resolution approved by the DDA Board regarding waiver for sidewalk cafes fees has been forwarded to the City of Miami for their upcoming City Commission meeting.

b. SE/SW 1st Street Complete Streets Project

Fabian de la Espriella reported that a meeting would be scheduled with Alice Bravo, City of Miami representatives and Downtown Commander for complete streets project and implementation is expected for May 2017.

c. Other Business

Committee members agreed to change the committee meeting schedule

Bill Fitch to send Fabian de la Espriella and Alyce Robertson engineering plans for crosswalks in Brickell.

Alyce Robertson was tasked with sending a request to Jennifer Roderer to remove the 1080 Brickell phone booth.

Committee Chair, Alan Ojeda was invited to speak at the Miami-Dade County Chairman’s Policy Council in support of the SMART Plan.

Next meeting – TBD

Meeting Adjourned
