

AGENDA

Transit, Connectivity & Mobility Committee Meeting

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

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

DDA Conference Room

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Alan Ojeda, Chair and Miami DDA Board Member

Jerome Hollo, Miami DDA Board Member

Neisen Kasdin, Miami DDA Board Member

Richard Lydecker, Miami DDA Board Member

Marta Vicedo, Miami DDA Board Member

Santiago Eliashev

Rachel Johnson

1. Presentations:

- a. None

2. Committee Action/Discussion Items:

- a. Ideas on how to initiate or support initiatives to increase transit ridership
- 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, FLORIDA REQUESTING THE CITY MANAGER TO DIRECT THE OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PLAN TO LOWER SPEED LIMIT TO TWENTY-FIVE (25) MILES PER HOUR (MPH) ON ALL STREETS WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT CLASSIFIED AS PART OF THE CITY OF MIAMI STREET SYSTEM PURSUANT TO SECTION 334.03, FLORIDA STATUTES AND SECTION 30-299 OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CODE.

3. Project Updates:

- a. Pedestrian Priority Zone (PPZ)
- b. SE/SW 1st Street Complete Streets Project
- c. Signage and Wayfinding

Prior to the next committee meeting, a special briefing is being scheduled for the Committee Chair with Alice Bravo, Director of the Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) on the topic of Miami-Dade County DTPW Metromover expansion.

Next meeting – April 4, 2017 – Agenda items scheduled

- Miami River Tunnel feasibility study update – Presentation by MPO / ATKINS
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RESOLUTION NO. 000/2017

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WHEREAS, one of the 2025 Downtown Miami Master Plan goals is to “promote transit and regional connectivity” including recommendations to “rebalance roadways toward transit, pedestrians & cyclists, and enhancing safety and walkability of downtown streets”; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami adopted Ordinance 13-01146 on January 2014 amending Chapter 14, Article II of the Code of the City of Miami, establishing a ‘Downtown Pedestrian Priority Zone’, setting boundaries, establishing standards for pedestrian comfort and safety; and

WHEREAS, Miami Dade County adopted Resolution R-347-14 on April 2014 supporting the creation of a ‘Downtown Pedestrian Priority Zone’ in Downtown Miami, providing direction to set up a process in coordination with the City of Miami by which the ‘Downtown Pedestrian Priority Zone’ may be implemented consistent with the requirements of the Miami Dade County Code and other applicable laws; and

WHEREAS, designating a 25 mile per hour (MPH) speed limit is one of the standards established as part of the ‘Downtown Pedestrian Priority Zone’ for pedestrian comfort and safety as specified on City of Miami Ordinance 13-01146.

WHEREAS, the City of Miami adopted Resolutions R-16-0560 on November 2016 and R-16-0620 on December 2016 directing City staff to develop and implement a plan to lower the posted speed limit on all City streets on low density residentially zoned neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County Metropolitan Planning Organization's Downtown Miami Bicycle-Pedestrian Mobility Plan recommends the establishment of a Modal Priority Zone to safeguard the exceptional urban context of downtown Miami; and

WHEREAS, the Miami Comprehensive Neighborhood Plan promotes a strong urban core served by mass transit and characterized by high-density mixed-use development and a pedestrian-friendly environment; and

WHEREAS, Miami Dade Metro areas is ranked 4th amongst the urban areas with highest pedestrian and bicyclist crash rates in the Unites States; and

WHEREAS, other major cities in the country and worldwide have been establishing citywide or districtwide 25 MPH speed limits to cut down on traffic deaths, as its been proven through studies that the chances of serious injury or death rise rapidly above a collision speed of 25 MPH.

WHEREAS, the implementation of the Downtown Pedestrian Priority Zone provides for enhanced pedestrian comfort and safety standards for the design of all public rights-of-way, which promotes the safety, health, amenity, economic vitality and general welfare of downtown Miami; and

WHEREAS, various persons have spoken in favor of this measure as it will benefit the public safety, reduce traffic accidents and fatalities, and protect the quality of life of Downtown residents; and

WHEREAS, follow up actions to the adoption of this resolution include requesting the required approvals of Miami Dade County (“County”), as the County controls traffic signalization and speeds within the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the board of directors of the Miami Downtown Development Authority of the City of Miami, Florida:

Section 1. The recitals and findings contained in the Preamble to this Resolution are adopted by reference and incorporated as if fully set for this in this Section.

Section 2. The Board of Directors of the Miami DDA requests the City Manager to direct the Office of Transportation and the Department of Public Works to develop and implement a plan to lower speed limit to 25 miles per hour (mph) on all streets within the Downtown district classified as part of the City of Miami street system pursuant to section 334.03, Florida statutes and section 30-299 of the Miami Dade County Code.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of March, 2017

Commissioner Ken Russell, Chairman

Alyce M. Robertson, Executive Director

ATTEST:

Karry Maravilla
Secretary of the Board of Directors