

# **MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX)**

## **BOARD MEETING**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2011  
4:00 PM**

**WILLIAM M. LEHMAN MDX BUILDING  
3790 NW 21<sup>ST</sup> STREET  
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33142**

### **SUMMARY MINUTES**

#### **Members Present:**

Felix Lasarte, Esq., Chair  
Jorge M. Vigil, Esq., Treasurer  
Gus Pego, P. E., District VI Secretary  
Shelly Smith Fano  
Maurice Ferré – in attendance via phone  
Maritza Gutierrez  
Al Maloof, Ph.D.  
Gonzalo Sanabria  
Yvonne Soler McKinley– in attendance via phone  
Norman Wartman

#### **Members Absent:**

Louis V. Martinez, Esq., Vice Chair  
Robert W. Holland, Esq.  
Nick A. Inamdar

#### **Staff:**

Javier Rodriguez, Executive Director  
Pamela Leslie, General Counsel  
Steve Andriuk, Director, Toll Operations  
Marie Schafer, Chief Financial Officer  
Alfred Lurigados, Director of Engineering  
Helen Cordero, Manager of Procurement and Contracts Administration  
Cindy Polo, Communications Manager  
Maria Luisa Navia Lobo, Board Secretary

#### **Consultants:**

Transportation: John Martel, HNTB (GEC-A)  
Chris Bucknor, EAC Consultants (GEC-B)  
Finance: Lakshmi McGrath, First Southwest Co.

### **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

Chair Lasarte called the meeting to order and asked Ms. Navia Lobo to call the roll and

announced that a quorum was not present.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Lasarte asked Mr. Vigil to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS**

As customary, Ms. Leslie asked if Members present had any conflicts of interest to declare in regards to the agenda. No conflicts were declared.

Due to lack of quorum, Mr. Lasarte recommended addressing the Executive Director report next.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Rodriguez reported on the following issues since the last Board Meeting:

- February 3<sup>rd</sup> – Participated in a community initiative/discussion, The Miami Brain Trust – sponsored by CEOs for Cities and co-hosted by Florida International University. A nationwide effort creating a new future for cities.
- February 4<sup>th</sup> – Meeting with Representative Carlos Trujillo
- February 7<sup>th</sup> – Invited along with OOCEA and THEA to present in front of the Florida Senate Transportation Committee. Staff for the Transportation Committee put together an issue brief on lease purchase agreements. MDX owes the State nothing, in the transfer MDX took over all debt the State had on the facilities, MDX issued Bonds and paid the debt. [Presentation is filed with the Board Secretary]
- February 9<sup>th</sup> – State of the Ports Briefing
- Projects Update:
  - SR 874 Killian Parkway reconstruction – Completion is scheduled for June 2011
  - SR 83622 project – Eastbound auxiliary lanes from 57<sup>th</sup> avenue to 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue – Completion is scheduled for June 2011
  - SR 836.SR 826 Interchange Project. On budget
  - SR 874/SR 826 Intersection – Section 2 – on budget Scheduled completion is scheduled for February 2012 bonus date
  - SR 924 West extension – Alternatives workshop was held on January 26, 2011
  - SR 874 Extension - Alternatives Workshop – Public hearing is scheduled for September 2011

Mr. Rodriguez entertained questions from Members.

Mr. Lasarte announced that a quorum of the Board was present and recommended addressing the summary minutes.

### **APPROVAL OF SUMMARY MINUTES**

- Board Meeting of January 25, 2011

Mr. Lasarte referred to the summary minutes corresponding to the January 25, 2011 Board meeting. Mr. Ferre' moved to approve the summary minutes. Mr. Wartman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT**

Ms. Leslie reported that a copy of the letter discussed at the last Board Meeting addressed to the Securities and Exchange Commission regarding the registration of municipal advisors is included in the folder distributed at the meeting. Ms. Leslie thanked the Board and Executive Director for the opportunity to attend the IBTTA Leadership Academy in Washington, DC. Ms. Leslie entertained questions from Members.

Mr. Lasarte referred to the General Counsel's annual evaluation and appointed Ms. Gutierrez, Mr. Holland and Mr. Vigil to the evaluation Committee.

### **MPO REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT**

Ms. Gutierrez reported there was no meeting in February 2011.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Vigil reported Overall Revenue is approximately \$ 73.8 million which is \$1.4 million above the forecast. Tolls and Fee revenue are above forecast by approximately \$71.9 million reaching 60% of the overall forecast of \$121.7 million. Investment income is \$405,000 below the \$1.7 million forecast and continues to be a challenge due to the state of the economy and low interest rate environment.

Expenses for the 7 months through January 2011 are \$2.1 million below the \$22.5 million budget. Forecasted expenses are expected for FY 2011 to be within 3% of the annual budget. Interest expense is \$1.3 million below the \$27.2 million budget. Interest expenses for Series 2010 will begin to be expensed starting in February therefore, the savings will narrow in coming months.

As of January, the Authority is carrying on average a 10% of revenue receivables, down from 11% in December. Toll by Plate receivables are approximately \$6.8 million as of the end of January. Mr. Vigil clarified that the Authority has not written off any accounts, however, due to the lengthy bill process of: invoices, late notice, toll violation, collection agency and finally Traffic Citation, the Authority has taken a conservative approach to ensure that its current period cash flow obligations and compliance are completely met.

Ms. Gutierrez asked when the customer appreciation program will be funded. Mr. Rodriguez informed members that pursuant to the resolution approved, a line item on the budget will reflect what the Authority can afford for the program. This item will be thoroughly discussed during the Budget Workshop.

Ms. Gutierrez asked if the non-toll revenue can be earmarked to fund the customer appreciation program.

Mr. Ferre' asked for a comparison of the other Florida Toll agencies. Mr. Rodriguez informed Members that the Florida Transportation Commission oversight report should be complete by the next Board Meeting.

Mr. Vigil expressed the importance of having non-toll revenues tied to the customer rewards program.

Mr. Sanabria requested a comparison of the toll rate-per-mile against other Florida Toll Agencies. Mr. Rodriguez informed members that the rate is consistent with urban expressways.

Ms. Schafer and Mr. Rodriguez entertained questions from Members.

Mr. Lasarte recommended that the customer rewards program be thoroughly discussed at the Budget Workshop.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A) Inter-Governmental & Public Communications, 2/8/11

Committee Reports were waived.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A) Travel Approval & Ratification:

- February 7, 2011, Trip to Tallahassee, Florida by Mr. Rodriguez to attend the Florida Senate Transportation Committee Meeting
- April 7-9, 2011 Trip to Jersey City, New Jersey by Mr. Rodriguez to attend the IBTTA Spring Board and Committee Meetings

Ms. Gutierrez moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Wartman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

A) Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between MDX and Florida East Coast Industries, Inc., to Explore and move forward with the concept of developing a Transportation Initiative along the Oleander Corridor.

Ms. Leslie read the regular agenda item for the record. The item was discussed at the MDX Visioning workshop held February 8, 2011.

Mr. Rodriguez introduced the item and explained MDX has been coordinating with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Miami-Dade County (MDC) on participating in the operation and further development of both the MIC and the South Dade Busway. The Oleander Corridor may provide further opportunity to provide significant additional connectivity between important transportation and economic centers in Miami Dade County. The existing South Dade Busway, Metrorail, and Transit ridership potentially would benefit from a more direct connection to MIA, both for the numerous employees and users of the airport, as well as the public in general.

The MOU provides that MDX and Flagler agree to work together in an initial planning effort with the intention of entering into the necessary agreements to develop a transportation corridor to operate within the Flagler right of way.

Mr. Lasarte asked staff to meet with the commissioners and stakeholders in the area as well as reaching out to CSX and move along the CSX corridor project.

Mr. Sanabria moved to approve the MOU between MDX and Flagler. Mr. Maloof seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- B) Approval of Resolution No. 11-01: Factors for Consideration by MDX in Relation to Future Development of Express Coach Service or Other Opportunities for the Carriage of Passengers – (Discussed at the Visioning Workshop – Session Two on 2/8/11)

Mr. Lasarte informed members the Resolution was deferred to Committee and will be discussed at the March 15, 2011 Policy & Planning Committee Meeting.

#### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- A) Procurement Report

Mr. Rodriguez reminded Members that the Small Business Workshop will be held in June 2011.

#### **CHAIR'S COMMENTS**

Mr. Lasarte recommended the Board and Committee meeting agendas only be distributed to Members electronically to save on paper and courier costs.

He requested the correspondence received from Senator Souto regarding the landscaping on SR 836 should be a discussion item at the next Inter-Governmental & Public Communications Committee meeting.

Mr. Lasarte requested that a proposed Public Comment Policy be discussed at the next Policy & Planning Committee meeting scheduled for March 15, 2011.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Operations Committee Meeting, 3/10/11, 10:00 a.m., William M. Lehman MDX Building
- Policy & Planning Committee Meeting, 3/15/11, 10:00 a.m. William M. Lehman MDX Building
- MDX Visioning Workshop – Session Three 3/29/11, 2:00 p.m., William M. Lehman MDX Building
- Board of Directors Meeting, 3/29/11, 4:00 PM, William M. Lehman MDX Building

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Lasarte.

Summary Minutes prepared by Maria Luisa Navia Lobo, Board Secretary.