

MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX)

BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2011
4:00 PM

WILLIAM M. LEHMAN MDX BUILDING
3790 NW 21ST STREET
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33142

Members Present:

Felix Lasarte, Esq., Chair
Louis V. Martinez, Esq., Vice Chair
Jorge M. Vigil, Esq., Treasurer
Gus Pego, P. E., District VI Secretary
Shelly Smith Fano
Maritza Gutierrez
Robert W. Holland, Esq. - in attendance via phone
Nick A. Inamdar
Al Maloof, Ph.D.
Yvonne Soler McKinley
Norman Wartman

Members Absent:

Maurice Ferré
Gonzalo Sanabria

Staff:

Javier Rodriguez, Executive Director
Pamela Leslie, General Counsel
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 present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Lasarte asked Ms. Smith Fano to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

DECLARATION OF VOTING CONFLICTS

Ms. Leslie informed Members that there were no action items on the agenda that could subject Members to a voting conflict.

CITIZEN COMMENT

There were no requests this month for the opportunity to make comment to the Board.

APPROVAL OF SUMMARY MINUTES

- Board Meeting of May 31, 2011

Mr. Lasarte referred to the summary minutes. Ms. Soler Mckinley moved to approve the summary minutes corresponding to the May 31st, 2011 meeting. Mr. Wartman seconded the motion, the motion was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rodriguez gave a recap of the FY 2011 accomplishments and upcoming challenges for MDX. Three issues staff is working on.

1. Staff is participating with FDOT District VI and District IV, and FTE on the value pricing pilot program.
2. New auditors began the process of preliminary work. They met with staff and visited the AMTEC.
3. Mr. Rodriguez attended the climate leadership academy in Washington, DC.

Toll Operations

- SR874/SR878 ORT went live in June & July 2011
- SunPass® penetration has exceeded 82%
- MDX has Cultivated partnerships such as those with the Tampa Hillsborough Expressway Authority
- MDX is working with Miami-Dade County on the conversion to SunPass® at the Rickenbacker Causeway and MDX will be managing the back office for this operation on behalf of the County.

Engineering

- MDX Project No. 83622 opened in May
- Executed two PD&E contracts - US1 and SR 924 East. Public Alternative Workshop being held for SR924 East project on June 30, 2011
- Broke ground on the Central Boulevard Project
- Received bids on the second half of the SR 874 project
- Held three Visioning Sessions -
- ORT Workshop being scheduled for July 26, 2011 to discuss the ORT conversion at SR 112 and SR 836
- Completed installing ITS along four of the expressways, to provide real time information

Finance

- Successfully issued over \$400 million of Revenue Bonds
- Maintained a clean audit
- Maintained our Credit Rating
- Refunded Series 2000 and Series 2004A Bonds
- Met the majority of the Florida Transportation Commission's Performance Measures (15 out of 16)

Procurement

- Recently conducted MDX's 8th Annual Small Business Minority Workshop – 300 attendees – well attended
- Released 39 RFP's and awarded 28 contracts that totaled approximately \$124 million of which 18% was committed to small business and 12% committed to local business. Year to date 34% has gone to Small Businesses

Legal Dept.

- Conducted a review of all MDX policies, MDX resolutions and Bylaws
- Hired Associate Attorney/Risk Manager
- Continued year over year reduction of outside legal counsel fees
- Assisted in the completion of a new Employee Handbook

Public Communications

- Fostered partnerships with Miami-Dade College–
- Initiated the Safety Campaign “Text the Last Word” Don't Text and Drive - Participated in over 100 community events with activation of free preloaded SunPass® minis in exchange for making the pledge not to text and drive.
- Received the IBTTA Toll Excellence Award for Social Responsibility for ORT Campaign

Human Resources

- Staff size remains at 47 employees

- MDX only spends 7% of its operations budget on administrative costs
- Continued the college intern program and Commissioner Jordan's summer high school intern program

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

Ms. Leslie informed members she had a few comments prior to the election of Authority Officers

MPO REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Ms. Gutierrez reported the MPO approved the FDOT TIP and that the Rapid Transit study was approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Schafer reported staff met with Fitch Ratings Agency to give them a customary update. It is anticipated that MDX's ratings will remain the same. A press release will be distributed later in the week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A) Policy & Planning, 6/13/11
- B) Inter-Governmental & Public Communications, 6/21/11

Committee Reports were waived.

Mr. Rodriguez informed Members that at the last Public Communications Committee meeting he was asked to report back to the Board regarding the landscaping project on SR 836. The estimates and budget were reviewed, no Board approval is necessary, and for details, Mr. Lurigados and Mr. Toledo were available.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A) Travel Approval
 - 1. July 13-15, 2011, Trip to St. Petersburg, Florida by Board Member Ferre', Board Member Maloof and Mr. Rodriguez to attend the FBT-TEAMFL Transportation Summit

Ms. Gutierrez moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Ms. Soler McKinley seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

- A) Approval of TEAMFL Resolution in Support of Florida's Regional Toll Authorities

Ms. Leslie read the agenda item for the record. Mr. Rodriguez explained the resolution was endorsed

by the Inter-Governmental and Public Communications Committee. He informed Members that at the last TEAMFL meeting the resolution was developed in support of the Regional Toll Agencies and their significance. It recognizes the positive impact that the toll agencies have had in transportation and opposes any efforts to denigrate the status of the toll agencies in Florida. MDX is a member of TEAMFL.

Ms. Soler McKinley moved to approve the TEAMFL Resolution. Mr. Wartman Seconded the motion. Mr. Pego abstained. The motion was approved.

B) Approval to Rescind MDX Policies (Re-endorsed by the Policy & Planning Committee on 6/13/11)

- MDX Personnel Policy
- MDX Health and Wellness Policy
- MDX Recognition and Rewards Program Policy

Ms. Leslie read the agenda item for the record. She explained the Policy & Planning Committee re-confirmed acceptance of staff's recommendation that the existing Personnel, Reward and Recognition, and Health and Wellness Policies be rescinded. The Board previously adopted the General Policies which address the primary significant broad Personnel related matters of the Authority. Staff was directed to develop an MDX Employee Handbook and that document will be put into effect by the Executive Director effective July 1, 2011.

Ms. Soler McKinley moved to approve to rescind the MDX Policies as proposed by staff and the Policy and Planning Committee. Mr. Wartman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

C) Election of Authority Officers

Ms. Leslie briefed Members on the voting procedures referring to the memo included in the agenda package and moderated the elections. She informed Members that the outcome of the elections will take effect on July 1, 2011. Mr. Holland joined the meeting via teleconference.

Chair

Ms. Leslie opened the nominations for office of Chair. Mr. Maloof moved to nominate Mr. Lasarte for the office of Chair. Mr. Wartman seconded the motion. Mr. Lasarte accepted the nomination. Ms. Leslie closed the nominations.

Mr. Wartman moved to elect Mr. Lasarte to the office of Chair by acclamation. Mr. Inamdar seconded the motion. Ms. Soler McKinley opposed the motion. The motion was approved.

Vice Chair

Ms. Leslie opened the nominations for the office of Vice Chair. Mr. Inamdar nominated Mr. Martinez for the office of Vice Chair. Ms. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Mr. Lasarte moved to nominate Ms. Smith Fano to the office of Vice Chair. Mr. Maloof seconded the motion.

Ms. Leslie closed the nominations. Mr. Martinez withdrew his nomination. Ms. Smith Fano accepted the nomination.

Ms. Soler McKinley moved to elect Ms. Smith Fano to the office of Vice Chair by acclamation. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer

Ms. Leslie opened the nominations for the office of Treasurer. Ms. Gutierrez nominated Mr. Martinez. Ms. Smith Fano seconded the motion.

Ms. Soler McKinley nominated Mr. Vigil for the office of Treasurer. Mr. Maloof seconded the motion.

Ms. Leslie informed Members that several questions were submitted to her by Board Members to be posed to candidates prior to any contested vote.

Mr. Martinez and Mr. Vigil answered questions submitted by Board Members.

Ms. Leslie asked Members to fill out the ballots and submit to Ms. Navia Lobo. Mr. Holland submitted his vote via email to Ms. Navia Lobo. When put to vote Mr. Vigil was elected Treasurer.

Secretary

Ms. Soler McKinley nominated Ms. Navia Lobo as Secretary. Mr. Wartman seconded the nomination. Ms. Navia Lobo was re-elected Secretary by acclamation.

Assistant Secretary

Ms. Soler McKinley nominated Ms. Figueroa as Assistant Secretary. Ms. Gutierrez seconded the nomination. Ms. Figueroa was re-elected Assistant Secretary by acclamation.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A) Procurement Report

The Informational Items were not addressed.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Lasarte thanked the Board for their support and stated the job of the chair comes down to three R's

1. Run the meeting
2. Recognize good ideas and move them forward
3. Respect for each other's ideas, not only in the board for those that speak before the body.

The key issues for the next year are ORT and how it is implemented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Operations Committee Meeting, 7/19/11, 10:00 AM, William M. Lehman MDX Building
- Board of Directors Meeting , 7/26/11, 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.