



MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY

CITIZEN COMMENT POLICY

PURPOSE

It is the policy of the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority (MDX) to conduct its public meetings in an effective and efficient manner, and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 286, Florida Statutes. Pursuant to Section 286.0114, members of the public must be offered the opportunity to comment on a proposition before a board or commission subject to certain limitations. The opportunity to comment does not have to occur at the same meeting the Board will take action official action, but rather prior to be the Board taking official action on the subject matter. It is essential to the orderly functioning of the MDX Board of Directors (the “Board”) and its designated committees (collectively, the “Committees”), that public comments at meetings of the Board and Committees (collectively, “Public Meetings”) be offered in an orderly and non-disruptive manner. This policy designates the manner in which public comments may be offered at Public Meetings.

DECORUM

All persons addressing the Board or a Committee at a Public Meeting shall speak in a respectful manner and shall avoid the use of offensive or abusive language or conduct, so that the order and decorum necessary for the efficient and effective operation of a governmental meeting is maintained at all times.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

1. The agenda for every Public Meeting shall include an item titled “Public Comment” and shall be placed in order prior to the Board or Committee action items.
2. The Chair shall, at the beginning of each Public Meeting, following the approval of the minutes and any ministerial adjustments to the agenda, recognize those persons who desire to speak on any proposition on the agenda or other matter pertinent to MDX under the “Public Comment” portion of the agenda. The speaker must state his name and address for the record.
3. During Board meetings, all comments will be made during the “Public Comment” period, unless a speaker desires to comment upon a Public Hearing item, which comment shall occur immediately prior to the Board discussing the Public Hearing item.



4. Regardless of the nature of the comments, each speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes and one speaker may not cede their time to another in order to extend the three (3) minutes for a single speaker. The aggregate time allotted for public comments shall not exceed thirty (30) minutes.
5. The aggregate time allotted for all Public Comments may be extended by a vote of at least two thirds of the Members present.

LIMITATIONS ON PUBLIC COMMENT

Neither the Board nor the Committees shall be required to allow for public comment in the following circumstances:

1. For an official act that must be taken to deal with an emergency situation effecting the public health, welfare, or safety, if permitting public comment would cause an unreasonable delay in the ability of the Board or Committee to act;
2. An official act involving no more than a ministerial act, including, but not limited to, approval of minutes and ceremonial proclamations;
3. During a meeting that is exempt from s. 286.011 Fla. Stat.; or
4. During a meeting at which the Board or Committee is acting in a quasi-judicial capacity.

Adopted by the Governing Board on 21st day of April 2015.