

**MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX)  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2019  
4:00 PM**

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

**SUMMARY MINUTES**

**Members Present**

Carlos A. Gimenez, Chair  
Louis V. Martinez, Esq., Vice Chair  
Luz Weinberg Treasurer  
James Wolfe, P. E., District VI Secretary  
Leonard Boord  
Arthur J. Meyer

**Members Absent**

Shelly Smith Fano  
Maritza Gutiérrez,

**Staff**

Javier Rodriguez, P.E., Executive Director  
Marie T. Schafer, Director of Finance/CFO  
Steve Andriuk, Director of Toll Operations  
Juan C. Toledo, P.E., Director of Engineering  
Carlos Zaldivar, General Counsel  
María Luisa Navia Lobo, Board Secretary

**Consultants**

Albert Sosa, HNTB (GEC-A)  
Rick Crooks, EAC Consultants (GEC-B)  
Randy Topel, Hilltop Securities  
Edward Regan, CDM Smith  
David Aron, CDM Smith

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Gimenez called the meeting to order.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Gimenez asked Mr. Martinez to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **ROLL CALL**

Ms. Navia Lobo called the roll and announced that a quorum of the MDX Board was present.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Rodriguez recommended withdrawing Agenda item VIII. A, this item does not need Board approval.

Mr. Martinez moved to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Boord seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **DECLARATIONS OF VOTING CONFLICTS**

No conflicts were declared.

## **CITIZEN COMMENT**

No comments

Mr. Martinez requested a moment of silence remembering former MDX Board Member Maurice A. Ferre that passed away September 19, 2019.

## **CHAIR'S COMMENTS**

Chair Gimenez reiterated what Vice Chair Martinez said, "Mayor Ferre will be remembered as the "Father of the Modern Miami." He added, "Mayor Ferre was always looking ahead to make Miami a better place to live. He had great vision on transportation and consider him one of his mentors."

## **APPROVAL OF SUMMARY MINUTES & TPO REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

- Board Meeting of June 25, 2019

Mr. Martinez moved to approve the summary minutes. Mr. Boord seconded the motion. The Summary minutes were unanimously approved.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Rodriguez briefed Members on the following matters:

- All the procurements that were approved last month are underway. He thanked Board Members for oversight and the procurement staff for expediting.
- Nominated Government Agency of the Year by the Latin Builders Association. Didn't win but we appreciate the recognition by our local builders.

- Recognized Gregory Harleston, Construction Public Information Officer. The Fontainebleau Community Association presented him with a plaque of appreciation for resolving their issues.
- Attended the 87<sup>th</sup> Annual IBTTA meeting. The topics that were discussed were of urgent importance; Mobility as a service, Can Innovative Transit save congested urban tollways, Role of Toll Operators in the provision of mobility as a service. These are worldwide issues.
- Definition of “**Mobility as a Service** - *The seamless infinitely adaptable delivery of mobility, together with associated travel planning, by providing alternative modes of operation, traveler information and necessary ticketing and payment services provided by a personal digital interface for all modes of transport.* ”

Secretary Wolfe informed members that he will be speaking at the next TEAMFL meeting October 3-4, 2019.

Chair Gimenez informed of the unveiling of VELOS Application. This was part of the Fast Track process (Singularity University). The app tries to change behavior by rewarding individuals using a transportation mode that does not utilize a car.

### **TPO REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Mr. Rodriguez informed members the TPO meeting is scheduled for the following Thursday.

### **GENERAL COUNSEL’S REPORT**

Mr. Zaldivar reported on the following:

- ETCC update – appellate arguments in front of third district court of appeals will be on November 12, 2019.

### **TREASURER’S REPORT**

Ms. Weinberg informed members the Treasurer’s report is deferred until next month to include the auditor’s report

- The Frequent Drivers Rewards program checks will be mailed out the week before Thanksgiving, for a total amount of \$5.9 million for the 51,000 users that qualified. 96% of the users are Miami-Dade County residents and 4% were from Broward County. Of the 96%, the highest users were from the City of Miami (22%), West Kendall (14%), Hialeah, Homestead and South Miami (5%).
- Pursuant to HB 385, Section 16 required, in addition to the annual audit, that the Auditor General of the State of Florida submit a report to the *Governor, President of the Senate* and Speaker of the House by October 1, 2019 with the financial situation of the agency. A draft report is completed with a positive finding and the Authority’s financial situation is good.
- The second part was to conduct a financial feasibility study on the toll rebate program that was promised under the HB 385 for up to 25% rebate. There were four projections and no forecasts that provided an ability to provide a 25% rebate.

- The third part was to conduct a financial feasibility study on the toll rate reduction. Findings were that an additional reduction was not possible without cutting projects.

Ms. Weinberg informed Members that the average amount of the rebate for the Frequent Driver Rewards program is \$112.00.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

A) MDX Work Program No. 92404.107.030 Supplemental Interlocal Agreement between Miami-Dade County and MDX for the Construction of a Canal along NW 107<sup>th</sup> Avenue Between NW 138<sup>th</sup> Street and NW 170<sup>th</sup> Street

- Approval of Supplemental Agreement.

The item was withdrawn

## **DISCUSSION ITEM**

A) Kendall Parkway update

Mr. Sosa presented the Kendall Parkway project update and highlighted the following:

- Right-of-way activities, willing sellers program underway and land swap
- Improve system connectivity
- Improve access to and from the area to major employment, educational and commercial centers
- Improve mobility for people and goods to serve existing and future travel demand
- Multimodal transportation opportunities
- Project Development Process
  - Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study
  - CDMP Amendment
  - Permitting Activities
  - Army Corp (ACOE)
    - EPA Aquatic Resource of National Importance (ARNI) designation
  - SFWMD
    - Pre-application coordination ongoing
    - Conceptual ERP application expected in Fall 2019
- Procurement Opportunities
- Procurement Strategy
- 4 Design/Build procurements for mainline phases
- 10 Construction procurements
- Over 20 Consultant procurements (design, inspection, materials testing, etc.)

- Over 10,000 job years created

Mr. Sosa entertained questions from Members. Members thoroughly discussed the project.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

#### A) Procurement Report

The informational item was not addressed

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Operations, External Communications & Inter-Governmental Committee Meeting, 10/28/19, 3:00 PM, William M. Lehman MDX Building – Board Room
- Finance, Policy & Planning Committee Meeting, 10/28/19
- Board Meeting, 10/28/19, 4:00 PM, William M. Lehman MDX Building – Board Room

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Board Meeting was adjourned.

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