

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

**JANUARY 28, 2022  
9:00 AM**

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

**SUMMARY MINUTES**

**Members Present**

Jose “Pepe” Diaz, Chairman  
Dennis C. Moss, Vice Chair  
Luz Weinberg Treasurer  
Darlene M. Fernandez, P.E.  
Shelly Smith Fano

**Members Absent**

Stacy L. Miller, P. E., District VI Secretary  
Jean Monestime

**Staff**

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

**Consultants**

Kevin Brown, HNTB (GEC-A)  
Rick Crooks, EAC Consultants (GEC-B)  
Gil Portela, HNTB (GEC-A)

## **CALL TO ORDER & MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Chairman Diaz called the meeting to order. He asked for a moment of silence and prayer.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice Chairman Moss led 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**

Vice Chairman Moss moved to approve the agenda. Board Member Smith Fano seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **DECLARATIONS OF VOTING CONFLICTS**

No conflict declared

## **CITIZEN COMMENT**

The following individuals addressed the Board regarding agenda Item II. A MDX Procurement/Contract RFP 22-01

1. Danielle Sanabria, 801 Arthur Godfrey Rd., Miami Beach, FL
2. Jeff Novothy, 29725 Chapel Park Dr. Wesley Chapel, FL
3. Michael Nash, Mnash@condotteamerica.com
4. Juan Restrepo, 6310 SW 65 Ave., Miami, FL
5. Walfrido Pevida, 2000 Salzedo St. Coral Gables, FL
6. Alex Halley, 5460 SW 82 Ave. Miami, FL
7. Ignacio Halley, 5121 SW 87 Ave., Miami, FL
8. Gayle Grady, Cypress Ridge Blvd., Wesley Chapel, FL

Chairman Diaz recommended addressing Agenda Items II. A, B, D & V. A, individually, and the following items be approved together; Consent agenda, Agenda Items II. C, F, G, & H

Board Member Smith Fano moved to approve the Consent agenda and Agenda Items II. C, E, F, G, & H. Vice Chairman Moss seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Board Member Smith Fano requested to approve the proposed Board Meeting dates distributed at the meeting. Board Member Fernandez informed Members that she will not be able to attend the March 29, 2022 meeting.

Board Member Smith Fano moved to accept the Board Meeting dates for 2022. Vice Chairman Moss seconded the motion the motion was unanimously approved.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

- A) MDX Procurement/Contract No.: RFP-22-01; MDX Work Program No. 83634.030 Design-Build Services for SR 836 New HEFT Ramp Connections

- Deem the Proposal received from OHLA USA, Inc. non-responsive
- Approval of TEC Recommendation to Select the Highest Ranked Proposer

Mr. Zaldivar introduced the item and informed members that he would like to go over a couple issues. He assured the Board that the procurements is legally sound and most importantly, the procedure for the subject procurements are followed and bidders are bidding in a fair environment. He added that the only decisions for this board today is whether the board agrees with a TEC recommendation to find OHL-USA nonresponsive and whether they approve the tech recommendation to award the contract to the highest rank, the pros are subject to price proposal analysis.

Mr. Rodriguez informed members that when staff makes a recommendation and lists it in the agenda item report, it's been thoroughly reviewed and recommended to the Board. The ultimate decision maker is the Board. Staff is available and prepared to respond to all the questions whether that are procurement related or engineering related. He further stated all three prices are sealed, the evaluations are all sealed, and the scores are also sealed and it will all depend on the Board's decision.

Vice Chairman Moss stated that the RFP required the bridge in multiple sections, alternative proposals are not allowed.

Board Member Fernandez stated there have been some statements made on technical misunderstanding versus what is required from the procurement and this is an engineering issue. This is not so much a procurement issue.

Gil Portela, (GEC-A, HNTB) entertained questions from Members and explained the RFP requirements and technical concepts. Mr. Portela clarified that Addendum Number Two does not allow ATC, an alternative technical concept, The reason being that this procurement is tied very closely to the Turnpike ongoing ramps, so MDX could not open it up to just start redesigning the entire interchange and Addendum Number Three required a bridge over 127.

Chairman Diaz thanked Members for the exceptional questions and stated that he was Board Oversight Member that sat in the Technical Evaluation Committee and the process was followed correctly and properly, he did not see anything that would show otherwise. He stated that he felt that the recommendation of staff should move forward unless anybody else has anything else to say on that.

Vice Chairman Moss moved to deem the Proposal received from OHLA USA, Inc. non-responsive. Treasurer Weinberg seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Rodriguez asked Ms. Buitrago to open the technical evaluation proposal scores and the price proposals on the spreadsheet as customary.

Mr. Rodriguez recommended moving forward with the other items on the agenda. And come back to the come back to the approval of the highest selected rank proposal.

B) MDX Procurement/Contract No.: RFQ-22-01; MDX Work Program No. 83634.050  
Construction Engineering & Inspection (CEI) Services for SR 836 New HEFT Ramp  
Connections

- Approval of TEC Recommendation to Select the Number One ranked Proposer
- Approval of Contract Award

Mr. Rodriguez introduced the item and explained this item is the request for qualifications for the CEI professional services contract. Four teams submitted RFQ. The Technical Evaluating Committee met on January 21 and ranked the proposers. The rankings are attached to your agenda item report and the ranking has Gannett Fleming as the highest ranked proposer.

Staff is recommending and the TEC recommends to select a number one ranked proposer Gannett Fleming and authorize staff to negotiate and enter into a contract not to exceed the amount of \$4,768,600.

Vice Chairman Moss moved to approve the TEC recommendation to select the number one ranked proposer, and approve the contract award to Gannett Fleming. Board Member Smith Fano seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

C) MDX Procurement/Contract No.: ITB-22-03; Fiber Optic Repair Services (\$409,278.50)

- Approval to Reject the Bid received from Attach Communications Corp.
- Approval of Contract Award

Board Member Smith Fano moved to approve the Consent agenda and Agenda Items II. C, E, F, G, & H. Vice Chairman Moss seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

D) MDX Procurement/Contract Nos.: MDX-22-03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12 and 13; MDX Emergency Contracts (\$2,405,000)

- Approval of Renewals and Extensions of Emergency Contracts
- Approval to Advertise the Specialty Contracts

Mr. Toledo briefed Member and explained that MDX Contract RFP-22-01, Asset Maintenance Services, with DBI Services, LLC was intended to provide the Authority with roadway maintenance services from July 2021 until the Contract expiration date of June 30, 2026. The maintenance services included all required systemwide facility and roadway maintenance services and the road ranger patrol services

On October 22, 2021, MDX received an email communication from DBI indicating that DBI was ceasing operations. The e-mail advised that “All employees are being terminated and fleet services are shutoff, including fueling. We have been directed to park all vehicles and shut down all facilities”. As a result and in order to maintain the existing condition and safety of the MDX System, the Executive Director directed Staff to procure eleven (11) emergency contracts as identified herein in accordance with the MDX Procurement Policy.

Staff re-evaluated the means of providing for the maintenance services on the MDX System and determined that it is in the best interest of the Authority to move away from the large and all-encompassing asset maintenance contract structure, and switch all services via individual service contracts managed directly by MDX staff and its general engineering consultants. Staff is requesting authority to procure individual specialty contracts to fulfil the responsibilities traditionally assigned to the Asset Maintenance Contractor. Staff anticipates that this approach will provide MDX with additional flexibility in providing the required Services, a higher level of service, and a lower overall cost to MDX.

Vice Chair Moss stated that he would like to make sure that MDX continues to be the standard bearer, as it relates to maintenance and esthetics along roadways. He further stated that as the founder of the Community Image Advisory Board for the County, we looked at MDX, and always

stood out as being a shining star as it relates to how our roadways should be maintained throughout the entire county.

Mr. Toledo entertained questions from Members. The item was thoroughly discussed.

Vice Chairman Moss moved to approve the Renewals and Extensions of Emergency Contracts, and the Approval to Advertise the Specialty Contracts, Board Member Smith Fano seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **Agenda Item II. A RFP-22-01 Results**

At this time, Mr. Rodriguez recommended going back to Agenda Item II. A RFP-22-01 to show the results of and then take up the second part of that motion, which is to approve the highest ranked proposer

Ms. Buitrago read for the record the number one ranked proposer was Halley Engineering Contractors, Inc. with an adjusted score of 46792.48. The number two ranked proposer was Condotte America, LLC with an adjusted score of 55652.60. She advised that the results would be posted on the MDX website.

Vice Chairman Moss moved to approve the Highest Ranked Proposer Halley Engineering Contractors, Inc. Treasurer Weinberg seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

E) MDX Procurement/Contract No.: MDX-16-01; MDX Work Program No. 83611 SR 836/I-95 Interchange Improvements (\$982,440.94)

- Approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 6

Board Member Smith Fano moved to approve the Consent agenda and Agenda Items II. C, E, F, G, & H. Vice Chairman Moss seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

F) Donation of Parcel 92404-100A To Miami-Dade County for the NW 107<sup>th</sup> Avenue Roadway Widening and Canal Construction

- Approval of Donation of Parcel 92404-100A To Miami-Dade County for the NW 107<sup>th</sup> Avenue Roadway Widening and Canal Construction

Board Member Smith Fano moved to approve the Consent agenda and Agenda Items II. C, E, F, G, & H. Vice Chairman Moss seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

G) MDX Work Program No. 83618-009 Widening of SW 137<sup>th</sup> Avenue from SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street to SW 26<sup>th</sup> Street

- Approval of Interlocal Construction and Maintenance Agreement between Miami-Dade Expressway Authority and Miami-Dade County

Board Member Smith Fano moved to approve the Consent agenda and Agenda Items II. C, E, F, G, & H. Vice Chairman Moss seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

H) MDX Procurement/Contract No.: ITB-15-02; MDX Work Program No. 10019.050 Customer Service Center Personnel

- Approval to assign the current MDX Contract No. ITB-15-02 from Faneuil, Inc. to TTEC Government Solutions, LLC

Board Member Smith Fano moved to approve the Consent agenda and Agenda Items II. C,E, F, G, & H. Vice Chairman Moss seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A) Approval of Fiscal Year 2021 Audited Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), Disposal of Fixed Assets and Contribution of Assets to Other Entities. (Presented at the December 3, 2021 meeting)

B) Travel Approval & Ratification

- November 9, 2021 Trip to Tampa, FL by Executive Director Rodriguez to attend the 2021 CUTR Transportation Achievement Awards
- November 29 – 30, 2021 Travel to Orlando, FL by Executive Director Rodriguez to attend the 2021 Florida Automated Vehicles Summit

Board Member Smith Fano moved to approve the Consent agenda and Agenda Items II. C, E, F, G, & H. Vice Chairman Moss seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **APPROVAL OF SUMMARY MINUTES**

- Board Meeting of September 30, 2021
- Board Meeting of December 3, 2021

Vice Chairman Moss moved to approve the summary minutes. Board Member Smith Fano seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A) The Kendall Parkway Multimodal Trail – a Sustainable Environmental Project

Mr. Rodriguez introduced Mr. Ajamil who will make a presentation on the Kendall Parkway, and the opportunities. Mr. Ajamil presented the Kendall Parkway

He gave Members a brief summary of the history of when the project was first introduced as part of the MDX is long range plan was back in 2003. And at that time, everyone was well aware of the implications, the benefits, the concerns, the opportunities that would be raised. But that process was a process in which the Board fully participated. It was very participatory process in choosing projects, and sifting through a variety of projects, trying to fit what where could MDX contribute to the transportation and mobility needs of the community. And without a doubt, this came out as the most highly ranked project of the group. So here we are, 19 years later with the project moving

and entering one of the most critical parts of the of the planning itself. So to date, the concept has been developed, in general, the initial PDE has been finished, and now starts the plan of developing the detailed vision so that the project can move forward towards our execution. Today, we want to talk about that vision, how to mold it, how to think about the project, the opportunities, and most importantly, how it can all come together in a as a positive project that is embraced by all. The project the sole purpose is to improve the quality of life, a hundreds of thousands of people that live in the Kendall, South Dade area and West Dade area. It's not about development. It's not about expansion. It is about improving that quality of life.

Members thoroughly disused the presentation and thanked Mr. Ajamil.

Chairman Diaz asked for the presentation to be presented at the County and TPO.

Mr. Rodriguez stated that “he was confident when the PD&E and the NEPA study were conducted, that it was a win, win. But I also understand that when we create documents and develop documents, most of it is two dimensional. They're just steps that we have to follow. What Mr. Ajamil has done is making it three dimensional, he's bringing life to it. He further stated this Kendall Parkway Project is going to be the hallmark of the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority for generations to come and we are looking forward to see it open.”

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

### A) Procurement Report

Not addressed

As requested by Board Member Fernandez, Mr. Toledo gave a brief summary update of the LED conversion. He stated that currently MDX pays current flat rates with FPL, staff is looking at the differences between paying flat rate and going with two meters on the system. A report will be presented next month.

## **REPORTS**

### A) Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Weinberg reported the numbers are strong and getting back to full capacity

The Treasurer’s report is part of the agenda package and filed with the Board Secretary.

### B) Executive Directors Report

Mr. Rodriguez informed Members that he will be retiring from public service.

He stated “I think the best years of MDX are ahead of us. I truly believe that change is necessary. I will always, always be a fan of MDX. I will always support the Authority’s mission.” He thanked Board Members, previous Boards and staff for their support and all that had been accomplished.

He further stated that he looks forward to the next challenges not only for the Authority, but for himself, because at the end of the day, change is only a sign of imminent personal growth.

Vice Chairman Moss moved to extend Mr. Rodriguez employment contract with the same terms for the transitions period of selecting a new executive director. Ms. Smith Fano seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Board Meeting, 2/25/2022, 9:00 AM, William M. Lehman MDX Building - Board Room

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chairman Moss made the Motion to Adjourn and seconded by all members.

Summary Minutes prepared by MariaLuisa Navia Lobo, Board Secretary.

*Minutes are in summary form. For an electronic copy of the meeting recording please contact [boardsecretary@mdxway.com](mailto:boardsecretary@mdxway.com)*