

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

**BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2013  
4:00 PM**

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

**Members Present:**

Maurice A. Ferré, Chair  
Shelly Smith Fano, Vice Chair  
Gonzalo Sanabria, Treasurer  
Gus Pego, P. E., District VI Secretary  
Carlos R. Fernandez-Guzman  
Alfredo L. Gonzalez  
Maritza Gutierrez  
Jose M. Hevia  
Robert W. Holland, Esq. – in attendance via phone  
Louis V. Martinez, Esq.  
Rick Rodriguez Piña  
Norman Wartman

**Members Absent:**

Felix Lasarte, Esq.

**Staff:**

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

**Consultants:**

Transportation:       John Becker, HNTB (GEC-A)  
                                  Chis Bucknor, EAC Consultants (GEC-B)  
                                  Tere Garcia, Bermello Ajamil (GEC-A)

Finance:                 Randy Topel, First Southwest Co.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Ferré called the meeting to order. Ms. Navia Lobo called the roll and announced a quorum of the MDX Board was present.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Ferré asked Vice Chair Smith Fano to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **DECLARATIONS OF VOTING CONFLICTS**

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

### **CITIZEN COMMENT**

No citizen comment requests were received this month.

### **APPROVAL OF SUMMARY MINUTES**

- Board Meeting of April 30, 2013

Chair Ferré referred to the summary minutes corresponding to the April 30, 2013 meeting. Mr. Martinez moved to approve the summary minutes. Mr. Wartman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

Mr. Rodriguez reported on issues of interest since the last board meeting.

- Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce Annual Goals conference – the transportation session is Thursday, May 30, 2013
- June 6, 2013 – CITT Transportation Summit – MDX Board Members and staff are participating.
- Proclamation from Miami-Dade County – May 16, 2013 MDX for Business Day.

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

Ms. Leslie reported on the following items:

- Process for Election of Authority Officers – for the June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting
- Two memos that were sent out to Board Members – As a cure pursuant to Chapter 286 – the contents of the memos were placed on the record at the publicly noticed meeting.

### **MPO REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Ms. Gutierrez reported on the last MPO meeting.

- Congratulations to Secretary Pego for the Approval of the D #6 TIP.
- FTE – presented the premium lanes project - the item was not approved FTE was asked to come back with additional information/facts.
- The MPO will redo the MOU with MDC to become independent. This item will be addressed by the County Commission.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Ms. Schafer reported year-to-date revenues are tracking 5% of the budget. Overall expenses are 5% below the budget. MDX is on track for meeting its coverage requirements and projections for year end at 1.45. The month of March reflects adjustment to revenues.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A) Operations Committee, 5/20/13

B) Budget & Finance Committee, 5/28/13

Committee reports were waived.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A) Travel Approval

- June 21-25, 2013, Trip to Baltimore, MD by Executive Director Rodriguez to attend IBTTA Board of Directors Conference planning meeting and Organization Management Workshop
- July 21-23, 2013, Trip to Denver, CO by Executive Director Rodriguez to attend the IBTTA Summit on AET and Interoperability
- July 24-26, 2013, Attendance by Board Member Wartman, FBT/TEAMFL/FTC Transportation Summit, The Biltmore Hotel, Coral Gables, FL (Registration Only)
- September 19-25, 2013, Trip to Vancouver, BC by Board Members and Executive Director Rodriguez to attend IBTTA Board and Governance Meetings (September 19-21) and IBTTA 81st Annual Meeting and Exhibition (September 22-25)

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

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

A) Board Approval of the MDX FY 2014-2018 Five-Year Work Program – Transportation Improvement, Capital Improvement and Renewal & Replacement Programs (\$869.3 Million) (Endorsed by the Operations Committee on 5/20/13)

Mr. Rodriguez introduced the item and explained the FY 2014-2018 Five Year Work Program has been delayed based on the decision to potentially re-visit the SR 836 toll rate action of the Board on March 19<sup>th</sup>. The Transportation Improvement Plan at the MPO has a footnote where it does not include any of MDX projects or work plan for the new fiscal year because of actions pending. For action today is the Work Program based on actions by the Board on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Should there be changes to toll rates on June 18th; modifications will be made to the plan with the customary amendment process through the MPO by reducing and/or removing projects from the Work Program. The Operations Committee endorsed the Work Program as presented.

Mr. Lurigados highlighted the Work Program process and informed Members that the proposed FY 2014-2018 is based on the March 19<sup>th</sup> Board action approving toll rates on SR 836 and SR 112 that included a seventy cent mainline SunPass @rate for the bi-directional gantries on SR 836.

The Five-Year Work Program fluctuates as priorities are re-evaluated, projects are completed, new projects are identified and the financial capabilities of the Authority evolve. The proposed Five-Year Work Program covers the five year period from Fiscal Year 2014 to Fiscal Year 2018 and includes fifty projects with a combined total estimated cost of approximately \$869.3 million including contingency reserve. The projects contained in the Five-Year Work Program have been grouped into three categories which include thirty projects in the Transportation Improvement Program, four projects in the Capital Improvement Program and sixteen projects in the Renewal and Replacement Program.

Mr. Lurigados gave an overview of the Work Program which prioritizes the advancement of mobility improvements on SR 836, funds long-range projects that support MDX's Strategic Plan, and maximizes the use of technology to close the System and increase safety and efficiency. Mr. Lurigados highlighted the following projects:

- Procurement of a system integrator for the conversion of SR 112 and SR 836 corridors to ORT.
- Funding of the design-build phase of the SR 874 Ramp Connector to SW 128<sup>th</sup> Street (87410). A portion of the project is being done in partnership with Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) as part of their HEFT widening project.
- Funding of construction and right-of-way for Phase 1 of the SR 836 / I-95 Interchange Improvements (83611).
- Funding of the design-build and right-of-way phase for the SR 836 Operational, Capacity and Interchange Improvements from NW 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue to NW 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue (83628).
- Funding of final design and right-of-way for the SR 924 Extension West to the HEFT (92404).
- Funding of construction for the SR 836 Interchange Modifications at 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue (83629) to tie into the SR 836/SR 826 Interchange Improvement project.
- Funding for the procurement and replacement of the ORT system on the SR 924, SR 878 and SR 874 corridors (10022-24).
- Funding of a PD&E study for the Connect 4 Express (20001) in order to advance the improvements to this north-south corridor.

Mr. Lurigados entertained questions from Members. The Work Program was thoroughly discussed.

Mr. Fernandez-Guzman moved to approve the FY 2014-2018 Five Year Work Program. Mr. Wartman seconded the motion. Ms. Gutierrez and Ms. Smith Fano opposed the motion. Ms. Gutierrez stated that the work program is a very good one; she would be consistent in the vote and opposed the motion because at this time she does not believe it is prudent to increase the tolls at any given time and to use those toll dollars to improve other areas that are not specific to SR836.

Ms. Navia Lobo called the role.

Fernandez-Guzman, Carlos R.	-aye	Sanabria, Gonzalo	-aye
Gonzalez, Alfredo L.	-aye	Rodriguez Piña, Rick J.	-aye
Gutierrez, Maritza	-nay	Wartman, Norman R.	-aye
Hevia, Jose	-aye	Secretary Pego, Gus	-aye
Holland, Robert W.	-aye	Vice-Chair, Smith Fano, Shelly	-nay
Lasarte, Felix M.	-absent	Chair, Ferré, Maurice A.	-aye
Martinez, Louis V.	-aye		

The motion was approved.

B) MDX Work Program Number 87410.030; Design-Build Services for SR 874 Ramp Connector (\$29,425,872.04) (Endorsed by the Operations Committee on 5/20/13)

- Approval of a Locally Funded Agreement (LFA) with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and
- Approval of an Inter-Local Agreement (ILA) with Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise (FTE)

Mr. Lurigados explained that MDX recently completed the PD&E for the SR 874 Ramp Connector and began coordination with FTE for the design and construction of the portion of the project which crosses over the Homestead Extension of the Florida’s Turnpike (HEFT). FTE will be widening the HEFT in this area as part of a larger FTE project. In order to minimize the impact on users of both roadways, FTE and MDX have agreed that it is in the best interest of the public, in both time and cost, to complete the projects together. MDX will proceed with acquisition of the necessary right-of-way for the western portion of the project and will finalize the conceptual designs for the connections into SR 874 mainline and onto SW 128th Street to be accomplished in MDX’s future 874-10 Project. Completion of the overall MDX 874 Ramp Connector Project will be in line with FTE’s timeframe for completion of the HEFT project. Mr. Lurigados entertained questions from Members.

Mr. Fernandez-Guzman moved to approve the LFA with FTE and the ILA with FDOT. Mr. Wartman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

C) MDX Procurement/Contract Number RFP-13-04; MDX Work Program No. 10019.030; Design-Build Services for System-Wide Implementation of Dynamic Message Signs (Endorsed by the Operations Committee on 5/20/13)

- Approval of TEC Recommendations and Contract Award

Ms. Cordero briefed Members on the procurement process. She informed Members that four Technical Proposals were received in response to the RFP.

On May 14, 2013, a meeting of the TEC was held to evaluate and score the Technical Proposals, open the Price Proposals, and tabulate the scores. After the Final Technical Scores were determined, all Price Proposals were opened. The Price Proposal of the number one ranked Proposer, World Fiber Technologies, Inc., is within the Engineer's Estimate of \$8,100,000.00. The Operations Committee endorsed the item. Ms. Cordero and Mr. Lurigados entertained questions from Members.

Mr. Wartman moved to approve the contract award to World Technologies. Ms. Gutierrez seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

D) MDX Procurement/Contract Number MDX-07-05; Road Ranger Service Patrol (\$950,000) (Endorsed by the Operations Committee on 5/20/13)

- Approval of Contract Extension

Mr. Lurigados read the agenda item for the record. He informed Members that the Road Ranger service patrol contract will expire June 30, 2013. As approved by the Operations Committee, the services will be re-procured with the recommended modifications. Mr. Lurigados explained that in order to accommodate the required modifications and have sufficient time for the procurement process, without lapse of services, staff is recommending that the current contract with Anchor Towing, Inc., be extended for an additional six months through December 30, 2013. He further explained that the current hourly rate of \$38.85 has been in place since 2010. Anchor towing has agreed to continue providing the services at a slightly higher hourly rate of \$42.00. The advertisement should be out by July 2013. Mr. Lurigados entertained questions from Members.

The item was thoroughly discussed.

Mr. Wartman moved to approve the contract extension. Mr. Fernandez-Guzman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

E) Approval of Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Annual Operating Budget

Ms. Schafer briefed Members on the proposed annual operating Budget as discussed at the Budget Workshop.

Mr. Martinez moved to approve FY 2013-2014 Annual Operating Budget. Mr. Wartman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

F) Approval of Resolution No. 13-07 – Legal Review of Informational Communications to the MDX Board Initiated by Board Members (Proposed by Chair Ferre )

Ms. Leslie informed Members that the resolution is recommending Members obtain legal review prior to sending communications to other Board Members to ensure compliance with Chapter 286, Florida Statutes.

Members recommended having the resolution discussed by the Policy & Planning Committee prior to consideration by the Board.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- Procurement Report

**CHAIR'S COMMENTS**

Mr. Ferre´ waived the Chair's comments

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Board of Directors Meeting, Board Elections and Public Hearing, 06/18/13, 4:00 p.m., MDX Board Room

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Ferre´. Summary Minutes prepared by Maria Luisa Navia Lobo, Board Secretary.