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All Electronic Toll Collection Starts November 15 on SR 836 and SR 112

Final MDX expressways to convert to Open Road Tolling

Miami, FL – November 15 marks the end of an era on Miami-Dade Expressway Authority (MDX) expressways. The last remaining cash plazas on State Roads (SR) 836 and 112 will close on November 14, and at midnight on the morning of November 15 the agency's long-term transition to all electronic tolling will be complete.

In 2006, MDX adopted an Open Road Tolling (ORT) Master Plan that would implement all electronic tolling on the five expressways that MDX operates and maintains: SR 924/Gratigny Parkway, SR112/Airport Expressway, SR 836/Dolphin Expressway, SR 874/Don Shula Expressway and SR 878/Snapper Creek Expressway.

In 2010 three of the expressways converted to ORT, but the MDX Board of Directors twice delayed making the change on SR 836 and SR 112 due to the economic downturn.

The new ORT toll rate on SR 836 under ORT will be \$0.70 on a mainline gantry and \$0.30 on tolled ramps. The toll rate on SR 112 will be \$0.35 on a mainline gantry and there are no ramp tolls.

"Not everyone who uses the expressway pays a toll. About 55% of the users pay a toll. This small group is funding 100% of the improvements to the roadway. ORT enables MDX to equitably fund the system by ensuring that users pay only their fair share for the portion of the expressway that they use," said Mario Diaz, Public Information Manager for MDX.

Fair and equitable tolling is critical for the construction of much needed improvements, operational fixes and to provide for a proactive maintenance program that will extend the life of existing roadways. This will allow MDX to address current congestion and plan for the community's future needs.

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MDX is funded primarily by toll revenue collected from drivers of the toll roads. MDX does not receive gas tax nor other state or federal funding. MDX, as a local state agency, was created to ensure that tolls collected in Miami-Dade County stay in the county and are reinvested locally to improve mobility.

Prior to the creation of MDX, these expressways were under the jurisdiction of Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and tolls collected locally would be sent to Tallahassee and redistributed, with no guarantee as to how much would be reinvested back in Miami-Dade County.

Since its start, MDX has invested more than \$1.2 billion in safety enhancements, capacity and operational improvements on its roadways. The current MDX work program of \$880 million is estimated to yield a \$1.5 billion impact to the local economy and deliver more than 10, 400 direct and indirect jobs.

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About MDX

The Miami-Dade Expressway Authority (MDX) is a public entity and agency of the state, created in 1994 by the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County. MDX's Governing Board is comprised of 13 volunteer members appointed either by the Board of County Commissioners and the Governor of the State of Florida. MDX operates and maintains five expressways: SR 112/Airport Expressway, SR 836/Dolphin Expressway, SR 874/Don Shula Expressway, SR 878/Snapper Creek Expressway, and SR 924/Gratigny Parkway. MDX is funded almost entirely by toll revenue and is dedicated to moving Miami-Dade County forward making your commute safer and more efficient. For more information on MDX, please visit www.mdxway.com.