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MDX Seeks the Community's Input on Agency's Strategic Master Plan

Draft Master Plan Mid-Point Report Details Accomplishments of Three Key Agency Committees

MIAMI – August 3, 2015 – MDX is seeking the community's input on its draft Strategic Master Plan (SMP). The process of drafting the SMP began in 2014 when MDX sought to provide a new vision and targeted goals to direct the future of the agency.

MDX continues to participate in discussions with its partner agencies like the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to identify how the agency can assist in finding solutions to help alleviate the community's traffic congestion issues.

Recently, MDX Executive Director Javier Rodriguez gave a presentation to the MPO Transit Solutions Committee in which he presented several transit options for consideration. Under the leadership of Commissioner Pepe Diaz, MDX has already begun the design and build project to provide a new Park and Ride facility which could serve as a future rail platform near SR 836 and SW 122 Avenue. Soon Miami-Dade County will begin providing express bus service on SR 836 on our inner/median shoulders during peak congestion times.

Other options involve establishing a network of transit hubs throughout Miami-Dade County which will give the public more choices in modes of transportation when commuting. Other ideas presented to the MPO Transit Solutions Committee include partnering with Miami-Dade County to develop an east-west commuter rail service spearheaded by Mayor Carlos Gimenez and Commissioner Esteban Bovo that utilizes MDX owned assets along SR 836 for stations and park and ride facilities. This will allow MDX to continue delivering transportation infrastructure on time and on budget, while retaining the rail system as a public asset. Another solution MDX is investigating is providing express shuttle service for the public that would operate from West Kendall to the Miami Intermodal Center (MIC) near the airport during the construction of MDX projects.

"MDX is committed to finding solutions to traffic congestion and to involving the residents and business owners of Miami-Dade County in a meaningful discussion about the agency's strategic direction," said MDX Executive Director Javier Rodriguez, P.E. "This process will create a framework for future agency projects and initiatives."

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The SMP is the result of work done by three key agency committees:

- **Financial Committee** – focused on looking at sources and mechanisms MDX could use to fund its initiatives;
- **Projects Committee** – focused on examining new ideas for mobility solutions in Miami-Dade County and surrounding areas;
- **Technology Committee** – focused on the impact technology will have on both mobility and financing

“The excellent work done by these three committees yielded several key findings,” said MDX Chairman Louis V. Martinez. “As a result of the committees’ efforts, we know that future projects must pay for themselves, the conversation has evolved and MDX should consider other types of project serving a larger area of the South Florida community and that the agency must continue to work with Miami-Dade County, local municipalities and the Florida Department of Transportation to find innovative solutions to alleviating traffic congestion.”

In the next phase of the strategic planning process the focus will be the agency’s ability to deliver efficient transportation solutions to the community faster and cheaper.

To provide feedback, please visit http://mdxway.com/about/strategic_master_plan_feedback to submit their comments online or via e-mail to publiccomm@mdxway.com. MDX will seek public input on the SMP through September 30, 2015.

Download a PDF of the [Strategic Master Plan Mid-Point Report](#) or request a copy via e-mail at publiccomm@mdxway.com.

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MDX operates and maintains five user-supported expressways in Miami-Dade County – SR 112/Airport Expressway, SR 836/Dolphin Expressway, SR 874/Don Shula Expressway, SR 878/Snapper Creek Expressway, and SR 924/Gratigny Parkway. MDX expressways are funded by toll revenue, which is reinvested back into the community and funds the construction of projects that alleviate traffic congestion, create thousands of local jobs and provide new opportunities to small and local businesses. The agency also gives back a portion of its annual revenue to drivers through the MDX Cash Back Toll Dividend Program.