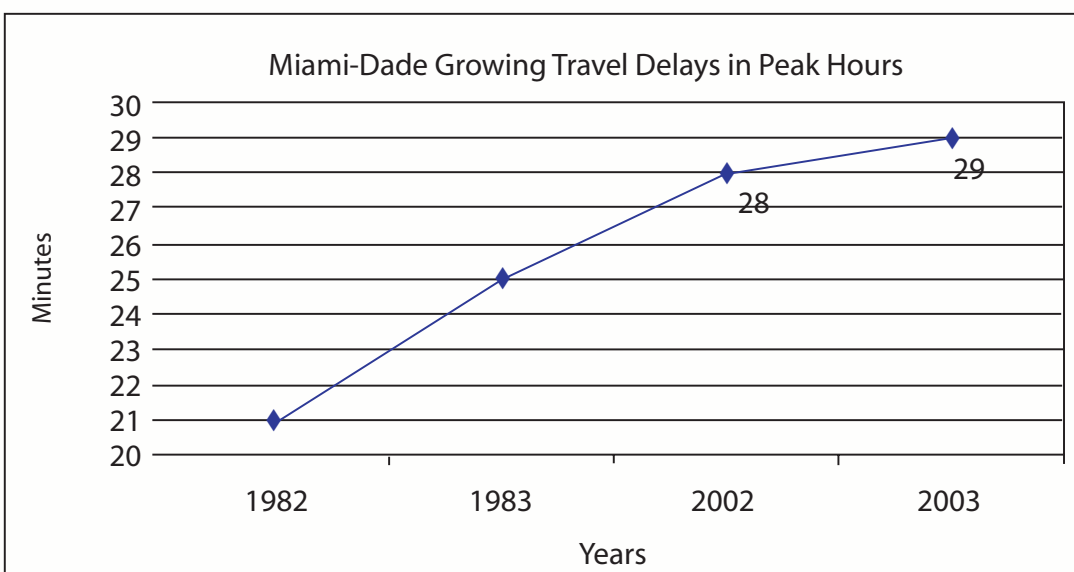


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Mobility Will Drive Our Future

Miami-Dade's economic future is directly related to mobility. Our economic vitality depends on our ability to speedily move people, services and merchandise to the marketplace. Many of the jobs that currently exist, as well as the economic future of our children and families, depend on an expanding economy. This requires speed-to-market transportation. But travel time during peak periods in Miami-Dade continues to rise.



Travel delays, in minutes, are the average extra time that it takes to reach a destination in peak hours relative to non-peak hours.

Source: Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) 2005 Urban Mobility Report

It is MDX's mission to improve mobility within the county. The primary funding that MDX receives to maintain, improve and expand the roadways it manages is through toll revenue. MDX receives no revenues from gas taxes or property taxes, no federal funding, no state funding and no county funding.

Currently, only 28% of MDX expressway users pay 100% of the tolls. They bear the entire burden for the cost of maintenance and improvements to the roadways. Future needs can't be met unless the burden is shared by all users. In order to equitably charge all customers and fairly distribute the costs, MDX must, in effect, "close" the system to ensure that each customer pays for the segment of expressway used.

Rather than build numerous toll plazas, the MDX Board of Directors has unanimously approved a master plan to convert to Open Road Tolling (ORT). This is an electronic toll collection system without toll plazas, where drivers will be charged a toll without having to stop and go through a conventional (or cash) toll lane, slow down or stay in a given lane. With ORT, tolls are collected at designated points through the exclusive use of electronic devices; in this case, SunPass transponders.

The ORT master plan outlines a capital improvement program designed to convert toll collection on MDX expressways from a cash-based system with a few toll plazas to an all-electronic/video system covering all MDX roadways. Implementation of the master plan does not mean approval of toll sites and toll rates; each phase of the plan will go through a public outreach process – including public hearings – to determine location, rates and a timetable for implementation.



Billboards near MDX expressways in May and June remind motorists of the role their tolls play in improving and expanding roads in the system.

MDX and Florida's Turnpike



Dr. James Ely, Executive Director of Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, spoke to the MDX Board of Directors about Turnpike initiatives in Miami-Dade and opportunities for the two transportation authorities to work together in the future. MDX and FTE have joined forces many times for hurricane operations and will explore the potential for public-public partnerships to improve mobility.

Sayfie and Vigil Appointed to MDX Board

Governor Jeb Bush has appointed South Florida attorneys Justin Sayfie and Jorge Vigil to the Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority. Both will serve four-year terms.

A founding shareholder of Blosser & Sayfie, Mr. Sayfie represents clients in a variety of industries including land development, health care, tourism, education and transportation. Prior to founding the firm in 2001, he worked as a senior policy advisor, spokesman and chief speechwriter for Gov. Bush. Mr. Sayfie graduated from Georgetown University and received his J.D. from the University of Miami.

Mr. Vigil, a partner with the firm Rasco, Reininger, Perez, Esquenazi & Vigil, P.L., focuses his practice on complex real estate transactions including joint ventures and other project finance agreements as well as the representation of foreign investors in real property transactions. A graduate of Duke University, he holds a J.D. from New York University.

According to Servando Parapar, MDX Executive Director, "Miami-Dade's economic future is directly related to the ability to move people, goods and services to the marketplace. MDX is at a critical juncture in implementing a master plan that will allow us to fund much needed expansion and upgrades to our roadways to improve mobility. Both Mr. Sayfie and Mr. Vigil bring to the Board deep and varied experience and a keen understanding of the needs of the people we serve."

Parapar also acknowledged the contributions of retiring Board members Oscar Rivero and Gonzalo Sanabria, noting that "their vision and dedication over the years has helped move MDX significantly forward in our mission to improve mobility and the quality of life in Miami-Dade."

Public Reviews Updated Five-Year Work Program

Members of the community had the opportunity to learn more about MDX's Five-Year (2007-2011) Work Program at a Public Review Open House in April.

Held at MDX headquarters, residents were able to find out more about the initiatives to improve mobility on SR 924 (Gratigny), SR 112 (Airport Expressway), SR 836 (Dolphin), SR 874 (Don Shula) and SR 878 (Snapper Creek).



MDX Executive Director Servando Parapar explains the improvements planned for SR 836 during the Public Review Open House.

Lurigados Named Young Engineer of the Year



Lourdes San Martin, P.E., Chair of Miami Chapter Award Committee and Aurelio Carmenates, P.E., FES President, present the Florida Engineering Society Young Engineer of the Year award to Alfred Lurigados, P.E.

MDX Director of Engineering Alfred Lurigados, P.E., has been named Young Engineer of the Year by the Florida Engineering Society. The award honors the FES member, 34 or younger, who best exemplifies the ideal image of the young engineer. Lurigados was honored for his contribution, dedication and outstanding service to the profession. Most notable among his achievements is Lurigados' stewardship of MDX's Five-Year, \$577 million, Work Program to improve and expand MDX roadways.

Doing Business With MDX Just Got a Little Easier

MDX's Procurement Division continues to refine procedures to make it easier for vendors to do business with the Authority. Thanks to new E-Procurement enhancements on MDX's web site, vendors are able to receive e-mail notification of solicitations by commodity/service and download specific solicitation documents and applicable addenda. Addenda will also be sent out automatically to those companies or individuals who have downloaded a specific solicitation.

This new enhancement also allows MDX to generate a list of vendors and individuals who are interested in specific solicitations. The same list will be available online, allowing vendors an opportunity to network with those with common interests. A hard copy or an electronic copy (pdf) of all our documents will still be available and can be obtained by contacting the MDX Procurement Office.

Registering as an MDX vendor allows you to:

- Download a list of interested vendors for each solicitation
- Download all current solicitation documents and their results
- Receive notification via e-mail, of all solicitations relevant to your industry
- Receive notification via e-mail of addenda related to solicitations downloaded
- Receive updates via e-mail of procurement-related news

For more information, please contact the MDX Procurement and Contract Management Division: phone: 305-637-3277, fax: 305-637-3281 or at procurementdept@mdxway.com.

MDX Kids See Your Tolls at Work



Tours and presentations from a variety of departments including Toll Operations, Engineering and Procurement during Bring Your Child to Work Day gave MDX children a better appreciation of the role their family member plays in improving mobility in Miami-Dade County.

Barbara Cash, Office Services Manager, explains the intricacies of office technology during MDX's Bring Your Child to Work Day

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