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## **MARITZA GUTIERREZ APPOINTED TO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) GOVERNING BOARD**

**MIAMI, Fla., March 16, 2009** – Miami-Dade Expressway Authority’s (MDX) Chair, Maritza Gutierrez, was appointed to the MPO Governing Board of Miami-Dade County by Governor Charlie Crist. Her term is scheduled to run until June 30, 2009.

Ms. Gutierrez, president of Creative Advertising Inc., was originally appointed to the MDX board by the County Commission and is the first woman to hold the position of Chair. As part of a 13 member board, Chair Gutierrez has been an instrumental part in the advancement of numerous projects designed to improve congestion and capacity related issues on the MDX system.

The MPO Governing Board is responsible for guiding the transportation planning process and approving projects for Miami-Dade. It is comprised of all 13 County Commissioners, a school board representative and an elected official from each of the six municipalities with a population over 50,000. The last three voting members are appointed by the Governor and include a representative from a municipality, a non-elected public official and an MDX representative.

### **About MDX**

MDX is a state sanctioned, locally administered, public agency created in 1994 by the State of Florida and the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County. MDX is governed by its Board, comprised of 13 volunteer members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners and the Governor of the State of Florida. MDX oversees, operates and maintains five expressways: State Road 836 (Dolphin Expressway), State Road 112 (Airport Expressway), State Road 874 (Don Shula Expressway), State Road 878 (Snapper Creek Expressway), and State Road 924 (Gratigny Parkway). MDX is funded almost entirely by toll revenues and is dedicated to the enhancement of mobility in Miami-Dade County. For more information on MDX visit the website at [www.mdxway.com](http://www.mdxway.com).

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