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**MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY'S (MDX) CHAIR
REAPPOINTED TO THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
(MPO) GOVERNING BOARD**



MIAMI, Fla., September 22, 2009 – Maritza Gutierrez, MDX Chair, was reappointed to the MPO Governing Board, by Governor Charlie Crist. Ms. Gutierrez will serve a four year term, which began September 10, 2009 and ends June 30, 2013.

Ms. Gutierrez, president of Creative Advertising Inc., was appointed to MDX by the Board of County Commissioners and became the first woman to hold the position of Chair of the Board of Directors. As part of a 13 member board, Chair Gutierrez has been a strong supporter of numerous projects designed to improve congestion, capacity and safety on the MDX system.

The MPO for the Miami Urbanized Area guides transportation planning in Miami-Dade County and acts as the authority on all local transportation planning matters and ensures that all entities engaging in transportation-related activities conform to statutory requirements. The MPO Governing Board is comprised of all 13 County Commissioners, a school board representative, an elected official from each of the six municipalities with a population over 50,000, and three appointments by the Governor, which includes: a representative from a municipality; a non-elected public official; and an MDX representative.

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