

**MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX)  
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2017  
10:30 AM**

**WILLIAM M. LEHMAN MDX BUILDING  
3790 NW 21<sup>ST</sup> STREET  
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33142**

**SUMMARY MINUTES**

**Present Committee Members:**

Maritza Gutierrez, Chair  
Arthur J. Meyer  
Javier L. Vazquez, Esq.

**Absent Committee Members:**

James, Wolfe, Vice Chair  
Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson  
Cliff Walters

**Present MDX Board Members:**

Louis V. Martinez, Esq., MDX Chair  
Leonard Boord

**Staff:**

Javier Rodriguez, P.E., Executive Director  
Carlos M. Zaldivar, Esq., General Counsel  
Juan Toledo, P.E., Deputy Executive Director/ Director of Engineering  
Marie T. Schafer, Deputy Executive Director/CFO  
Francine Steelman, Esq., Associate General Counsel  
Helen M. Cordero, Manager of Procurement and Contract Administration  
Maria Luisa Navia Lobo, Board Secretary

**Consultants:**

Albert Sosa, HNTB (GEC-A)  
Reynaldo Cortez, EAC Consulting, (GEC-B)

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Gutierrez called the meeting to order. Ms. Navia Lobo called the roll and announced a quorum was present.

## **DECLARATIONS OF VOTING CONFLICTS**

- Potential Conflict of Interest Report

Mr. Zaldivar asked if any of the Committee Members had a Conflict of Interest to declare regarding the agenda. No conflicts were declared.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment

## **ACTION ITEMS:**

Approval of Summary Minutes:

- Joint Budget & Finance and Operations Committee Meeting of January 24, 2017

Mr. Martinez moved to approve the Summary Minutes. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

B) MDX Work Program No. 92404; SR 924 Extension West to the HEFT

- Endorsement of an Interlocal Agreement with Miami-Dade County, the City of Hialeah and the City of Hialeah Gardens for the Construction of NW 107<sup>th</sup> Avenue from NW 138<sup>th</sup> Street to NW 170<sup>th</sup> Street.

Mr. Zaldivar read the agenda item into the record. Mr. Toledo explained MDX Project 92404 extends State Road (SR) 924 west to the Homestead Extension of the Florida Turnpike. The project will provide additional mobility and transportation connectivity options in the northwest area of the County, which endures heavy traffic congestion and limited access to expressways via the existing arterial roadway network. As part of the PD&E process for this Project, MDX committed to improve the intersection of NW 107<sup>th</sup> Avenue at NW 138<sup>th</sup> Street an MDX asset.

Miami-Dade County (MDC) has requested that MDX extend the 107<sup>th</sup> Avenue portion of the Project north to NW 170<sup>th</sup> Street. The Interlocal Agreement (ILA) is intended to provide the MDC funding framework; and for the Cities of Hialeah and Hialeah Gardens to provide the necessary “right of way.”

The costs associated with the MDC Project will be reimbursed pursuant to the payment schedule set out in the Agreement. MDX will be advancing the funds to perform the work. Mr. Toledo entertained questions from Members.

Mr. Martinez moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement, Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously endorsed.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

A) Road Ranger Renewal

Mr. Toledo informed Member that the current term of the Road Ranger Service contract began December 2013 and expires June 30, 2017. The contract has three one-year renewal options. The Contractor has been performing very well. Mr. Toledo distributed a sheet with rates of other agencies in the State. Staff recommends based on the current rates, to exercise a three

year renewal to lock in rates. The value of the contract on an annual basis is approximately \$2,007,000. Members thoroughly discussed the options and recommended that staff explore a three-year renewal incentive. This item will be brought back to the Operations Committee for further discussion.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- A) MDX Work Program Monthly Status Report – January 2016
- B) HNTB SBE/LB Utilization Report
- C) EAC SBE/LB Utilization Report
- D) MDX Contingency Release History Report
- E) Procurement Report
  
- F) MDX Project No 83618 – SR 836 Southwest Extension Update

Mr. Toledo presented Project 83618, the Project Development & Environmental Study (PD&E) began in December 2013, many agency and stakeholder coordination meetings have been held. An alternative workshop will be held in the fall of 2017 on the two recommended alignments. MDX has received strong support from the residents of West and Southwest Kendall. The project is approximately 10 miles.

Mr. Rodriguez clarified that once the PD&E process is completed the financing package will be put together. The construction of the project is not currently funded. Based on the current scenario, the financing package will be discussed in approximately FY 2018-2019.

Mr. Toledo explained the Project includes the expansion of bus services on SR836. Expansion of express bus service on SR 836 is part of the study and will be included as part of the construction plan. MDX is working with Miami-Dade Transit on creating park and ride hubs to make the service more viable. Moving forward all projects will have the transit element.

He further explained that there are two other ongoing PD&E projects at this time. Ms. Gutierrez asked staff for a presentation at the next meeting or the SR 924 PD&E Projects.

The Project was thoroughly discussed. Members requested that the PowerPoint Presentation be emailed to all Members.

[The presentation is filed with the Board Secretary]

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Board Meeting 2/28/17, 4:00 PM, William M. Lehman MDX Building – Board Room

Ms. Gutierrez welcomed the newly appointed Member to the MDX Board.

Mr. Rodriguez informed Members that the 2<sup>nd</sup> MDX newsletter was sent out today. The first newsletter was sent out to approximately 56,000 frequent users that also included a survey, which approximately 37,000 responses were received.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Ms. Gutierrez

Minutes prepared by Maria Luisa Navia Lobo, Board Secretary