

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2017

10:00 AM

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

SUMMARY MINUTES

Present Committee Members:

Maritza Gutierrez, Chair
James, Wolfe, Vice Chair
Arthur J. Meyer
Javier L. Vázquez, Esq.

Absent Committee Members:

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
Stephen Andriuk, Deputy Executive Director/Director of Toll Operations
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)

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Wolfe, Vice Chair of the Operations Committee called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m., pending the arrival of Chair Gutierrez. 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:

- **Operations Committee Meeting of February 16, 2017**

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

Mr. Wolfe welcomed Ms. Gutierrez to the meeting and passed the gavel.

B) MDX Procurement/Contract Number ITB-17-04; MDX Project/Service Title: Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) Services System-wide (\$1,650,000 Limiting Amount)

- Approval to Advertise

Mr. Zaldivar read the agenda item into the record. Mr. Toledo introduced the item and explained that the approval was to advertise an Invitation to Bid (ITB) from qualified Contractors to provide Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) Services System-Wide for toll system and ITS maintenance, miscellaneous repairs and minor system modifications. MDX is obligated to periodically perform miscellaneous repairs as well as maintenance to tolling and ITS equipment and infrastructure throughout its system. When the Work requires temporary lane closures, MOT is provided to ensure safety for the Contractor(s) and travelling public.

The services will be used on an as-needed basis with an upper limiting amount of \$550,000.00/year. The term of the Contract shall be (3) years, with (2) optional single year renewals. The advertisement date for these services is estimated to be April 2017.

Mr. Toledo and Ms. Cordero entertained questions from Members.

Mr. Vazquez moved to approve the advertisement. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A) Update on MDX PD&E Projects 92404 & 92407

Mr. Toledo highlighted both projects and explained the requirements the Authority must meet in order to comply with Federal and State laws in addressing environmental and engineering concerns. He gave a history of the PD&E projects the Authority has undertaken; there have been 20 studies planned and 18 have been implemented; 8 have been constructed, 8 are under construction/procurement and 4 studies are currently ongoing. On average the PD&E process takes approximately five years from the study to the start of construction. All future projects connect to the County's transit initiatives.

Project 92404, SR 924 West extension to the HEFT is currently under the PD& E process.

- Status: RFP Development for Design-Build Services
- Funding:
 - Funded - Design-build from 97th Ave to HEFT WB and from 97th Ave to 107th Ave EB, and final design from 107th Ave to HEFT EB and from SR 826 to 97th Ave EB - **\$144.5 Million**
 - Unfunded – Construction from 107th Ave to HEFT EB and from SR 826 to 97th Ave EB – **\$82.4 Million**
- Benefits:
 - Provides additional connectivity to the HEFT and I-75 from SR 924 and NW 138 Street
 - Provides access to major activity and employment centers in NW Miami-Dade
 - Completes initial improvements to NW 138th Street
 - Travel time reduced from 20 minutes to 4 minutes from NW 138 St/I-75 to HEFT
 - 30% increase in vehicles utilizing the corridor
 - Prepares the Northwest part of county for increased cargo/economic development

The project does require a toll rate setting/public hearing before it is advertised. Completion is anticipated the FY 2023.

Project 92407 – SR 924 Extension East to I-95

- Status: Project Development & Engineering underway
- Funding:
 - Funded – Project development and partial final design - \$14.6 Million
 - Unfunded – Final design, right-of-way and construction – \$615.8 Million
- Benefits:
 - Alleviates future traffic congestion along NW 119th Street
 - Reduces travel times by 30% - 40% and minimize delays on NW 119th Street by separating pass-through traffic from local traffic

- Provides a critical east-west expressway connection
- Provides enhancements to the community - removal of existing lanes, more integrated residential and business communities between the north and south sides of NW 119th Street, improved pedestrian connectivity, wider sidewalks, enhanced lighting, bike lanes and landscaping
- Provides for inside shoulder express transit lane and technology initiatives
- Additional connectivity to I-95 from SR 924 (Gratigny Parkway)

The project does require a toll rate setting/public hearing before it is advertised. Completion of PD&E study is pending.

Members thoroughly discussed pending legislation that might have an impact on future projects.

Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Toledo entertained questions from Members.

Ms. Gutierrez informed Members that two years ago a Safety Pilot program was implemented on SR 836. She expressed the importance of safety improvements on SR112 and directed staff to bring back to Committee a safety enhancements program for SR112.

Mr. Boord recommended a System-wide safety & rehabilitation analysis.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A) MDX Work Program Monthly Status Report – February 2017
- B) HNTB SBE/LB Utilization Report
- C) EAC SBE/LB Utilization Report
- D) MDX Contingency Release History Report
- E) Procurement Report

The Informational items were not addressed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Inter-Governmental & Public Communications Committee Meeting 3/17/17, 11:00 AM, William M. Lehman MDX Building – Board Room
- Policy & Planning Committee Meeting 3/22/17, 10:00 AM, William M. Lehman MDX Building – Board Room
- Board Meeting 3/28/17, 4:00 PM, William M. Lehman MDX Building – Board Room

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Ms. Gutierrez
Minutes prepared by Maria Luisa Navia Lobo, Board Secretary