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In response to the petition; “Don't raise the toll rates on Dolphin Expressway (SR 836) and Airport Expressway (SR 112).”

We appreciate your comments and concerns regarding the community’s transportation needs. MDX was created to oversee five critical expressways within Miami-Dade County and to ensure that all tolls we collect on these roadways stay in Miami-Dade County and are reinvested in our community. Did you know that these five roadways are not funded by tax revenue - no property tax, no gas tax and no half-penny sales tax? We operate, maintain and improve these roadways with only the revenue from the tolls collected.

In 2006, MDX’s Board approved an Open Road Tolling (ORT) Master Plan to move our community forward by improving our infrastructure and preparing for the future. By maximizing technology, eliminating tollbooths and converting to all electronic toll collection we are able to make your commute safer and more efficient. In addition, as our community continues to grow and expand, it is important our infrastructure not only keeps up with the current demand but also be planned for the future needs of future generations. The biggest challenge we are faced with is that only 55% of our users currently pay a toll – which means this group is funding 100% of the improvements. ORT allows for fair and equitable tolling of all drivers. If you pay a toll today we want to ensure that you are paying the proportionate amount for the roadway you use and that the other 45% do the same. How much everyone will pay is exactly why we need your participation in this process. Some will pay the same, some will pay less, some will pay more but everyone will pay their fair share.

The MDX Board will approve new rates and locations in March at a Public Hearing, only after a set of open house public meetings scheduled later this month. These meetings are designed to obtain your input and to keep you properly informed on what these funds will be used for. Please visit www.mdxway.com for meeting locations and times and once again we urge you to “Be Here, Be Heard, Be Informed”. Contact us directly with your comments and concerns to mdxort@mdxway.com.

Thank you,
Javier Rodriguez, P.E.
Executive Director