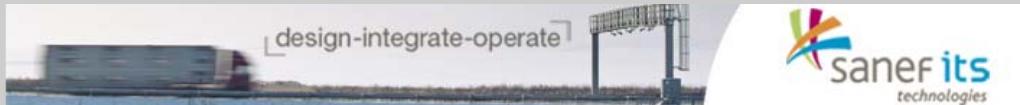



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Javier Rodriguez named as new president of the IBTTA

The executive director of the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority (MDX), Javier Rodriguez, has been named as the 2015 president of the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association (IBTTA), the worldwide organization for the owners and operators of toll facilities and the businesses that serve them. Under Rodriguez's leadership, MDX converted its expressways to an all-electronic tolling (AET) system. Before joining MDX in 2007, he spent 16 years with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), including four years as director of transportation development. Rodriguez holds a degree in Civil Engineering from Florida International University and is a fluent Spanish speaker. "We are thrilled to have Javier as president of IBTTA at this crucial time," said the organization's executive director and CEO, Patrick D Jones. "At MDX, Javier has been instrumental in growing the operation and financing some of the busiest, most critical East-West roadways in the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Area. He brings a unique level of experience and leadership in the world of transportation and tolling."



Rodriguez is poised to lead the IBTTA during a challenging time for the toll industry, and part of his leadership role will be to advance the IBTTA's 'Moving America Forward' public awareness campaign, which was launched in 2013 to highlight the benefits of tolling to elected officials, policymakers, the media, and the general public. Rodriguez will lead IBTTA members in asking the USA Congress to give the states flexibility to meet their individual transportation funding challenges, including through the use of tolling on existing Interstate System routes. "I am honored to lead IBTTA and its members during this critical time for infrastructure investment," said Rodriguez. "Our economy and mobility depend on the quality of our highways, bridges and tunnels and the tolling industry is front and center, providing solutions to address congestion, mobility, interoperability, and the reconstruction of highways."

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