



MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY

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PURPOSE

It is the Policy of the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority to formally involve the Miami-Dade County public and to encourage and receive public comment on matters directly impacting the public such as the development of the Authority's Master Transportation Plan and its detailed Five-Year Work Program, and the setting of toll rates on MDX facilities. Through a public review process, the Authority shall provide the public with accurate and timely information on issues of public concern and encourage public comment with respect thereto.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

1. The Authority shall conduct one or more Public Reviews (as hereinafter defined) to introduce and present to the public each proposed: (i) Master Transportation Plan of the Authority, (ii) detailed Five-Year Work Program of the Authority, (iii) setting or modification of toll rates, and (iv) such other proposed Authority policy initiatives, programs or actions, which the Authority, in its sole discretion, determines should be submitted to the Public Review Process. For purposes of this Policy, "Public Review" means a public meeting conducted by or on behalf of the Authority for the purpose of providing information to the public and obtaining and reviewing public comment with respect to the proposed Authority plan, program, action or policy for which such public meeting has been called. A Public Review will be scheduled for a time to be determined by the Authority that, in its sole judgment, will afford the public sufficient opportunity to participate. Public Reviews will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Ch. 286, the Government in the Sunshine Law, within Miami-Dade County. The Authority shall publish notice of each Public Review at least two times, with the second such notice to be published not more than ten (10) days and at least seven (7) days prior to the date of such Public Review. Notice of the Public Review shall be published on the MDX web site and, at a minimum, in a publication of general circulation in Miami-Dade County. Each such notice shall state that a Public Review is to be held to invite public comment regarding the proposed Authority plan, program, action or policy and shall include a summary of the substance thereof. In the event that the Authority has determined to hold more than one Public Review with respect to a proposed Authority plan, program, action or policy, each such Public Review shall be scheduled, noticed and held in accordance with the requirements of this Policy. The Executive Director of the Authority shall determine the number of Public Reviews to be held with respect to each such proposed Authority plan, program, action or policy. The Authority shall hold each Public Review in such a manner so as to permit members of the public to elicit information from the Authority and/or to submit written or verbal comments to the Authority with respect to such proposed Authority plan, program action or policy. The Authority shall make available at each Public Review written and verbal explanations of the proposed Authority plan, program, action or policy in Spanish and English. The Authority shall provide a recording apparatus to record verbal comments submitted by members of the public. This policy shall be effective on the date on which it is adopted by the Governing Board and at such time this Policy rescinds all prior policies relating to Public Involvement.