

MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX)

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2017**

4:00 PM

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

SUMMARY MINUTES

Members Present

Louis V. Martinez, Esq., Chair
Shelly Smith Fano, Vice Chair
James Wolfe, P. E., District VI Secretary
Leonard Boord
Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez
Maritza Gutiérrez
Arthur J. Meyer
Cliff Walters

Members Absent

Staff

Javier Rodriguez, P.E., Executive Director
Marie Schafer, Chief Financial Officer
Juan Toledo, P.E., Director of Engineering
Carlos M. Zaldivar, Esq., General Counsel
Francine Steelman, Esq., Associate General Counsel
Helen Cordero, Manager of Procurement and Contracts Administration
Maria Luisa Navia Lobo, Board Secretary

Consultants

Finance: Randy Topel, First Southwest Co.
Transportation: Albert Sosa, HNTB (GEC-A)
Rick Crooks, EAC Consultants (GEC-B)
Tere Garcia, Ajamil & Partners, Inc. (GEC-A)
Traffic & Revenue: Edward Regan, CDM Smith

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chair Martinez called the meeting to order. Ms. Navia Lobo called the roll and announced that a quorum of the MDX Board was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Martinez asked Ms. Smith Fano to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

DECLARATIONS OF VOTING CONFLICTS

Mr. Zaldivar asked Members if there were any voting conflicts regarding the items on the Board Agenda. No conflicts were declared.

CITIZEN COMMENT

There were no comments.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Martinez asked for a chairman's privilege and stated it had been a pleasure to be the chair for the last two years and an honor to be a member of the Board for the past nine-years. He further stated there are two things he is most proud of: 1) tolls collected stay in Miami-Dade County; and 2) every dollar collected is spent on MDX roadways helping improve transportation issues in Miami-Dade County.

He recommended adding an action item to the agenda regarding the Toll Policy and whether the Authority should implement a 5-step phasing program to reduce tolls in response to recently passed state legislation. Mayor Gimenez suggested that Members consider projects in the context of the Urban Development Boundary (UDB) and consider the needs of the community and the needs of the projects. He stated that he and Commissioner Edmonson are on the Board to "bridge the gap" of understanding between the County and the Authority regarding transportation mobility in Miami-Dade County.

Commissioner Edmonson expressed concerns about the proposed action item due to Members not being prepared to move on it or discuss it. Ms. Gutierrez recommended discussing the item but that it is sent to a Committee for full vetting before taking action. Mr. Boord expressed a desire to only discuss the item but not take action. Mr. Martinez directed Staff to prepare a presentation on the phasing of a toll reduction. A Committee of the whole will be scheduled to discuss the item.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF SUMMARY MINUTES

- Board Meeting of May 30, 2017

Ms. Gutierrez moved to approve the Summary Minutes. Mayor Gimenez seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT & TPO REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Mr. Rodriguez briefed Members on the following issues that occurred after the Board meeting of May 30, 2017:

- TPO Resolution 21-17 – asked for MDX to come back in 30 days with a formal commitment to assume project management that includes full funding for the design, construction, operation and maintenance for one of the six SMART plan corridors. As he mentioned at the Budget Workshop, MDX can assume the express bus service on SR 836, SR 874 and SR 878, which will be presented to the MDX Board prior to the presentation at the TPO.
- MDX Project 83618- SR 836 SW Extension Project - the status of the request made by Commissioner Diaz and co-sponsored by Commissioner Martinez, was for the County to include in this cycle of the CDMP the SW extension of SR836. The intent was to expedite the implementation of the project. MDX's goal is to present a permitable project. MDX is confident that there are alignments that will meet everyone's intent. MDX will continue with the PD&E process and schedule an Alternatives Workshop in the fall of 2017.
- House Bill 1049 was signed and, as requested by the Board, a request for an opinion regarding its applicability to the Authority was submitted to the State Attorney General.
- A meeting with the Town of Miami Lakes was held regarding the 67th Avenue ramp on to the Gratigny Expressway. The City of Miami Lakes will develop a Community Group with adjacent communities to expedite the project as was requested by the TPO.
- Fitch - will provide a ratings report this week.

Mayor Gimenez stated that he would like to work with the Executive Director regarding the 836 Extension Project and for the reconsideration of the resolution.

Mr. Meyer asked for an update on MDX Project 83611. Mr. Rodriguez informed Members that a bid protest has been filed and the project is going through the administrative process for resolution.

Ms. Gutierrez recommended that the express bus service on SR 836 - SMART plan project - be taken to Committee where Members can fully discuss and understand the process. Mr. Rodriguez explained the project will be taken to Committee for approval.

Mayor Gimenez asked that the Executive Director meet with MDC/MDT and TPO to coordinate plans that are acceptable to all three parties.

Mr. Rodriguez entertained questions from Members.

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

Mr. Zaldivar reported on the following issues:

- KB investment Corp litigation update
- Bylaws – Committee Composition, ex-officio members and role of the Chair at Committees.

Bylaws revisions will be discussed at the next Committee Meeting. Mr. Walters requested a revision that would allow individual to serve as Chair for more than 2 years.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Boord reported on the May 31, 2017 the actual budget results. He also reported very positive news on the revenue and expense side; and that the revenues outpaced the projections.

CONSENT AGENDA

A) Travel Approval

- September 8-13, 2017 Trip to Atlanta, GA by MDX Board Members and Executive Director Rodriguez to attend the IBTTA Board of Directors/Committee Meetings (Sept. 8-10) and IBTTA 85th Annual Meeting and Exhibition (Sept. 10-13)

Mr. Meyer moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Boord seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

A) Approval of Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Budget and Funding Requirements

This item was endorsed by the Budget & Finance Committee on 6/27/17. Mr. Boord moved to approve the FY 2018 annual budget and funding requirements. Ms. Gutierrez seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

B) MDX Procurement/Contract No. RFQ-14-06, Municipal Financial Advisory Services.

- Approval to exercise renewal option of the Contract term with First Southwest

This item was endorsed by the Budget & Finance Committee on 6/27/17. Ms. Smith Fano moved to approve the renewal option of the term of the contract with First Southwest. Ms. Gutierrez seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

C) MDX Procurement/Contract Number RFQ-17-01; MDX Work Program No. Various; Miscellaneous Materials Engineering and Testing Services (\$200,000/ Contract)

- Approval for staff to negotiate rates and enter into a contract for a not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000 with each prequalified Consultant

Mr. Rodriguez informed Members that at the Operations Committee on June 22, 2017, the Committee approved to amend the original requested action to reduce the not-to-exceed contract amount from \$300,000 to \$200,000. The Committee discussed equitable distribution of work and ensuring that the contract amount was more representative of the potential amount of work to be distributed.

Ms. Gutierrez moved to approve for staff to negotiate rates and enter into a contract for a not to exceed amount of \$200,000 with each prequalified consultant. Commissioner Edmonson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

D) MDX Procurement/Contract Number ITB-17-04; System-wide Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) Services (\$1,650,000)

- Approval of Contract award to the lowest, responsible and responsive Bidder

This item was endorsed by the Operations Committee on 6/22/17. Ms. Gutierrez moved to approve the contract award to the lowest bidder. Commissioner Edmonson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

E) Comprehensive Safety and Rehabilitation Program for SR 836 (Dolphin Expressway), SR 874 (Don Shula Expressway), SR 878 (Snapper Creek Expressway), and SR 924 (Gratigny Parkway) (\$31 Million)

- Approval of a Comprehensive Safety and Rehabilitation Program for SR 836 (Dolphin Expressway), SR 874 (Don Shula Expressway), SR 878 (Snapper Creek Expressway and SR 924 (Gratigny Parkway)

This item was endorsed by the Operations Committee on 6/22/17. Ms. Gutierrez moved to approve the Comprehensive Safety and Rehabilitation Program for SR836, SR874, SR878 and SR924. Mr. Boord seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

F) MDX Work Program No. 92404; SR 924 Extension West to the HEFT (\$5,200,000)

- Approval of Advance Acquisition of Parcel 100

This item was endorsed by the Operations Committee on 6/22/17. Ms. Gutierrez moved to approve the advanced acquisition of Parcel 100. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

G) MDX Work Program No. 87410; SR 874 Ramp Connector to 128th Street

- Approval of Eminent Domain Parcel Resolutions 17-02

This item was endorsed by the Operations Committee on 6/22/17. Ms. Gutierrez moved to approve Resolution No. 17-02. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion the motion was unanimously approved.

H) Election of Authority Officers

Mr. Zaldivar gave a brief summary of the election process. He confirmed all Members in attendance and informed Members that the outcome of the elections will take effect on July 1, 2017.

Chair

Mr. Zaldivar opened the nominations for the office of Chair. Ms. Smith Fano nominated Mayor Gimenez for the office of Chair. Mayor Gimenez declined the nomination.

Mr. Martinez nominated Ms. Smith Fano for the office of Chair. Commissioner Edmonson seconded the nomination. Ms. Smith Fano accepted the nomination. Mr. Zaldivar closed the nominations. Ms. Smith Fano was elected Chair by acclamation.

Vice Chair

Mr. Zaldivar opened the nominations for the office of Vice Chair. Mayor Gimenez moved to nominate Commissioner Edmonson for the office of Vice Chair. Ms. Gutierrez seconded the motion. Commissioner Edmonson accepted the nomination. Mr. Zaldivar closed the nominations. Commissioner Edmonson was elected Vice Chair by acclamation.

Treasurer

Mr. Zaldivar opened the nominations for the office of Treasurer. Ms. Gutierrez moved to nominate Mr. Boord for the office of Treasurer. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion. Mr. Boord accepted the nomination. Mr. Zaldivar closed the nominations. Mr. Boord was re-elected Treasurer by acclamation.

Secretary

Mr. Martinez nominated Ms. Navia Lobo as Secretary. Mr. Boord seconded the nomination. Ms. Navia Lobo was re-elected Secretary by acclamation.

Assistant Secretary

Ms. Smith Fano nominated Mr. Killiany as Assistant Secretary. Ms. Gutierrez seconded the nomination. Mr. Killiany was re-elected Assistant Secretary by acclamation.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A) Procurement Report
- B) Communications Report

CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Martinez stated that representing the MDX Board as its Chair is an honor and he thanked the Members.

Ms. Smith Fano thanked MDX Board for their support and for placing their faith and trust in her.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board of Directors Meeting, 8/29/17, 4:00 p.m., William M. Lehman MDX Building – Board Room

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Martinez adjourned the Board Meeting.

Summary Minutes prepared by Maria Luisa Navia Lobo, Board Secretary.