

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

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2016**

**11:00 a.m.**

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

**SUMMARY MINUTES**

**Present Committee Members:**

Maritza Gutierrez, Chair  
Arthur J. Meyer  
Rick Rodriguez Piña  
Javier L. Vazquez, Esq.  
Cliff Walters

**Absent Committee Members:**

James, Wolfe, Vice Chair

**Present MDX Board Members:**

Louis V. Martinez, Esq., MDX Chair  
Shelly Smith Fano, MDX Vice Chair  
Leonard Boord  
Vincent T. Brown  
Maurice A. Ferré  
Luz Weinberg

**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  
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)  
Reynaldo Cortez, EAC Consulting, (GEC-B)

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Gutierrez called the meeting to order. 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**

A) Approval of Summary Minutes:

- Joint Budget & Finance and Operations Committee Meeting of September 20, 2016

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

B) MDX Delegation of Authority and Property Acquisition Policy

- Endorsement of revisions to the Property Acquisition Policy to include Property Acquisition Authority, Business Damage Claims and Relocation Assistance (To also be Endorsed by Policy and Planning)
- Endorsement of revisions to the Delegation of Authority Policy to remove Section 2.5, Property Acquisition Authority (To also be Endorsed by Policy and Planning)

The proposed revisions to the MDX Delegation of Authority Policy and the MDX Property Acquisition Policy are intended to consolidate all of the policies and provisions related to acquisition of property into the Property Acquisition Policy. Additionally, the proposed revisions to the MDX Property Acquisition Policy also include guidance for the resolution of a Business Damage Claim and Relocation Assistance and minor revisions for settlement authority. The revision to the Delegation of Authority Policy is minor as it directs the reader to the Property Acquisition Authority Policy. Staff recommends adopting the revised policies for the following reasons:

1. Move the provisions of Section 2.5 from the Delegation of Authority Policy to the Property Acquisition Policy to consolidate all policies concerning property acquisition to one policy.
2. Revise settlement authority for a more efficient way to conduct MDX business based on prior experiences and cap the Executive Director's settlement authority amount to be consistent with contractual supplemental agreement authority.
3. To establish consistency with state and federal transportation procedures and industry practices for acquiring property for transportation purposes.
4. To maintain an updated policy in accordance with the FDOT Right of Way Procedures Manual as may be revised by FDOT and relevant industry practices.

Mr. Zaldivar read the revisions to the Property Acquisition Policy into the record.

Mr. Boord informed Members he had requested at the Policy & Planning Committee a table of historical negotiated acquisition settlements.

Mr. Martinez moved to endorse revisions to the Delegation of Authority Policy and Property Acquisition Policy. Ms. Smith Fano seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously endorsed.

C) Endorsement of MDX Resolution No. 16-25 designating SR 836 as the Express Technology Corridor

Mr. Zaldivar read the agenda item into the record. Mr. Toledo introduced the resolution and explained that on September 27, 2016 Staff made a presentation to the MDX Board of Directors that detailed the Intelligent Transportation (IT) initiatives for Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17). The presentation included a plan for installing devices along SR 836, which would facilitate connected and autonomous vehicle technology. The adoption of this resolution will allow MDX to collaborate with other government and private entities to use technology for resolving transportation congestion issues.

Mr. Rodriguez Piña expressed concerns with the terminology the “Express Technology Corridor.” He recommended that the corridor be named “SMART Technology Corridor.” Mr. Rodriguez clarified that the name “Express Technology Corridor” is consistent with the Strategic Master Plan reference to “XT Corridor,” however; at this early stage alternative name recommendations are welcomed.

Mr. Toledo identified for Members the portion of SR 836 that is being designated, which is from 137<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Lejeune Road.

Ms. Gutierrez opened the item for discussion. Members thoroughly discussed the item and Ms. Gutierrez recommended tabling the item for further analysis and clarification.

Mr. Brown stated the resolution is a designation item. He recommended a follow-up item that would be the implementation tool for the goals outlined in the resolution.

Mr. Rodriguez Piña thanked all Members for their input and ideas. The resolution should be brought back to the committee in November with all the recommendations incorporated.

Mr. Rodriguez clarified that MDX has been committed financially to technology for many years; and that Intelligent Transportation Systems have been deployed throughout the System. The next step is how vehicles communicate with each other and the infrastructure. The proposed designation of a portion of SR 836 as a SMART Road would make a MDX road available for pilot programs that provide funding for using this technology.

Mr. Boord recommended redefining the scope and standards by which the resolution may be implemented. He stated the procurement process for technology is different from the procurement process for infrastructure. Ms. Gutierrez tabled the item and recommended broadening and expanding the resolution for further discussion at the Joint Budget & Finance and Operations Committee in November.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A) MDX FY 2018-2022 Five Year Work Program

Mr. Toledo informed Members on the Work Program process and schedule for adoption of the FY 2018-2022 Work Program. He stated the Work Program is a living document that is updated on an annual basis. Financial feasibility analysis is performed on the Work Program. Cost estimates for active, renewal and replacement (R&R) projects and future projects are provided to the Finance team so they can run the financial models to make sure all financial commitments are met and the program is feasible. The Board approves new projects including R&R requirements, changes to previously approved projects and the Five-Year Cash Flow projections.

The Work Program is scheduled for discussion in November and Board approval is estimated for January 2017. Once approved, the Work Program will be submitted to the MPO for inclusion in the Miami-Dade MPO TIP.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- A) MDX Work Program Monthly Status Report – September 2016
- B) HNTB SBE/LB Utilization Report
- C) EAC SBE/LB Utilization Report
- D) MDX Contingency Release History Report
- E) Procurement Report

Mr. Walters asked for clarification on the monthly status report as it relates to the LED lights on the bridge columns. Mr. Toledo clarified that there are deficiencies with the structures.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Board Meeting 10/25/16, 4:00 p.m., William M. Lehman MDX Building – Board Room
- Joint Budget & Finance and Operations Committee Meeting, 11/15/16, 11:00 a.m. William M Lehman MDX Building
- Board of Directors Meeting, 12/9/16, 4:00 p.m., William M. Lehman MDX Building

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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