

**MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

JANUARY 24, 2023

9:00 AM

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

SUMMARY MINUTES

Members Present

Jose “Pepe” Diaz, Chairman
Dennis C. Moss, Vice Chair
Luz Weinberg Treasurer
Josenrique Cueto, P.E.
Jean Monestime
Shelly Smith Fano

Members Absent

Stacy Miller, P.E.

Staff

Darlene M. Fernandez, P.E., Executive Director
Carlos Zaldivar, General Counsel
Marie T. Schafer, Director of Finance/CFO
Juan C. Toledo, P.E., Director of Engineering
MariaLuisa Navia Lobo, Board Secretary

Consultants

Kevin Brown, HNTB (GEC-A)
Rick Crooks, EAC Consultants (GEC-B)
Tere Garcia, B&A (GEC-A)
Yvette Holt, Holt Communications (GEC-B)
William Blend, CPA, MSL CPAs & Advisors

CALL TO ORDER & MOMENT OF SILENCE

Chairman Diaz called the meeting to order. He asked for a moment of silence and asked Vice Chairman Moss to lead in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Treasurer Weinberg led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Navia Lobo called the roll and announced that a quorum of the MDX Board was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Chairman Moss moved to approve the agenda. Board Member Cueto seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

DECLARATIONS OF VOTING CONFLICTS

No conflict declared

CITIZEN COMMENT

No Comments

REGULAR AGENDA

- A) MDX Procurement/Contract No.: RFP-23-04; Investment Advisory Services Support (\$950,000) (SB 0% / LB 0%)
- Approval to Release a Request for Proposals (RFP)
 - Approval to Extend the Current Contract until Completion of Re-Procurement

Mr. Zaldivar read the agenda item for the record. Treasurer Weinberg was selected as the Technical Evaluation Committee Oversight Board Member.

Treasurer Weinberg moved to approve the release of the request for proposal for Investment Advisory Services and proceeded to extend the current contract until the completion of the re-procurement. Board Member Monestime, seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- B) MDX Procurement/Contract No.: ITB-23-10; Road Ranger Service Patrol and RISC/DISC Services for the MDX System (\$20,182,700) (SB 10% / LB 0%)
- Approval of Contract Award

Mr. Zaldivar read the agenda item for the record. Vice Chairman Moss moved to approve the Contract Award to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Ted & Stan's Towing Services Inc. Board Member Monestime Seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- C) MDX Procurement/Contract No.: RFP-23-01; Aesthetic Maintenance Services for the MDX System (\$17,481,692.49) (SB 15% / LB 15%)
- Approval of Contract Award

Mr. Zaldivar read the agenda item for the record. Vice Chairman Moss informed Members that he had

the opportunity to be the Board oversight Member on the TEC. He stated that the procurement was professionally ran and fair. However, he expressed concern about the proposed amount of monitoring and the number of cleaning cycles on the roadway and ramps.

Mr. Toledo introduced the item and informed Members that on January 12th, 2023, the Technical Evaluation Committee (TEC) met to discuss and score the technical proposals and to select the highest-ranked proposer based on the selection criteria on the RFP. The highest-ranked Proposer was Visualscape, Inc. The Price Proposal submitted by Visualscape, Inc. was 7% above the Engineer's Estimate. Historically, a Price Proposal that falls within 10% of the Engineer's Estimate is considered normal. He further explained that the three proposers did not adequately address the scope of services related to sweeping and litter pick up as was expected, even though the topic was stressed at various meetings leading up to the advertisement. However, the winning proposal did propose an enhanced crew to address the litter pickup and committed to increasing the services as needed as part of the scope. Members thoroughly discussed the item as it relates to the additional scope of services, litter pick up and sweeping on the MDX System.

Board Member Cueto moved to approve the contract award to Visualscape, Inc. Treasurer Weinberg seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- D) MDX Procurement/Contract No.: MDX-16-01; MDX Work Program No. 83611 Design-Build Services for the Reconstruction of SR 836/I-395 (\$516,881.19) (FDOT DBE Goal 10% / SB 3%)
- Approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 7

Mr. Zaldivar read the agenda item for the record. Treasurer Weinberg moved to approve supplemental Agreement No. 7. Board Member Cueto Seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- E) MDX Procurement/Contract No.: RFP-15-02; MDX Work Program No. 87410.030 Design-Build Services for SR 874 Ramp Connector to SW 128th Street (\$2,243,400.00)
- Approval of the Stipulated Final Judgment in the MDX v. K&B Investment Corp litigation that requires payment of \$2,243,400 into the Court Registry

Mr. Zaldivar read the agenda item for the record. Vice Chairman Moss moved to approve the Stipulated Final Judgment in the MDX v. K&B Investment Corp. Board Member Monestime seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF SUMMARY MINUTES

- Board Meeting of December 2, 2022

Board Member Monestime moved to approve the Summary Minutes of the December 2, 2022 meeting. Treasurer Weinberg seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A) Travel Approval
- Travel to Orlando, Florida, January 19-20, 2023, by Treasurer Weinberg and Executive Director Fernandez to attend the TEAMFL Quarterly Meeting.

Board Member Monestime moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Treasurer Weinberg seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A) Follow-up to Board Member Moss’s request regarding traffic on the SR 836 Le Jeune Rd. Flyover

Mr. Toledo presented the item and explained that the traffic operations on the airport ramp is the sharp horizontal curve at the top of the crest vertical curve, not allowing the driver to perceive the horizontal change in alignment. Although drivers can perceive the vehicles along the downgrade of the ramp while sitting in the queue but do not perceive this at the top of the crest. This causes the drivers to slow down and creates a queue as the cars approach the crest.

Currently, MDX is working on enhanced pavement marking and signing to provide additional information to the driver as to the change in the horizontal alignment to minimize drivers slowing down when approaching the crest of the curve, thereby increasing the thru-put of vehicles at the top of the vertical crest curve and decreasing the queue lengths.

- B) Legislative Update

Mr. Escobar presented the legislative update.

[Report is filled with the Board Secretary]

- C) Moody’s Credit Opinion

Treasurer Weinberg incorporated the item with the Treasurer’s Report.

- D) Procurement Report

REPORTS

- A) Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Weinberg read the first paragraph of Moody’s report Credit Opinion- January 6, 2023.

Miami-Dade County Expressway Authority (MDX)'s credit profile (A3, stable) reflects its strong market position as a well-established primarily commuter toll road system that provides vital transportation links in a major economic center. MDX's credit profile also reflects its narrowing financial profile which has been impacted by toll rate reductions through 2019 and the coronavirus outbreak. However traffic and revenue have recovered to pre pandemic levels, being at 6.9% and 11.2% above FY 2019 levels in FY 2022.

She further reported debt service ratios at 1.82 through November. The year-to-date traffic is up from fiscal year 22 actual at 5.9%. While over fiscal year 23 forecasts at 7.4% traffic. Toll revenues for fiscal year 22 actuals are up 9.1% and above 6.4% for fiscal year 23 forecasts.

[Moody's Report filed with the Board Secretary]

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Ms. Fernandez reported on the following topics of interest since the last Board Meeting.

- Kendall Parkway Project - seven parcels closed today, which totaled \$1.8 million. There are twenty parcels under contract, which total \$4.1 million.
- Procurement updates:
 - GEC- Services have been advertised. The proposal deadline is March 19, 2023
 - Construction Services for SR 874 DMS, bids are due January 31, 2023
 - MOT Services, bids are due January 31, 2023
 - System-wide signing and pavement marking bids are due February 1, 2023
 - System-wide janitorial services bids are due February 3, 2023
- Governor's Toll Relief Program – Senate Bill 6A - Floridians receive a credit to their SunPass accounts - no financial impact to MDX
- MDX Temporary Program, still in place – approved by the MDX Board in October 2022, ends February 28, 2023. MDX had estimated \$7 million for the temporary program. Spent from October to December a total of approximately \$3.8 million, and it is expected for January and February to come in at approximately \$2.5 million. The program is estimated to be half a million dollars under budget,
- MDX Board Meeting Dates

Ms. Fernandez and Board Members presented Mr. Escobar with a plaque of appreciation. Mr. Escobar will be retiring on February 24, 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board Meeting, 2/28/2023, 4:00 PM, William M. Lehman MDX Building -Board Room

ADJOURNMENT

Board Members moved to adjourn the meeting.

Summary Minutes prepared by MariaLuisa Navia Lobo, Board Secretary.

Minutes are in summary form. For an electronic copy of the meeting recording, please contact boardsecretary@mdxway.com