

**MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX)
BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2015
10:00 AM**

SUMMARY MINUTES

Present Committee Members:

Rick Rodriguez Piña, Chair
Alfredo L. Gonzalez, Esq.,
Cliff Walters

Absent Committee Members:

Gus Pego, P.E.
Luz Weinberg

Present MDX Board Members:

Louis V. Martinez, Esq., MDX Chair
Shelly Smith Fano, MDX Vice Chair – in attendace via phone
Jose “Pepe” Cancio

Staff:

Javier Rodriguez, Executive Director
Marie Schafer, Director of Finance/CFO
Juan Toledo, Director of Engineering
Steve Andriuk, Director of Toll Operations
Helen Cordero, Manager, Contract Administration & Procurement
Francine Steelman, Associate General Counsel
MariaLuisa Navia Lobo, Board Secretary

Consultants:

Randy Topel, First Southwest Co. (FSW)

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Rodriguez Piña called the meeting to order. Ms. Navia Lobo called the roll and announced a quorum was present

DECLARATIONS OF VOTING CONFLICTS

Mr. Rodriguez Piña asked Committee Members if there were any conflicts to declare in regards to the Agenda. No conflicts were declared.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were received.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Schafer reported on the period of October 2015; revenues posted were \$19.8 million, 2.6 % above the forecast. Year to date revenue posted \$73.9 million, the variance is a positive of \$7.3 million. The majority of the variance is due to toll by plate customer late fees. The remaining is positive traffic projections, about 8% above of the forecast. We are working with the Traffic and Revenue consultant for possible revision to the budget.

Toll Operations, Roadway Operations and Maintenance are all on track. The Professional Services, Legal Services is over budget due to the ETCC litigation. Overall the results are positive.

The Treasurer's report was unanimously approved as presented.

ACTION ITEMS:

A) Approval of Summary Minutes:

- Budget & Finance Committee Meeting of September 24, 2015

Mr. Martinez moved to approve the Summary Minutes. Mr. Gonzalez- seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

B) Endorsement of Fiscal Year 2015 CAFR, Disposal of Fixed Assets & Other Assets and Contribution of Assets to Other Entities

Ms. Schafer informed Members that the annual external audit of the MDX financial statements for fiscal year 15 was performed by Moore Stephens Lovelace, P.A. in compliance with the Trust Indenture, as well as the applicable Florida Statutes. The audit resulted in an unmodified (clean) opinion of the financial statements.

Mr. Blend, External Auditor, presented the June 30, 2015 Financial Statements and reported on the following:

- Auditor Responsibilities
- Management Responsibilities
- Internal Controls and Compliance
- Significant Matters
- Management Representations
- Assigned Individual for Oversight

- Audit Schedule

He informed Members that the Auditor's report on financial statements received an Unmodified Opinion, from an external auditor's perspective, this is the highest level of assurance.

He further reported on the Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters

- No internal control findings related to financial reporting and no compliance findings

-Auditor's Report on Compliance and Internal Control Over Compliance Applicable to Each Major Federal Program

- No internal control findings and no compliance findings

-Independent Accountant's Report

- No compliance findings

-Auditor's Management Letter

- No management letter comments

-Mr. Blend highlighted the financial statements and new accounting standards and issues.

Ms. Schafer reported that as part of the year end process, the General Engineering Consultant is required to review and recommend fixed assets and work in progress projects to be disposed of due to impairment or other. For fiscal year 2015 asset disposals totaled \$10,984,217.84 comprised of system-wide planning projects, and infrastructure and information technology. Mr. Blend further stated the schedules of the assets are found in the report.

Mr. Martinez moved to endorse the 2015 CAFR, disposal of fixed Assets and other Assets and contributions. Mr. Gonzalez seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously endorsed.

[a copy of the presentation is filed with the Board Secretary.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A) Citizen's Report Fiscal Year 2015

Ms. Schafer informed Members that the 2015 Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) is a simpler version of the financial statements and focuses on our toll customers to understand where their toll are spent. The report is a good summarization of what MDX does. The PAFR can be found on the MDX website and will be distributed at MDX events throughout the community.

Mr. Rodriguez Piña recommended distributing the report to Board of Miami-Dade County Commissioners, the Dade Legislative Delegation and Miami Dade College.

B) Cash Back Fiscal Year 2015 Update

Ms. Schafer thanked her staff and reported the cash back dividend checks will be mailed out the week of November 30, 2015 to meet the target date of early December 2015.

C) Debt Update

Mr. Topel informed Members that his firm has been monitoring the refunding they presented, the process is looking at certain debt structures that accelerate debt payments. He expressed the importance of having the capital plan in place in order to address the need to incorporate a debt

acceleration plan.

Mr. Topel entertained questions from Members.

Mr. Rodriguez informed Members that State Representative McGee made a presentation at the MPO of one of his ideas Miami -Dade County 2.0. SFRTA TriRail a plan expanding into Miami using existing CSX railroads, he highlighted four projects that are priorities for Miami-Dade County:

1. Going west along SR836 using CSX
2. Going south using the busway or the current CSX line to Florida City
3. Going north using TriRail – station between 79 St. and Golden Glades
4. Going east to the beach – no rail corridor

He proposed to use the People Transportation Plan dollars that are projected to be available, State and Federal funding that might become available and to have MDX be the lead agency to make it happen and deliver the projects.

Mr. Rodriguez further informed Members that the Transit and Mobility Committee met; there was a discussion item on the Miami Intermodal Center (MIC). Since 2009 MDX has been asked to take a look at the possibility to be the lead agency to operate the facility and develop that land adjacent to it. Secretary Pego, who was at the meeting and made the presentation, informed the Transit and Mobility Committee that the only way MDX could take the lead would be if it was a revenue neutral or positive endeavor.

FDOT made the presentation and pressed the issue of the governance. MDC Transit director stated they are not able to take the lead; the right thing would be to have MDX be the governing agency and take the lead. The BCC recommended having a recommendation from Miami Dade Transit Director by December 1, 2015.

Mr. Rodriguez entertained questions from Members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Operations Committee Meeting, 12/3/15, 10:00 a.m., MDX Board Room
- Board of Directors Meeting, 12/8/15, 4:00 PM
- Attorney Client Privileged Meeting (Shade Meeting), Regarding ETCC Litigation on December 16, 2015 at 10:30 AM

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Rodriguez Piña. Minutes prepared by Maria Luisa Navia Lobo, Board Secretary.