

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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Not On  
Agenda Item No. 15(B)(1)  
3-16-04

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY MANAGER TO MEET WITH PROFESSIONAL STAFF OF THE MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY AND TO APPEAR BEFORE THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE AUTHORITY TO SECURE A FULL ANALYSIS OF THE AUTHORITY'S RATIONALE FOR ITS RECENT TOLL INCREASES AND ITS TWO-TIER TOLL POLICY AND REQUESTING THE AUTHORITY TO SUSPEND SUCH INCREASES AND POLICY UNTIL SUCH ANALYSIS IS COMPLETED

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority ("MDX") has adopted a two-tier toll policy, a lower toll price for SunPass subscribers and a higher toll price for pay-as-you-go cash customers; and

**WHEREAS**, the first phase of this two-tier toll policy went into effect on March 7, 2004, charging pay-as-you-go motorists 25 cents more than SunPass subscribers to travel on SR 836, SR 874, SR 924 and SR 112; and

**WHEREAS**, this discriminatory toll policy, charging pay-as-you-go cash customers 25 cents more than SunPass subscribers, is to continue during the next scheduled toll increase on July 3, 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, to enroll in the SunPass pre-paid toll program requires an initial investment of \$50.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the overwhelming majority of SunPass users are credit card customers; and

**WHEREAS**, enrolling in the SunPass program is a very difficult, complicated and challenging process without a credit card; and

**WHEREAS**, charging a higher toll to the pay-as-you-go motorist is discriminatory pricing and affords an undue economic advantage to SunPass subscribers; and

**WHEREAS**, the tolls imposed by the Expressway Authority should be used for the specific purpose of defraying the costs of the roadways, and not be used as an economic tool to coerce motorists to purchase a SunPass,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that:

Section 1. The County Manager is directed to meet with the MDX professional staff and appear before the MDX Governing Board to secure a full analysis of the rationale and justification for the increased tolls and the two-tier toll structure.

Section 2. The County Manager shall provide such information to this Board through its Transportation Committee at the earliest possible date.

Section 3. The Board hereby requests that the MDX Governing Board respond to the concerns expressed regarding the toll increases and the two-tier toll structure referenced above.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Natacha Seijas and offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Chairperson Barbara Carey-Shuler, Ed.D.  
Katy Sorenson, Vice-Chairperson

Bruno A. Barreiro	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Betty T. Ferguson	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Jimmy L. Morales
Dennis C. Moss	Dorrin D. Rolle
Natacha Seijas	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

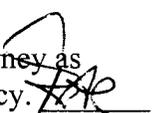
The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this \_\_\_\_\_, 2004. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency. 

R.A. Cuevas, Jr.