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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: September 1, 2015

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority ("MDX") (1) to create a public awareness campaign informing County residents that MDX meetings are open to the public and encouraging greater awareness of the county's transportation issues, and (2) to partner with the County to increase public awareness regarding transportation issues; directing the Mayor to examine and prepare a report regarding the feasibility of partnering with MDX to increase public awareness regarding the county's transportation issues

Resolution No. R-733-15

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Co-Prime Sponsors Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and Vice Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.

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Please note any items checked.

_____ **"3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised**

_____ **6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing**

_____ **4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing**

_____ **Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget**

_____ **Budget required**

_____ **Statement of fiscal impact required**

_____ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing**

_____ **No committee review**

_____ **Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous _____) to approve**

_____ **Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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9-1-15

RESOLUTION NO. R-733-15

RESOLUTION URGING THE MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY ("MDX") (1) TO CREATE A PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN INFORMING COUNTY RESIDENTS THAT MDX MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND ENCOURAGING GREATER AWARENESS OF THE COUNTY'S TRANSPORTATION ISSUES, AND (2) TO PARTNER WITH THE COUNTY TO INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS REGARDING TRANSPORTATION ISSUES; DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXAMINE AND PREPARE A REPORT REGARDING THE FEASIBILITY OF PARTNERING WITH MDX TO INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS REGARDING THE COUNTY'S TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

WHEREAS, in 1990, the Florida Legislature passed the Florida Expressway Authority Act, codified in Chapter 348 of the Florida Statutes, providing that any county may form an expressway authority, which shall be an agency of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority ("MDX") was created by this Board in 1994 pursuant to state law to serve as an innovative transportation agency dedicated to the enhancement of mobility in Miami-Dade County, and to establish local control and retain within the county the toll revenues generated for infrastructure improvements and maintenance of five expressways within the MDX system; and

WHEREAS, MDX has been tasked with re-investing the funds generated from tolls and user fees in order to maintain, operate, and enhance its expressway system; and

WHEREAS, it is MDX's policy to formally involve the residents of the County and to encourage and receive public comment on matters directly impacting the public, such as the development of MDX's Master Transportation Plan and its detailed Five-Year Work Program, and the setting of toll rates on MDX facilities; and

WHEREAS, despite MDX encouraging public attendance at its meetings, many County residents are not aware that the MDX meetings are open to the public and that they can attend in person or via telephone conference; and

WHEREAS, additionally, many County residents are not aware that the MDX Board of Directors meetings can be watched via live streaming video on MDX's website; and

WHEREAS, in fact, the monthly MDX Board of Directors meetings are open to the public and are available for viewing on live streaming video via the Internet at www.mdxway.com; and

WHEREAS, the videos of the monthly MDX Board of Directors meetings are also archived and available on MDX's website; and

WHEREAS, this Board recognizes that achieving greater public awareness of, and participation in, transportation issues affecting the County and its residents is an important objective; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate this objective, this Board urges MDX to create and implement a public awareness campaign that informs County residents that MDX meetings are open to the public and that residents are encouraged to attend and participate in those meetings and to be informed about, and engaged in, the county's transportation issues,

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

Section 1. Urges the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority ("MDX") to create and implement a public awareness campaign informing County residents that MDX meetings are open to the public, encouraging attendance at and participation in those meetings, and emphasizing the importance of being informed and engaged in the county's transportation issues

and further urges MDX to partner with the County to increase public awareness regarding the county's transportation issues.

Section 2. Directs the Mayor or Mayor's designee to examine the feasibility of partnering with MDX to increase public awareness regarding the county's transportation issues. The study shall include, but is not limited to, examining the feasibility and potential costs of entering into an interlocal agreement with MDX to broadcast the MDX meetings on Miami-Dade TV.

Section 3. Directs the Mayor or Mayor's designee to provide a report on the feasibility study as set forth in Section 2 above to this Board within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution. The Mayor or Mayor's designee shall place such report on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

Section 4. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Chair, Members, and Executive Director of the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority.

The Co-Prime Sponsors of the foregoing resolution are Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and Vice Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. It was offered by Commissioner **Xavier L. Suarez**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Daniella Levine Cava** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jean Monestime, Chairman **aye**
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman **absent**

Bruno A. Barreiro	**absent**	Daniella Levine Cava	**aye**
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	**aye**	Audrey M. Edmonson	**aye**
Sally A. Heyman	**absent**	Barbara J. Jordan	**aye**
Dennis C. Moss	**aye**	Rebeca Sosa	**aye**
Sen. Javier D. Souto	**absent**	Xavier L. Suarez	**aye**
Juan C. Zapata	**absent**		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of September, 2015. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: Christopher Agrippa
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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