

MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX)

**OPERATIONS, EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND INTER-GOVERNMENTAL
COMMITTEE MEETING**

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2019

4:30 PM

WILLIAM M. LEHMAN MDX BUILDING

3790 NW 21ST STREET

MIAMI, FLORIDA 33142

SUMMARY MINUTES

Present Committee Members:

Shelly Smith Fano, Chair
James Wolfe, P.E., Vice Chair
Maritza Gutiérrez
Arthur J. Meyer- in attendance via phone

Absent Members:

Carlos A. Gimenez
Leonard Boord

Board Members Present:

Luz Weinberg – in attendance via phone

Staff:

Javier Rodriguez, P.E., Executive Director
Marie T. Schafer, CPA, Director of Finance/CFO
Juan Toledo, P.E., Director of Engineering
Steve Andriuk, Director of Toll Operations
Carlos M. Zaldivar, Esq., General Counsel
Helen M. Cordero, Manager of Procurement and Contract Administration
Francine Steelman, Esq., Associate General Counsel
Bernardo Escobar, Special Projects Manager
Jason Greene, Financial Controls and Budget Manager
Maria Luisa Navia Lobo, Board Secretary

Consultants:

Albert Sosa, HNTB (GEC-A)
Reynaldo Cortez, EAC, (GEC-B)
David Aron, CDM Smith

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Committee Chair Smith Fano called the meeting to order. Ms. Navia Lobo called the roll and announced a quorum was present of the OECI Committee.

DECLARATIONS OF VOTING CONFLICTS

No conflicts were declared.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

ACTION ITEMS

A) Approval of Summary Minutes:

Operations, External Communications and Inter-Governmental Committee Meeting of February 26, 2019. Mr. Rodriguez informed Members of modifications to the Summary Minutes on page 2 Item B – adding that the amount of the annual rental value of the parcel would be approximately \$50,000.

Ms. Gutierrez moved to approve the Summary Minutes for the February 26, 2019 meeting as amended. Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved as amended.

B) MDX Procurement/Contract Number ITB-19-02; MDX Work Program No. 83629.060; Construction Services for NW 82nd Ave. Reconstruction, Midway Pump Station Conveyance Phase II and NW 7th Street Connection (Project Estimate \$4,560,000)

- Approval to Reject all Bids and Re-Advertise

Mr. Toledo introduced the item and informed Members that on January 8, 2019 (the submittal deadline), eleven (11) bid packages were submitted. However, post 1/8/19, it was brought to MDX's attention that the Traffic Control Plans and associated quantities on the Midway Pump Station Conveyance Phase II and NW 7th Street Connection projects, requires the contractor to prepare a Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) plan, which also requires the County's review and approval. After reviewing the existing bid documents, it became apparent that the current documents create a potential uncertainty for the bidders regarding the development and pricing of the MOT and associated quantities for the Pump Station. Furthermore, if the documents were not revised, the situation would create an inherent project delay for the development and review of the MOT plans. The uncertainty could lead to increased pricing and safety issues; and the development and the approval of the Traffic Control Plan could also create a delay in the Project construction.

As a risk mitigation measure and in an effort to reduce uncertainty and costs, Staff recommends preparing a revised bid package to offer additional clarity on the Traffic Control Plans and associated quantities for the Pump Station and re-bidding the project. The submitted bids were never opened and are currently exempt from Public Records, if the Project is rebid.

Ms. Gutierrez moved to reject all bids and re-advertise the project with revised bid documents. Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Toledo recommended that the Committee consider Agenda items IV. C and IV E together.

C) MDX Work Program No. 83611 SR 836/I-95 Interchange Improvements

- Endorsement of an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with Miami-Dade County to Facilitate the Construction of the 83611 Project and for MDX to construct a Temporary Parking Lot.

Mr. Toledo explained that the purpose of facilitating the Project improvements and for providing a staging area for the Design-Build construction. MDX has negotiated with the County to acquire Permanent Easements (PE) and Temporary Construction Easements (TCE) for parcels owned by Miami-Dade County that are in proximity to the Project. A map was distributed at the meeting. These parcels are currently being used by the County's Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for parking. As part of the Project, the Design-Build Team will provide a Replacement Parking Lot, immediately to the west of the Corrections facility. There will also be some permanent and short term impacts to the Department's employee parking lot, *see* Exhibit No. 2. The Replacement Parking Lot will be used by the Department for employee parking during construction activities. The ILA also includes various construction requirements and work restrictions necessary to facilitate construction activities adjacent to the Department's facility.

Ms. Gutierrez moved to endorse the Interlocal Agreement with Miami-Dade County. Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously endorsed

E) Approval of lease to Miami-Dade County for MDX Parcel 836-600

The Leased Parcel lies under the SR 836 bridge at NW 7th Avenue and is used by the County's Corrections Department to park its employees' vehicles and to secure access into the facility.

This is a ten (10) year lease with County's Department of Corrections for Parcel 836-600. It's a rent-free, government lease with an Extended Lease option for an additional ten (10) years, at MDX's sole discretion. The annual rental value of the property would be approximately \$120,000.

Ms. Gutierrez moved to endorse the lease with Miami-Dade County. Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously endorsed

D) MDX Procurement/Contract Number RFP-19-01; MDX Work Program No. 92404.030 Design-Build Services for 107th Avenue

- Approval to Advertise
- Advertisement of a Request for Proposal (RFP) procurement process for the selection of a qualified Design-Build Firm.
- Technical Evaluation Committee composition
- Proposal Evaluation Criteria

Mr. Toledo introduced the item and informed Members that staff is requesting Committee approval to advertise a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the selection of a qualified Design-Build Firm to provide design and construction services for the NW 107th Avenue Improvements project from NW 138th Street to NW 166th Street.

Pursuant to an Interlocal Agreement and subsequent amendment, MDX partnered with Miami-Dade County, the City of Hialeah, and the City of Hialeah Gardens to develop, design and construct NW 107th Avenue between NW 138th Street and NW 170th Street. MDX will procure and manage the construction the Project. Miami-Dade County, the City of Hialeah, and the City of Hialeah Gardens are solely responsible for obtaining the right-of-way needed to construct the Project; and Miami-Dade County is solely responsible for the costs and expenses to develop, design and construct the Project.

Upon completion of the Project, Miami-Dade County will own, operate and maintain NW 107th Avenue.

Mr. Wolfe volunteered to be the MDX Board Member on Technical Evaluation Committee.

The advertisement for the Project services will occur after Miami-Dade County, the City of Hialeah, and the City of Hialeah Gardens have secured right-of-way and funding necessary to construct the Project.

Miami-Dade County is solely responsible for the costs and expenses associated with the Project's development, design, construction and long-term maintenance of the NW 107th Avenue roadway and canal components of the Project. Additionally, the City of Hialeah will be solely responsible for the costs and expenses associated with the Project's development, design, construction and long-term maintenance of the water and sewer infrastructure component of the Project.

Mr. Wolfe moved to approve the advertisement, Technical Evaluation Committee composition and the evaluation criteria. Ms. Gutierrez seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

E) Approval of Interlocal Agreement/Transportation Grant Funding between Florida International University and Miami-Dade Expressway Authority

Mr. Toledo informed Members that recently FIU approached MDX to explore traffic congestion management strategies. FIU has initiated a program that provides parking incentives to students who carpool to FIU campuses. FIU approached MDX to explore enhancing its Pilot Program by also providing incentives for students who carpool to its campuses. Accordingly, MDX will reimburse FIU for payments it makes to qualified Program participants who paid MDX tolls via SunPass® in accordance with the Program's requirements. MDX and FIU will use the data obtained during the Pilot Period to evaluate the effectiveness of this Program for reducing highway congestion on MDX roadways and within Miami-Dade County. MDX's financial participation in this Pilot Project will not exceed \$10,000.00.

Mr. Wolfe informed Committee Members that FIU also reached out to FDOT- District 6 for the Pilot Program.

Mr. Toledo entertained questions from Members.

Mr. Wolfe moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement with FIU. Ms. Gutierrez seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A) MDX Work Program Monthly Status Report – February 2019
- B) HNTB SBE/LB Utilization Report
- C) EAC SBE/LB Utilization Report
- D) MDX Contingency Release History Report
- E) Procurement Report

The Informational Items were not addressed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Finance, Policy & Planning Committee Meeting, 4/4/19, 3:00 PM, William M. Lehman MDX Building – Board Room
- Board Meeting 4/4/19, 4:00 PM, William M. Lehman MDX Building – Board Room

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Ms. Smith Fano.

Minutes prepared by Maria Luisa Navia Lobo, Board Secretary.