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Miami-Dade County Commission Appoints Three to the MDX Board of Directors

MIAMI, Fla., February 7, 2017 – Today, Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners announced the appointments of Mayor Carlos Gimenez, Vice Chairwoman Audrey Edmonson, and the reappointment of Maritza Gutiérrez to the MDX Board of Directors.

“We welcome newly appointed MDX Board Members Mayor Gimenez, Vice Chair Edmonson, and welcome back Board Member Gutiérrez. MDX will continue with its mission of improving mobility within Miami-Dade County, and partnering with the County and the State to implement crucial multimodal projects,” said Executive Director Javier Rodriguez. “We would also like to recognize the previous board members Maurice Ferré, Rick Rodriguez Piña, Alfredo Gonzalez, and Vincent Brown for their dedication, wisdom and volunteerism while on the MDX Board of Directors.”

Carlos Gimenez, is the Mayor of Miami-Dade County, the largest County in Florida. As Miami-Dade's highest-ranking elected official and chief administrator, Mayor Gimenez is responsible for the leadership and management of an organization with over 26,000 employees and an annual budget of approximately \$7 billion. Prior to first being elected Mayor in 2011 after a Special Election, Mayor Gimenez served on the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners for seven years. Mayor Gimenez served as Manager at the City of Miami from 2000 to 2003, and was credited with helping restore financial stability and integrity to that organization.

Audrey Edmonson serves the Miami-Dade County Commission as District 3 commissioner since December 2005, and was elected to serve as Vice Chair of the County Commission from 2016 – 2018. Prior to being elected Commissioner of district 3, Commissioner Edmonson served as the Mayor of the Village of El Portal between 1999 and 2004. She became the municipality's first mayor to be elected by residents rather than by the members of the Village Council.

Maritza Gutiérrez, was reappointed to serve her fourth term as a member of the MDX Board of Directors. Ms. Gutiérrez founded and serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Creative Ideas Advertising since 1983. Ms. Gutiérrez's civic and community involvement includes serving as a member of the Destination Florida Commission and an emeritus member of the Community Partnership for the Homeless Center. Ms. Gutiérrez previously served as Chair of the Authority from 2007 through 2010 and again from 2014 to 2015.

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About MDX

MDX operates and maintains five user-supported expressways in Miami-Dade County – SR 112/Airport Expressway, SR 836/Dolphin Expressway, SR 874/Don Shula Expressway, SR 878/Snapper Creek Expressway, and SR 924/Gratigny Parkway. MDX expressways are funded by toll revenue, which is reinvested back into the community and funds the construction of projects that alleviate traffic congestion, create thousands of local jobs and provide new opportunities to small and local businesses. The agency also gives back a portion of its annual revenue to drivers through the MDX Frequent Driver Rewards Program.