MEMORANDUM

To: Aileen Boucle, MPO Executive Director
From: Javier Rodriguez, P.E., MDX Executive Director
Re: MDX Resolution 16-21 – SMART Plan

Enclosed please find Resolution 16-21 Expressing support for the MPO approved Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit Plan which was presented and approved by the MDX Governing Board on May 31, 2016.
RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE STRATEGIC MIAMI AREA RAPID TRANSIT PLAN AS APPROVED BY THE MIAMI-DADE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS, in 2002, the electors of Miami-Dade County approved the imposition of a one-half percent surtax with the purpose of improving, among other things, mass transit within the County through the People’s Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the People’s Transportation Plan includes rapid transit corridors to be developed throughout Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Planning Organization through its Transit Solutions Committee received and considered input from transportation partner agencies, elected officials, and the public at large in order to designate six rapid transit corridors as a high priority; and

WHEREAS, on February 16, 2016, the Metropolitan Planning Organization Governing Board unanimously adopted Resolution #06-16 and approved a policy to set as highest priority for the community the advancement of rapid transit corridors and transit supportive projects in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2016, the Metropolitan Planning Organization reviewed and unanimously endorsed the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (“SMART”) Plan; and

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2016, the Citizens’ Independent Transportation Trust expressed its support for the SMART Plan and for the use of Charter County Transportation Surtax funds for the necessary project development and environment studies; and

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2016, the Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority was privileged with the presentation of a video and informative discussion on the SMART Plan by MPO Secretariat Aileen Bouclé and the Miami-Dade County Director of the Transportation & Public Works Department Alice Bravo; and

WHEREAS, the MDX Board of Directors herein desires to express its support for the SMART Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY, that this Board expresses its support for the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit Plan as presented at its Board meeting of May 31, 2016.