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MDX Breaks Ground on Transit Terminal that will Bring Express Bus Service to the Dolphin Expressway

Miami – 1.23.17 – On Monday, MDX held a groundbreaking event to formally mark the start of construction of the Dolphin Station Park and Ride Transit Terminal Facility, a 12 bus bay station with more than 800 parking spaces for commuters.

“What we want to do for Miami-Dade county is give everybody options. An option to get out of your car and this is one of the solutions,” said Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez. “But if drivers do choose to stay in their cars, we are working hard with our partners to improve major intersections. Improving transit county-wide is a priority for myself and the commission.”

Dolphin Station is the result of a unique partnership between MDX, Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). Miami-Dade County asked MDX to fast track the planning, design and construction, FDOT funded the planning and design development of the facility, and is sharing the approximately \$16.9 million construction cost with DTPW. MDX is the implementing agency for both the County and the State by delivering the project. Once construction of Dolphin Station is completed in December of 2017, the facility will be operated and maintained by Miami-Dade County.

“As the commissioner of the district, the Dolphin Station Park and Ride Transit Facility was a top priority for me, and I am excited to see it come to fruition,” said County Commissioner Jose “Pepe” Diaz, who sponsored the legislation that authorized the agreement with MDX and FDOT. “This vital project will serve as a viable alternative to west Miami-Dade commuters, especially those in District 12.”

The Dolphin Station will serve as a transit hub providing an alternative for potential transit riders from Doral, Sweetwater, and other residential areas of West Dade to major employment areas such as Miami International Airport, the Health District, Downtown and Brickell using the SR 836 Express Bus Service.

“MDX was created in part with the purpose of reinvesting its revenue to improve Miami-Dade County’s transportations challenges. And I’ll be the first to admit that fixing the community’s congestion issues is not a task that can be done alone. While I’m very proud of the work MDX is doing, collaborating with other transportations agencies is the only way to serve the millions of commuters in Miami-Dade,” said MDX Chairman Louis Martinez.

The completed Dolphin Station will feature 849 long term parking spaces and 20 short term parking spaces, 12 bus bays and 10 bus layover bays, a transit hub with air conditioned passenger waiting areas and retail space, a driver’s break lounge and drop off areas. Construction is scheduled to be completed in December 2017.



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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.