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# **Merging Policy and Technology**

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### **Overview of MDX**

- MDX is an Agency of the State (Public) created in 1994
- Transfer of Assets Agreement December 1996
- 13 Board Members
  - 5 appointed by the Governor , 7 appointed by the County Commission
  - FDOT District VI Secretary as Ex-officio member
- Toll Revenue is primary source of funding
  - No gasoline tax
- Created to build, expand, maintain and operate expressways within Miami-Dade County



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#### **Policy Issues**

- Pricing
  - Tolling Equity
- Conventional Toll Plaza's or Open Road Tolling
  - Cash Customer?
- Financial Planning
  - Cash Flow
- Public outreach







#### **Policy Implementation**

- Setting the Tone Big Picture
  - Transportation funding gap
  - Congestion relief
  - Focus on need and region's economic vitality
  - "What is the cost of doing nothing?"





**MDX = solution** 





## **Policy Implementation**

- Briefing of all elected officials local & state level
- Concentrate on facts
  - Miami is 6<sup>th</sup> most congested metropolitan area
  - Congestion is an impediment to high wage jobs
  - Speed to market transportation is the currency of economic development
- Multi-tiered / multi-year / educational campaign
  - take a complicated message and make it simple
- Business Rules
  - Customer friendly but ensure collection



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#### **Implementation - Open Road Tolling**

- 2003 ORT at Existing Plaza's
- 2006 ORT Master Plan
- Full Conversion Dates
  - SR 836 Extension June 2007
  - SR 924 June 2010
  - SR 874 / SR 878 July 2010
  - SR 112 FY 2014
  - SR 836 Mainline FY 2014
- Launched micro-site for ORT
  - www.mdxort.com





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## **Open Road Tolling**

- The results:
  - Users paying a toll : 28% to 55%
  - **Revenues**: 125M to \$125M
  - Sunpass Penetration: 183%
  - Over \$1.4B being invested into infrastructure



 Miami-Dade is now outside of top 10 most congested cities in the US