TARC RESOLUTION #2-10

SUPPORTING THE DESIGN CONCEPTS AND DIRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MDX PD&E STUDIES: SR 874 RAMP CONNECTOR; SR 924 WEST EXTENSION; AND SR 924 EAST EXTENSION, AS PRESENTED AND REQUESTING THAT THE PROJECTS RETURN TO TARC ONCE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVES ARE SELECTED AND AFTER THE FINAL PD&E PUBLIC HEARINGS, AS WELL AS EARLY IN FINAL DESIGN; AND RECOMMENDING THAT IF THE ELEVATED OPTION IS SELECTED AS THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR THE SR 924 EAST EXTENSION, THAT IT BE MADE AS LIGHT AND AIRY AS POSSIBLE; AND IF THE PROJECTS USE A DESIGN/BUILD PROCESS, THAT WHAT MDX WANTS AESTHETICALLY BE SPELLED OUT IN THE DESIGN/BUILD PACKAGES

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has established the Transportation Aesthetics Review Committee (TARC) to ensure that development of major transportation projects in Miami-Dade County incorporates quality aesthetic criteria and professional standards of design, and

WHEREAS, the Miami Expressway Authority (MDX) is conducting Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Studies for the following projects which are part of its 2035 Vision: State Road 874 Ramp Connector; State Road 924 West Extension, and State Road 924 East Extension;

WHEREAS, the TARC commended MDX on excellent presentations, particularly the visualizations for the latter project, showing varied ideas for piers and lighting

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION AESTHETICS REVIEW COMMITTEE OF THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA:

SECTION 1. That the TARC hereby supports the design concepts and direction of the following Miami-Dade Expressway Authority (MDX) Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Studies as presented:

- a. State Road 874 Ramp Connector
- b. State Road 924 West Extension, and
- c. State Road 924 East Extension,

and requests that the projects return to the TARC once the preferred alternatives are selected and after the last PD&E Public Hearing; and that the final design team come to the TARC early to assure that these concepts are carried through the design.

SECTION 2. That the TARC recommends that if the elevated option is selected as the preferred alternative for the SR 924 East Extension, that it be made as light and airy as possible; and that if a design/build process is used, that MDX and consultants spell out what they want aesthetically in the design build package.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Alex David seconded by James Kanter and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Trent Baughn	-	aye
Chairman	Juan Crespi	-	aye
	Alex A. David	-	aye
	Ken Gardner	-	aye
	Jackie Genard	-	aye
Vice-Chair	Jason Greene	-	aye

Roberto Hernandez aye James Kanter aye Javier Lopez absent Jonathan Martinez absent Megan McLaughlin absent Victor H. Nieves aye Cheryl Polite-Eaford absent Steve Pinna aye Luis O. Revuelta absent

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of June, 2011

TRANSPORTATION AESTHETICS REVIEW COMMITTEE

(TARC)

Susan Schreiber

TARC Secretariat