# GRATIGNY PARKWAY EAST EXTENSION PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT (PD&E) STUDY

MDX invites you to attend the upcoming Alternatives Public Workshop.

Thursday, June 30, 2011 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Bethel Apostolic Temple 1855 NW 119<sup>th</sup> Street Miami, FL 33167

Esta información está disponible en español en la página web www.mdxway.com. Si necesita más información favor llamar a Tere Garcia al 786-277-9292.

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# ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Miami-Dade Expressway Authority (MDX) has initiated a Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study for a proposed eastward extension of the Gratigny Parkway to I-95. The project is being performed in collaboration with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and studied in accordance with FDOT's PD&E Study process. The PD&E Study will include an evaluation of alternatives for a potential new expressway extension from the current eastern terminus of the Gratigny Parkway west of NW 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to the existing NW 119<sup>th</sup> Street/I-95 interchange, a distance of approximately 2.5 miles. Project improvements will also be evaluated for the potential new Gratigny Parkway ramp connections on I-95 between NW 103<sup>rd</sup> Street and NW 135<sup>th</sup> Street.



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# YOUR INPUT IS ESSENTIAL

We encourage you to give us your opinions and comments on this study. At this stage of the project, we are especially interested in hearing from residents, business owners and motorists regarding the need for improvements in the corridor, both short and long-term. Your input helps guide our planners and engineers to develop solutions that work with the community's goals and visions. Our goal is to make sure that everyone has a chance to ask questions and provide input on this very important project. Please feel free to direct your comments to:

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Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop by contacting Tere Garcia at the email or phone number listed above. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).





PHOTOS: Technical Charrette, December 2010

The Alternatives Public Workshop will have an open house meeting format where the public will have an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments to MDX representatives on a one-to-one basis. Maps, drawings and other project information will be available for review at the workshop. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status.

### PROJECT LOCATION MAP Northwest. OPA-LOCKA Christian Academy NW-135 St Leseune Ro Ave 12 Ave JW 22-Ave NW 19 Ave NORTH MIAM NW 17 27 7 Ave NW 127 St 2 ≷ view\_ Kiwanis Westside Country Club Park Community Center NW 119 St/Gratigny Pkwy 2 Ave MDC North Ave NW-111-St Campus 32 HIALEAH MIAM SHORES Legend PHOTOS: Looking east along Gratigny Parkway / NW 119<sup>th</sup> Street NW 103 St Project Limits

# WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT?

The purpose of the project is to provide a more integrated highway system to serve the needs of the area and to improve access and mobility to and from major origin and destinations in northern Miami-Dade County. The project seeks to provide the following benefits:

- Alleviate future traffic congestion along NW 119<sup>th</sup> Street
- Reduce travel times and minimize delays on NW 119th Street by separating pass-through traffic from local traffic
- Provide a critical east-west expressway connection in the northern part of Miami-Dade County
- Provide enhancements to the community which may include the removal of existing lanes, more integrated residential and business communities between the north and south sides of NW 119<sup>th</sup> Street, improved pedestrian connectivity, wider sidewalks, enhanced lighting, bike lanes and landscaping

The potential enhancements under consideration for this project are consistent with local Community Development and Land Use plans including the North Miami Community Redevelopment Plan and the Miami-Dade County North Central Charrette.



## WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR?

Over the last several months, the project team has worked to identify and listen to the needs and desires of residents, business owners, and other stakeholders in the community. The initial process of data collection and information gathering process began with the Agency/ Elected Official and the Public Kickoff meetings held September 15, 2010. The purpose of these initial meetings was to inform everyone that improvements along the Gratigny Parkway corridor were being studied.

In December 2010, MDX held a three day technical workshop with multiple agencies, elected and government officials. The purpose of the workshop was to review the different alternatives, gather feedback from project stakeholders and strategize on how potential impacts could be addressed. At the technical workshop, MDX facilitated working group sessions to discuss alternatives and potential impacts and held two public stakeholder meetings where valuable community input was gathered. Representatives from the North Miami and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Corridor Community Redevelopment Areas, Miami-Dade College and key corridor stakeholders were in attendance.

During the last two months, MDX has held several small group meetings with various homeowner associations, businesses and residents in the project area to further gather their concerns related to the project and identify potential benefits the project could provide.

The discussions and comments received during the Public Kickoff meetings, workshop and small group meetings have generally focused on the potential benefits and impacts to the community. MDX will continue refining the alternatives and further evaluate the potential benefits and impacts of the project. An independent study analyzing the potential impacts to local businesses and surrounding property values will be included as part of the on-going evaluation.

Opportunities to provide input on the project will continue to be made available throughout the duration of the study. Final recommendations regarding transportation improvements in the corridor will be presented at a later date at the formal Public Hearing anticipated for Summer of 2012.