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MDX Cracks Down on Toll Violators

MIAMI, Fla., March 31, 2008 — The Miami-Dade Expressway Authority is getting the word out: not paying a toll can have severe consequences. Every day on MDX's Expressways, 97% of the drivers pay their tolls, leaving 3% who break the law.

"Everyone who drives on an MDX expressway needs to pay their fair share," said Steve Andriuk, Deputy Executive Director and Director of Toll Operations for MDX. Recent legislative changes include fines, points, and penalties up to and including suspension of your driver's license. To get this message out, MDX developed a comprehensive awareness campaign including billboards, posters and fliers that will be sent to all toll violators with their citation notices.

MDX receives virtually no state or federal funding; no sales, gas, property tax or funds from Miami-Dade's halfpenny sales tax. It must maintain, operate and enhance the expressways with revenue solely generated from tolls collected on its roadways. "As the transportation-funding deficit increases, every penny counts," adds Andriuk.

The underlying message is simple: To avoid high fines and possible license suspension...pay your toll. The easiest way for motorists to pay their tolls and save time and money is purchasing a SunPass. In addition to not having to search for change, SunPass can save a driver about 25% of the toll each time it's used.

By advocating SunPass usage MDX is also helping motorists prepare for Open Road Tolling (ORT), a cashless system of electronic toll collection using the SunPass transponder. While ORT provides numerous benefits, it also allows for a more fair and equitable tolling schedule. By 2012, toll plazas will be eliminated and overhead gantries that read the SunPass signal will be in place on all MDX expressways.

Drivers with current toll violations can take advantage of MDX's new on-line payment system found on www.mdxway.com.

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About MDX

MDX is a state sanctioned, locally administered, public agency created in 1994 by the State of Florida and the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County. MDX is governed by its Board, comprised of 13 volunteer members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners and the Governor of the State of Florida. MDX oversees, operates and maintains five expressways: State Road 836 (the Dolphin Expressway), State Road 112 (the Airport Expressway), State Road 874 (Don Shula Expressway), State Road 878 (Snapper Creek Expressway), and State Road 924 (Gratigny Parkway).

MDX is funded almost entirely by toll revenues and is dedicated to the enhancement of mobility in Miami-Dade County. MDX is also committed to bringing more efficient, market-driven, user-friendly management to its expressways. For more information on MDX or SunPass®, contact MDX at 305.637.3277 or visit the website at www.mdxway.com. For information on SunPass®, please contact 1-888-TOLL-FLA (865-5352).