MID-BAY BRIDGE AUTHORITY

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION POLICY

It is the policy of the Mid-Bay Bridge Authority (the "Authority") to strictly abide by Florida Statute Chapter 286. The Authority desires to be open to the public and encourages communication. However, the purpose of meetings of the Authority is to carry out its business in an orderly and businesslike manner. Therefore, the Authority sets the following rules for public participation at its meetings:

A. All meetings of the Authority will be open to the public.

B. The Authority shall conduct its business pursuant to the Florida Government in the Sunshine Law. Spontaneous discussion from the audience will not be permitted.

C. Information about items on the agenda should be obtained from the Executive Director.

D. All visitors shall list their names in the visitor's register.

E. Pursuant to the Florida Government in the Sunshine Law, an item must appear on the posted agenda if discussion and action are to occur.

F. Requests for permission to address the Authority may be submitted to the Executive Director in writing and in advance of a meeting of the Authority. The request shall state the name of the individual or group submitting the request, a telephone number, an address, the purpose of the request and topic to be presented.

G. The Executive Director shall confer with the Authority Chairperson concerning whether the requested item should be placed on an agenda and, if so, the appropriate meeting for such discussion. The Executive Director will respond to all written requests that an item be placed on an agenda.

H. At the meeting, the Authority Chairperson shall recognize speakers, maintain proper order, and adhere to time limits established by this policy.

    1. A time limit of (5) minutes is established for individuals addressing the Authority. In rare instances, the Chairperson may limit or extend the time on an as needed basis.

    2. Groups or organizations shall designate a spokesperson to address the Authority.

    3. The Authority reserves the right to limit repetitive comments.

    4. All presentations pursuant to this policy shall be directed to the Authority Chairperson. No questions or comments shall be directed to Authority members except upon approval of the Chairperson.

5. The Authority will not tolerate verbal attacks on any Authority member or employee.

6. Members of the Authority and the Executive Director may ask questions of any person who addresses the Board.

7. Questions from members of the public may be referred to the Executive Director.

I. This policy does not create a right to address the Authority. The Board reserves complete control over its agenda and the conduct of its meetings.

Renewal Effective: October 16, 2025

THIS POLICY IS TO BE REVIEWED AND RENEWED ANNUALLY BY THE MID-BAY BRIDGE AUTHORITY