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The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: TIGER VI Discretionary Grant Application; Commonwealth of Puerto Rico San Juan
Multi-Modal Transportation System: Infrastructure and Safety Improvements

Dear Secretary Foxx:

The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico is on an aggressive, well-planned path to move beyond the lingering effects of the Great Recession. A great deal of our current work involves leveraging our existing infrastructure within the Commonwealth's most densely populated areas. Our goals include empowering our citizenry to increase their economic mobility through improved accessibility to safe, convenient, low-cost transportation choices. Thus, we focus this TIGER VI Discretionary Grant Application on improvements in the Islet of San Juan and Hato Rey, sites of Puerto Rico's main governmental, cultural, historical, touristic, commercial, financial, educational, and medical hubs.

Through this TIGER VI Application, we propose implementing transportation infrastructure improvements that will: increase our citizenry's mobility and accessibility to safe, low-cost multi-modal transportation choices; connect middle- and low-income communities to prominent centers of employment, education, and service; reclaim and restore neglected urban spaces; and bridge key connectivity gaps in our transportation infrastructure.

Our proposed improvements include completing Paseo Puerta de Tierra, an innovative multi-modal transportation network that will increase user mobility, accessibility to, and circulation within a key economically disadvantaged district in the Islet of San Juan. The Islet of San Juan is Puerto Rico's main tourism attraction hub; it is also home to the centers of all three branches of the Commonwealth's government. These improvements will revitalize Puerta de Tierra's stagnant economy by promoting interaction and economic activity through welcoming open spaces and seamless, non-motorized connectivity throughout the Islet of San Juan. The other improvements we propose include two walkways and cycling paths that will complete a regional multi-modal transportation corridor linking disadvantaged communities, commuters, and tourists to Puerto Rico's primary employment, education, and service centers in the Islet of San Juan and in San Juan's district of Hato Rey. These improvements will fully

integrate pedestrian, cycling, metro-bus, maritime, and rail transportation alternatives in key points of Puerto Rico's capital city of San Juan.

The San Juan Multi-Modal Transportation System Infrastructure and Safety Improvements that we propose through this TIGER VI Grant Application will yield increased transportation safety, durable transportation infrastructure, reduced maintenance costs, sustainable environmental benefits, improved livability, and increased local and regional economic activity. The project's multimodal design provides our residents, commuters, and visitors with access to multiple, low-cost transportation choices that will strengthen and expand the middle class by connecting citizens to broader employment and education opportunities, both locally and regionally. The Commonwealth and the Municipality of San Juan have committed a combined \$12,435,242.41, or 50%, of total project costs; we request an equal amount of TIGER 2014 funds to complete the financing package that will enable accelerating Puerto Rico's economic recovery.

Do not hesitate to contact me directly with any questions concerning this grant application.

Cordially,

The Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico,



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