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Anthony Foxx  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

**RE: Puerto Rico Eastern Region Multimodal Transportation Plan: Connecting People to Jobs and Services - TIGER Grant Request, San Juan, PR**

Dear Secretary Foxx:

The City of Naguabo supports the application of the Puerto Rico Eastern Region Multimodal Transportation Plan: Connecting People to Jobs and Services, for TIGER funding in support of the development of a regional, multimodal transportation plan between the eastern municipalities of Ceiba and Naguabo and the islands of Vieques and Culebra. The project is an integral element of the efforts to promote economic activities that improve the disadvantaged economic situation of the residents of the Eastern region, who are facing high poverty and unemployment levels.

For decades, Puerto Rico has exhibited one of the worst poverty and unemployment levels of all jurisdictions within the United States. Within Puerto Rico, the eastern municipality of Naguabo has consistently reflected even worse indicators. After the closing of the Naval Station Roosevelt Roads in 2004, Naguabo has experienced a land use transformation which has drastically decreased economic activity in the region

The proposed planning project subject of this grant application aims to develop a regional, multimodal transportation plan between Roosevelt Roads and Vieques-Culebra in order to (i) diversify the opportunities for mobility of residents, visitors and cargo (via a new maritime route) between Vieques, Culebra and the rest of Puerto Rico;

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(ii) repair and enhance Roosevelt Roads' surface connections with neighboring urban centers of Ceiba and Naguabo; (iii) enhance multimodal connections in Vieques and Culebra and between these island-municipalities and the East of Puerto Rico for residents and visitors; and (iv) connect Vieques and Culebra residents to the economic activities planned for Roosevelt Roads in order to foster their economic mobility.

I consider that the transportation elements identified in the project's scope of work are consistent with and advance the mission of TIGER funding and then this would eventually bring economic development to the Municipality of Naguabo.

As Mayor of Naguabo, I am truly excited about this opportunity to accelerate economic recovery for Puerto Rico and the creation of this new prospect for Puerto Rico's Eastern Region's economic development.

Cordially,



Noé Marciano Rivera  
Mayor  
Naguabo Municipality