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Dear Ms. Santana-Balado:

*R* Governor Alejandro Garcia Padilla recently announced that the central government would embark on an infrastructure improvement project called Paseo Puerto de Tierra, which will create a pedestrian walkway and dedicated cycling lanes that will link the Puerta de Tierra district to historic Old San Juan and other popular tourist areas nearby.

Creating these new public spaces and launching the renovation of various San Juan streets that link citizens to safe, reliable, and low-cost multi-modal transportation alternatives will give San Juan Waterfront, also known as “Bahía Urbana” or Urban Bay, a new way to connect with tourists and local residents.

The Puerto Rico Convention Center District Authority (“CCDA”) is negotiating with multiple investors to continue our expansion and redevelopment across Puerta de Tierra’s southern shoreline and around the Convention Center District. Our forthcoming redevelopment activities include additional hotels, an entertainment center, and new restaurants. The new transportation alternatives that Paseo Puerto de Tierra and the adjacent Central Park-to-Luis Munoz Marín Park connections will offer are critical both to spur Puerta de Tierra’s and Hato Rey’s economic redevelopment and to broaden the Convention Center District’s allure for local and foreign tourists.

To maximize this new project’s impact, the CCDA will collaborate with other government agencies to develop programs that capitalize on the new public spaces and transportation infrastructure that this project will create around the Convention Center District and Urban Bay.





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The Puerto Rico Convention Center District Authority supports the Puerto Rico Infrastructure Financing Authority's TIGER VI Discretionary Grant Application for Paseo Puerta de Tierra and its adjacent multi-modal transportation connectors in Hato Rey. This project is a substantive step in the rehabilitation of several economically distressed areas in Puerta de Tierra and Hato Rey.

Sincerely,

Rolando Torres Carrión  
Acting Executive Director

