

April 25, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:



SCIENCE CITY URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT - TIGER GRANT ASSISTANCE

I hereby express the University of Puerto Rico's (the "UPR") enthusiastic endorsement to the Puerto Rico Infrastructure Financing Authority's application for the Science City Urban Infrastructure Project (the Project).

The UPR is the oldest, largest, and most prestigious university in Puerto Rico, serving over 57,000 students each year. The UPR has been and continues to be the cradle of Puerto Rico's working professionals. Our alumni includes teachers, scientists, engineers, and other professionals that are instrumental to the growth of Puerto Rico's global competitiveness in the pharmaceutical, medical devices and technology industry, and increasingly in the past few years, the biomedical field.

The Project includes the construction of two main roadways and supporting infrastructure of key importance to the UPR because the Science City will encompass a substantial amount of square feet of laboratories and facilities dedicated to scientific research and development, of great significance to the mission and goals of our Institution.

One of our flagship ventures, located on the adjacent lot, is the development of the UPR Comprehensive Cancer Center Hospital (CCC). The Project will connect the new CCC and numerous other UPR facilities located on the grounds of the 227-acre *Centro Médico*, the largest healthcare complex in Puerto Rico, through multimodal transportation alternatives. It will also provide linkage to future R&D and biomedical resources. Thus, by bridging all these facilities, the Project will contribute significantly to one of Puerto Rico's most important economic development undertakings in decades.

If you have any questions or need additional information about UPR's commitment and possible contributions to this Project, please do not hesitate to contact my Office at (787) 751-9521.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Uroyoán R. Walker-Ramos".

Uroyoán R. Walker-Ramos, Ph.D.

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