



April 25, 2014

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

TIGER 2014 Grant Application for the San Juan Multimodal Transportation System

Dear Mr. Foxx:

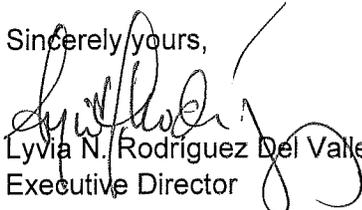
The Corporación del Proyecto ENLACE del Caño Martín Peña ("ENLACE") fully supports the initiatives included in the TIGER 2014 Grant application to be presented by the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. ENLACE is a government corporation created under Commonwealth Law 489-2004 to coordinate and implement public policies regarding the rehabilitation of the Martín Peña tidal channel ("Caño Martín Peña", or CMP) and to promote the urban, social, and economic development of its eight adjacent low income communities.

The CMP, which is part of the San Juan Bay National Estuary, was once a navigable waterway, connecting two lagoons and the San Juan Bay. Impoverished peasants who migrated to San Juan from rural areas during the first half of the 20th century settled along the Caño and built their houses among mangroves. Today, there are eight mid and low income, highly organized communities (G-8), striving for social and environmental justice, as well as economic development opportunities for generations to come. Together with allies and collaborators from the public and private sectors, these communities designed the Comprehensive Development and Land Use Plan for the Caño Martín Peña Special Planning District, recipient of the 2009 Paul Davidoff Award (American Planning Association).

The proposed project will help connect the residents of the area with the region, enhancing pedestrian and bicycle access to the nearby Hato Rey Tren Urbano Station, San Juan Central Park, and Old San Juan. Such enhanced access means will help promote the movement of people to work, education, services and amenities. The southern portion of the proposed project (Calle Calaf-Prudencio Rivera Martinez) provides such access through the Las Monjas / Parada 27 Communities. The activities included in the project are consistent with our Plan and objectives. Project proponents are committed to coordinate all stages of the project related to the CMP Special Planning District with the organized communities, and ENLACE will assist in the process.

Shall you need further information, please contact me at lrdriguez@martinpena.org.

Sincerely yours,


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