



COMMONWEALTH OF
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Economic Development

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**RE: PUERTA DE TIERRA WALKWAY, CALAF STREET – LAS MONJAS CONNECTION:
TIGER Grant Request, San Juan, PR**

Dear Ms. Santana-Balado:

I am writing to express our support for Puerto Rico's Tiger Grant Request for the Puerta de Tierra Walkway, Calaf Street – Las Monjas Connection. This is a comprehensive plan that 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 and commercial areas nearby.

The implementation of an active transportation system would stimulate the economy through job creation and the development of commercial business. Creating these public spaces and renewing various San Juan streets, that link citizens to a low-cost multi-modal transportation alternative, will give San Juan a new way to connect with tourists and local residents. This project is a substantive step in the rehabilitation of several economically distressed areas in Puerta de Tierra and Hato Rey.

The Department of Economic Development and Commerce considers that the project hereby submitted will have a significant economic impact, contribute to the wellbeing of our citizens and provide alternatives of recreation, entertainment and business, among other.s.

Sincerely,

