

April 16, 2014

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

RE: Science City Urban Infrastructure Project -- Request for TIGER VI Grant Assistance

Dear Secretary Foxx:

The Puerto Rico Science, Technology and Research Trust (**Trust** hereafter) is pleased to provide this letter in support of the application of the Puerto Rico Infrastructure Financing Authority (**PRIFA**) for funding from the TIGER VI program. Should this proposal be successfully awarded by the US Department of Transportation to PRIFA, the Trust is committed to providing \$11.1 million in matching funding.

This project will have an important and direct impact upon the Trust's mission, by positively enhancing the Science City Urban Infrastructure Project. This, in turn, is a signature economic development effort of the Government of Puerto Rico to transform a 70 acre land, consisting of the former state prison compound and public lands and intersected by major urban thoroughfares and Puerto Rico's first mass transit rail line, and replace it with San Juan's Science City, an urban infrastructure project tied to the creation of the San Juan Knowledge Corridor.

The Science City Infrastructure Project, which will create meaningful R&D, employment opportunities, entails the commercial and residential revitalization of an important area comprised by the San Juan Knowledge Corridor, all tied to the use and redesign of current and planned urban transportation modalities. As such, the project merits your full consideration because of its profound potential to increase Puerto Rico's long-term, global competitive edge in the knowledge economy.

We fully endorse this project and look forward to collaborating with PRIFA for its development during the TIGER-supported phase and well into the future. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to reach me at 787-523-1592 or irios@prsciencetrust.org.

Cordially,



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