

EVACUATION ROUTE
Municipality of Loíza, Puerto Rico
Appendix 5. Project Supporting Letters



April 11, 2022

Hon. Secretary Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
9th Floor, West Building
Washington, DC 20590

Hon. Secretary:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority (PRHTA) 2022 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant application to develop the environmental evaluation and preparation of design for a new road infrastructure that would be used as an evacuation route during emergencies events for residents and visitors of the town area of the Municipality of Loíza, Puerto Rico.

PRHTA is respectfully requesting \$12,372,393.00 of planning costs through RAISE Grant funds. Loíza is a disadvantaged community with a rich cultural history vulnerable to natural disasters or incidents. The project's purpose is the develop a feasible evacuation route for Loíza town area to save lives, taking into consideration the existing transportation system and the natural and socio-economic environment of the community.

RAISE funds will support the development of the environmental study and design of an evacuation route that has been requested by government entities since 2013.

I strongly encourage you to consider selecting this meritorious project for funding through the RAISE Program as it will help determine the preferred alternative to provide an evacuation route and improve traffic in the town area of Loíza.

Thank you for your consideration of the application. Should you have any questions regarding this letter of support, please do not hesitate to contact me at: eegonzalez@dtop.pr.gov.

Sincerely,



Edwin E. González-Montalvo, Ph.D., P.E.
Executive Director

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April 12, 2022

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write in support of the Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority (PRHTA) 2022 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant application to develop the environmental evaluation and preparation of design for a new road infrastructure that would be used as an evacuation route during emergencies events for residents and visitors of the town area of the Municipality of Loíza, Puerto Rico.

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I ask you to give all due consideration to the merits of this project for selection for RAISE funding, in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations, and policies, as it will help determine the preferred alternative to provide an evacuation route and improve traffic in the town area of Loíza.

Thank you for always being receptive to the needs of Puerto Rico and your attention to this application. Should you have any questions regarding this letter of support, please contact Ross Dietrich in my office at Ross.Dietrich@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jennifer González-Colón".

Jennifer González-Colón
Member of Congress (PR-AL)



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April 11, 2022

Hon. Secretary Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
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Hon. Secretary:

As the Mayor of the Municipality of Loíza, Puerto Rico, I am writing to express my strong support for, and approval of, the Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority (PRHTA) 2022 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant application to develop the environmental evaluation and preparation of design for a new road infrastructure that would be used as an evacuation route during emergencies events for residents and visitors of the town area of the Municipality of Loíza, Puerto Rico.

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Sincerely,

Julia M. Nazario Fuentes
Mayor

