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Puerto Rico's Integrated Transportation Authority

## **Puerto Rico's Integrated Authority expands Alternative Analysis study for the expansion of the Urban Train**

***The analysis will now include the Northeast region of the Metropolitan area,  
including Old San Juan***

**(San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 5th, 2023)** The Executive Director of the Puerto Rico Integrated Authority (PRITA), Josué Menéndez, announced that the current Alternative Analysis for the Urban Train Expansion will expand to the Northwest region of the capital city. This, considering the high number of citizens who have requested an expansion of the Urban Train that reaches the Walled City.

"The objective of this analysis is to achieve a consensus that is effective and transformative for public transportation in the area with the highest population density in San Juan. In turn, this analysis will generate the necessary documentation to access the federal financing programs that the Federation of Transit Administration (FTA) could provide us and finally achieve the long-awaited extension of the Urban Train." expressed the executive director of ATI.

The Northwest Extension Alternative Analysis is a study that examines various modes of transportation as possible extension methods for the existing Urban Train. It includes modes such as rapid transit buses, light rail, and heavy rail, as well as their feasibility and efficiency, taking into account both environmental impact and community needs and preferences.

The Urban Train: Alternative Analysis for the Northwest Extension will offer additional opportunities and channels for the public to communicate their opinions, including a series of Citizen Consultation Forums that will have three meetings. The First Citizen Consultation will take place virtually and is currently scheduled for Tuesday, August 22 at 6:00 pm.

Additionally, the website [www.tuextension.pr.gov](http://www.tuextension.pr.gov) is available to everyone. It offers information about the study, including documentation and frequently asked questions. Through this page, interested parties can leave their contact information and comments to also receive information and news about the different opportunities for dialogue with the community.

At the same time, the Secretary of Transportation and Public Works (DTOP), Eileen Vélez Vega explained, "this analysis goes hand in hand with the governor's public policy. A mission to transform the mobility of Puerto Rico and to be able to offer an integrated and intermodal public transportation system that responds to the needs of our people."

Vélez added that during the next 12 months there will be more public meetings and opportunities for public outreach.

"This alternative analysis is the first of many announcements that we are working on at PRITA over the next year. Our mission is to be able to offer a better integrated public transportation system that not only feeds the metropolitan area, but that finally connects Puerto Rico as a whole," concluded Josué Menéndez.

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