



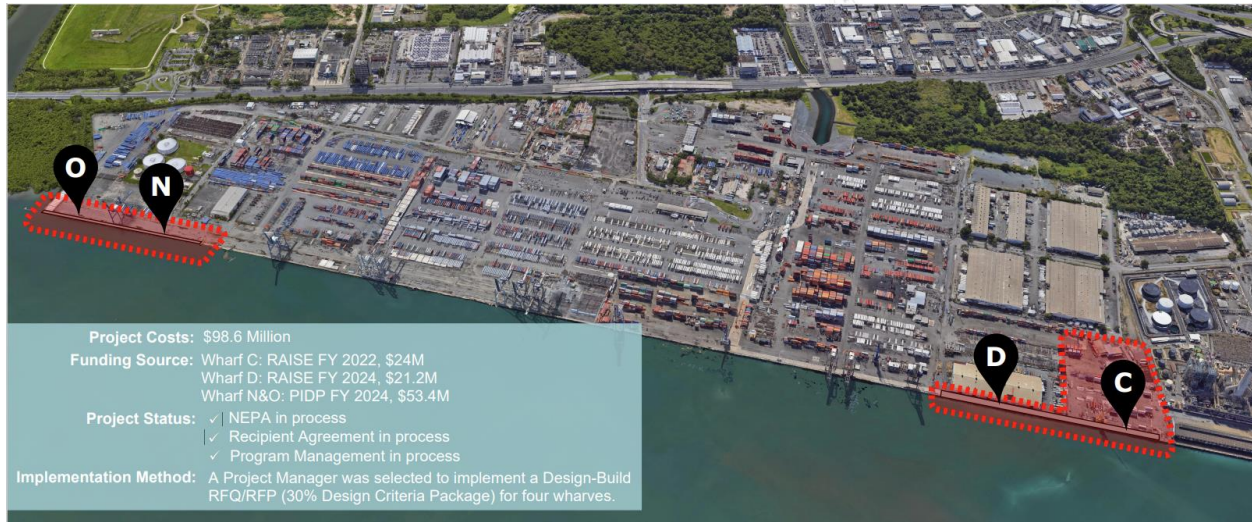
PUERTO RICO

PORTS AUTHORITY

GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO

Subject: PRPA moves forward with critical infrastructure updates at Puerto Nuevo Docks

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PROPOSED ACTION

The Port of San Juan accommodates over 80 percent of Puerto Rico’s cargo containers, largely concentrated through the Puerto Nuevo Docks, as well as other freight and passengers. Much of the Port’s infrastructure is in poor condition due to both age and hurricane damage. Based on a 2024 condition assessment, Wharves C, D, N and O at the Puerto Nuevo Docks were considered in “Serious” condition. To improve resiliency and provide infrastructure to withstand future hurricane events, the Puerto Rico Ports Authority (PRPA) must replace damaged infrastructure and construct improved facilities to support continued operations and the economy of Puerto Rico.

To meet these critical infrastructure needs, the PRPA has sought funding from a variety of Federal sources to replace Wharves C and D and replace components of Wharves N and O. The purpose of the proposed action is to restore and maintain the functionality of the Puerto Nuevo Docks by repairing, rehabilitating, or replacing wharf infrastructure to correct structural deficiencies and improve safety, provide resilience against future hurricanes, and continue to meet the Port’s current and future cargo and logistical needs.

FUNDING SOURCES AND ONGOING ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The PRPA has been awarded Federal funds through two U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) programs to reconstruct Wharf C through a 2022 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant, Wharf D through a 2024 RAISE grant, and Wharves N and O through a 2024 Port Infrastructure Development Program grant.

The use of Federal funds requires compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), which is being provided through an assessment of the potential impacts that could occur from the replacement of Wharves C, D, N, and O and the future repair or replacement of parts of Wharves E through M. The PRPA will continue to monitor the conditions of all wharves at the Puerto Nuevo Docks and is also exploring opportunities to obtain additional Federal grant monies to make these port enhancements. The Environmental Assessment (EA), being developed in accordance with NEPA, is anticipated to receive approval from USDOT in the coming months.

CONSTRUCTION

Following USDOT's environmental approval of the proposed actions, the PRPA will negotiate Grant Agreements with USDOT's Maritime Administration (MARAD) and then move forward with final design and construction of the wharves. Construction is anticipated to last approximately three to four years. The PRPA will share more information about construction phasing and potential temporary impacts with terminal operators at the Port and other affected parties in the coming months.

Any questions, comments or requests for more information about this project and environmental review process can be directed to: Romel Pedraza, P.E., Assistant Executive Director for Planning and Engineering, and Milagros Rodriguez, Environmental Affairs Manager at Ambiental@prpa.pr.gov.