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**PRIME MINISTER ROWLEY LEADS MEETING WITH IDB TO DISCUSS PHYSICAL
INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT**

The Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Dr. the Honourable Keith Christopher Rowley, and the Standing Committee on Physical Infrastructure met today (Wednesday 21st October, 2015) with a high level team of officials from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) at the Office of the Prime Minister, St. Clair, Port of Spain. The meeting was held to discuss the establishment of a Mass Transit System in Trinidad and Tobago.

Prime Minister Rowley heads the Standing Committee on Physical Infrastructure which also consists of:

- The Hon. Colm Imbert, Minister of Finance
- The Hon. Fitzgerald Hinds, Minister of Works and Transport
- The Honourable Camille Robinson-Regis, Minister of Planning and Development
- The Honourable Franklin Khan, Minister of Rural Development and Local Government
- The Honourable Clarence Rambharat, Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries
- The Honourable Marlene McDonald, Minister of Housing and Urban Development

- The Honourable Orville London, Chief Secretary, Tobago House of Assembly (THA)
- The Honourable Ayanna Webster-Roy, Minister of State, Office of the Prime Minister (Tobago)
- The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance
- The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Works and Transport
- The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Planning and Development

The IDB was represented by:

- Gerard Johnson, General Manager Caribbean Country Department (CCB/CCB)
- Tomás Bermudez, Country Representative Trinidad and Tobago (CCB/CTT)
- Julian Belgrave, Chief of Operations, Operations Senior Specialist (CCB/CTT)
- Adriana La Valley, Operations Senior Specialist (CCB/CCB)
- Anthony Bartholomew, Country Office Trinidad and Tobago Consultant (CCB/CTT)
- Priya Ramsumair, Operations Analyst (CCB/CTT)
- Alejandro Taddia, Transport Principal Specialist (INE/TSP)
- Christopher Persaud, Transport Senior Specialist (TSP/CSU)
- Manuel Rodriguez, Transport Senior Associate (TSP/CCO)
- Carlos Mojica, Transport Specialist (INE/TSP)
- Gilberto Chona, Fiscal Policy and Urban Development Economics Lead Specialist (IFD/FMM)
- Robin Rajack, Housing and Urban Development Lead Specialist (IFD/FMM)
- Rachel Ramdin, Fiscal and Municipal Management Consultant (IFD/FMM)

In its 2015 General Election Manifesto, which has since been adopted as government policy, it was noted that modern and strategically planned infrastructure is essential for the future development of Trinidad and Tobago. Accordingly, it stated clearly that its infrastructure development programme will be wide ranging and multifaceted and will include:

- Establishment of a Mass Transit System;
- Construction of highways, ring roads, overpasses and interchanges in various parts of the country;
- Construction of a fast ferry port in Toco; and
- Construction of a modern fishing port in Moruga.

Today's meeting represents a step in the direction of realising these projects.

Please find attached photograph of the captioned subject.

Caption for Picture 1 & 2: Prime Minister, Dr. the Honourable Keith Rowley (centre) meets with representatives of the Standing Committee on Physical Infrastructure and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) at the Office of the Prime Minister, St. Clair today (Wednesday 21st October 2015).

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