



## The project to provide railway access to La Cabezuela begins its final works execution phase

- **ADIF, Puertos del Estado and the Port Authority have worked over the last few months to speed up to the maximum the administrative steps required to reach this milestone in the Port of Bahía de Cádiz**

12-20-2019 (Ministry of Development). Railway access to La Cabezuela-Puerto Real inner harbor has already begun its final phase, with commenced execution of the works, after ADIF, Puertos del Estado and the Port Authority of Bahía de Cádiz have made an effort these last few months to speed up administrative steps to the maximum.

As we anticipated a few weeks ago, once the court allowed the project to recommence, the president of the Port Authority, Teófila Martínez, was summoned to a meeting last 19 December by the presidents of ADIF and Puertos del Estado, Isabel Pardo and Salvador de la Encina, respectively, where a final calendar for the project was established.

Once it is approved by the Council of Ministers, the processing for procurement of the works is expected to start up next January. Consequently, with a 6-month tender timeline, the contract is expected to be signed in July, which is why commencement of the execution works is foreseen for August 2020.

With a 24-month execution timeframe, the project involves constructing a 4.4 km. railway branch. In addition to the budget assigned to civil engineering works of 24.8 million Euros (with VAT), there are 4 expense items required to restore the affected services, as these are being launched at the same time in order to make progress as soon as possible.



# Press Release

The project, of vital importance for Port of Cádiz's competitiveness, will be financed by Puertos del Estado, debited to the Financial Fund for Terrestrial Accessibility to Ports, and has been assigned a total heading of 26.5 million Euros.

According to the president of the Port Authority, Teófila Martínez, "this is good news and, along with other progress made, is allowing us to face 2020 with certain deadlines to remove the obstacles that have been hindering the port's growth and ordinary development until now", and thanked the presidents of ADIF and Puertos del Estado for their interest in this important project.