



Puertos del Estado and the Port Authority of Málaga agree on the 2020-2024 Business Plan

## The Port Authority will invest €52 million

- **Carlos Rubio: "The new Quay No. 8 will ensure the growth of the port in the medium term by providing an additional surface of 7 hectares for various traffic."**
- **Francisco Toledo highlights tax reduction for 2021, which will be 4.5% for passengers, 4.2% for goods and 2.5% for ships.**

20-10-2020 (Ministry of Transport, Mobility and Urban Agenda) The President of Puertos del Estado, Francisco Toledo, held a meeting yesterday through videoconference with Carlos Rubio and José Moyano, President and Director, respectively, of the Málaga Port Authority, where they agreed on the 2020-2024 Business Plan, a period during which €52 million will be invested.

Regarding investments, in the short term, there stands out the imminent signing of the Cooperation Agreement with the Civil Guard for the construction of its new premises in which the Port Authority will invest €1.2 million. The construction project will be ready in January 2021. In addition, €18 million euros will be invested in the enclosure of the fishing dock and new Quay No. 8. According to the President of the Port Authority "this action will ensure the growth of the port in the medium term, as it will enable an additional surface area of 7 hectares to be made available for agri-food traffics, roll-on/roll-off for automobiles and other possible roll-on/roll-off associated with Strait traffic."

The Port Authority informed that next November the Town Hall is planning to bring to the plenary session the provisional approval of the modification of the 2015 Special Plan of the port of Málaga for the modification of uses and the increase of the building capacity for the construction of a hotel on the platform of the Levante levee. After completing its processing in the General State Administration, the construction of the hotel must be approved by the Council of Ministers.



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In operation, the Port Authority, after consulting SASEMAR, has decided to provide the Port Control service through a management assignment to TRAGSATEC.

With regard to traffic, Carlos Rubio highlighted the upturn experienced during the months of September and October. Pursuant to this, he highlighted the operation of liquid bulk consisting of the unloading and shipment to Linares by rail of used oil from China for the manufacture of biodiesel, and its subsequent transfer as a finished product to the port by rail. The President of the Port Authority also added the choice of Málaga as a port of call for the German company Hapag Lloyd, on the Mediterranean Gulf Express service, with a forecast of weekly rotations. A regular line that aims to boost the Andalusian economy, as the shipping company's commitment focuses on the opportunities offered by the port hinterland, thus promoting the market in the north and west of Andalusia as well as the area of Extremadura.

For his part, Francisco Toledo highlighted the agreed rate reduction, which will be 4.5% of the passenger rate, 4.2% of the goods rate, and 2.5% of the ship rate, and which will allow the port of Málaga to improve its competitiveness in order to attract new traffic.

Moreover, given the potential of rail freight, the President of Puertos del Estado has proposed a meeting with the General Directorate of Planning and Evaluation of the MITMA Railway Network to reactivate the Informative Study of underground rail access to the port of Málaga.