



7.10 View down the Avenida Marítima, Las Palmas.

restaurants and outdoor cafés and bars. At the western end of the beach, in El Rincón, is the Auditorium Alfredo Kraus Convention Center.

Along the waterfront are a number of transportation infrastructures that both define the current situation of the waterfront and condition any future possibilities. The Avenida Marítima is a six-lane road, built in the 1970s to link Las Palmas with the south of the island, which carries most of the traffic generated by port activity and runs along the front of the city to provide a continuous façade of buildings. The C-811 is a four-lane motorway, located adjacent to the Guinguada and links the municipalities in the center of the island – Santa Brigida, San Mateo and Tejeda – to Las Palmas. It is the major entry into the city for people who live in Tafira. Other minor streets include Juan XXIII, one of the most important streets in the city, and Avenida José Mesa y López, which is one of the major shopping streets and links the Avenida Marítima with other parts of the city.

Various public bodies control the waterfront in Las Palmas. These bodies have responsibility for different aspects of the spatial organization along



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