



Oct 20, 2022

Secretary Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Letter of Support – Reconnecting Communities Grant 2022

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of The Granary District Alliance, a Main Street America program board composed of businesses and community members, we write in support of Salt Lake City's initiative to address east-west connections across the I-15 and north-south rail corridors, particularly to enhance connections for people walking, biking, and taking transit.

The Granary District of Salt Lake City is a critical east-west corridor in our city connecting downtown, industrial areas, mixed use developments, residential neighborhoods and retail in our small, diverse neighborhood. Our organization's goal is to connect and promote our district as it grows and develops and that includes safe and effective transportation to and through our district.

Our organization has held public meetings focused on the abandoned railways in our neighborhood in an effort to develop plans to fix, repurpose or adapt the rail lines in our district for the good of the community. This effort, dubbed *Reconnecting Communities*, has garnered much public interest, feedback and support. We support the continued effort to connect our city utilizing the East-West corridors of 800 and 900 South which are central to our district while safely integrating all modes of transportation including bike, pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

We support Salt Lake City's grant application to the federal Reconnecting Communities program to conduct a comprehensive planning project to make improvements to multiple east-west crossings between 600 North and 2100 South. This work will improve our community and aligns with the goals of our organization.

Sincerely,

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Tim Dwyer, Granary District Alliance Boardmember
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