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

RE: Partner Commitment Letter – Salt Lake City Reconnecting Communities Planning Grant
2022

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Redevelopment Agency of Salt Lake City (RDA) is pleased to commit \$25,000 toward the local match for Salt Lake City's Reconnecting Communities planning project. The City is seeking federal funding to address east-west connections across the I-15 and north-south rail corridors, a key piece of which is to redress historic transportation infrastructure disinvestment in areas of persistent poverty and historically disadvantaged communities.

The RDA prioritizes transit opportunities as part of its Equity and Inclusion core value. Through east-west connections specifically, the City is able to provide residents with a multimodal transportation network and ensures convenient and equitable access to a variety of transit options.

In 2010, the RDA established a crucial tax increment funding mechanism for a much-needed east-west connection between Downtown and the historically disadvantaged Fairpark and Rose Park communities – the North Temple I-15 overpass. We are committed to continue finding solutions for better connections and are once again willing to invest in the planning of such as described in the RAISE planning application.

The RDA looks forward to working in partnership with the Salt Lake City Transportation Division on this project, as past collaborations to fund and build the 900 South/Central Ninth TRAX station and Sugar House S-Line and Streetcar have proven successful. We are currently working with the Division on the 600 South Main TRAX station and Folsom Corridor Trail projects.

The RDA is confident that the City's initiative to address east-west connections will result in a planning process that can be modeled by other cities and towns along the Wasatch Front. I can be contacted at danny.walz@slcgov.com or 801-535-7209 should there be need to discuss the project or the RDA's match commitment.

I urge you to consider Salt Lake City's Reconnecting Communities planning funding request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Danny Walz", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Danny P. Walz
Director