

# GREENbike

SLC'S NON-PROFIT BIKE SHARE

October 12, 2022

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

RE: Letter of Support – Salt Lake City Reconnecting Communities Planning Grant 2022

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of GREENbike Utah, I write in support of Salt Lake City's initiative to address east-west connections across the I-15 and north-south rail corridors, particularly for people walking, biking, and taking transit.

GREENbike is Salt Lake City's very successful bike share program. This project proposal will support several of our goals, including future expansion of access to active transit options that are not currently available, or that are limited in some underserved communities and neighborhoods. Clean air and sustainability are also priorities for us. And we know from our experience that if active transportation options are available in our community, people use them.

The I-15 access barrier is real. This planning project will identify safe and viable options for breaching that barrier and will help us ensure people can walk, ride or use transit to access employment, education and residential services. Annual pass holder and SLC resident Fred Makobongo uses GREENbike for grocery shopping and commuting to work. "I like the flexibility that GREENbike offers, wherein I can pick up a bike and return it." This is typical of comments we hear about the need for convenient, safe and equitable access to alternative travel options so people can avoid adding pollutants to our air.

I 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.

Sincerely,



Stan Penfold  
Executive Director