

7 April 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 Grant 2022

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of **LUX Catering & Events and LUX Hospitality Group**, 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.

The transportation divide in the form of endless railways and trains causes increased costs to our companies. It makes it difficult to correctly address delivery times.

Often, trains obstruct main traffic access points for over 30 minutes. This also raises the issue of safety and first responder access to communities that already are impacted adversely by economic factors.

We have endured this issue as business owners and tax payers for over 40 years.

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,

Kelly Lake , Managing Partner and President Salt Lake City Resident



