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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 Pilot Grant 2022**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC), 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.

Interstate 15 unfortunately acts as a significant barrier for movement and access to destinations for everybody that lives and works along this facility. For people of limited means, the divide is even more significant. Those that can't afford to drive or choose to bicycle have precious few safe options to get from one side of I-15 to the other. Efforts to improve connections for all modes of travel will enable more people to choose not to drive, which has important climate change benefits, and enable people of limited means to reach their destinations more safely without driving.

We wholeheartedly support Salt Lake City's grant application to the federal Reconnecting Communities pilot 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,

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Deputy Director  
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