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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 RAISE Planning Grant 2022

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Bike 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.

East-west connections are particularly important for Salt Lake City west-side community members as most of the high quality active transportation facilities throughout the county run north-south and are concentrated around the more wealthy east-side of the valley. This leaves members of these west-side communities cut off from the amenities, work-places, etc. on the east-side. My organization is interested in promoting equity and justice within our transportation system. This planning effort would be an essential part of that effort.

I support Salt Lake City's grant application to the federal RAISE 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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