



Apr 2, 2022

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 **Poplar Grove Community Council**, 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.

As a resident, who lives West of downtown SLC, it is important that I stress the need for adequate connection to the East. With one grocery store, and not enough healthy options, most of our grocery shopping is completed on the East side of SLC. High school options are greater on the East side, leaving families on the Westside with limited options. As we return home, many of us are stuck at the train, with the hopes that it'll pass soon enough so we are not late to pick up our children from school. SLC is growing; particularly, the Westside. Without adequate connections to keep up with the growth we are witnessing, our communities will suffer continued inequity and said growth will not sustain in the long run.

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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