

April 13, 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:

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

As someone who has lived on Salt Lake City's west side for going on twenty years, it never ceases to amaze me how much of both a physical and psychological barrier I-15 and the rail corridor poses for our neighborhood. As a planner and urbanist, I feel Salt Lake City desperately needs adequate walking, biking, and transit connections that bridge these barriers. Funding this grant request will help Salt Lake City better connect a historically-redlined neighborhood that unfortunately still suffers from disinvestment.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mike Christensen".

Mike Christensen, MCMP, CNU-A, AICP
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Commissioner, Salt Lake City Planning Commission
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