



April 14 2022

Secretary Pete Buttigieg  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Local Match Commitment for Salt Lake City RAISE Planning Grant 2022

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

Salt Lake City is pleased to apply for fiscal year 2022 funding through the U.S. Department of Transportation Building American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program for *Solving the Puzzle of Salt Lake City East West Connections*. The City is seeking \$5 million worth of federal assistance and is committing \$1.37 million worth of local nonfederal matching funds to complete this \$6.37 million project.


The project is a planning, project development, and environmental review process for eight multi-modal east-west crossings of the Interstate-15 (I-15), commuter rail, and freight rail corridor in Salt Lake City, Utah. This corridor is an east-west dividing line and physical barrier that has isolated the Westside of Salt Lake City for the past 150 years. The beneficiaries of the project are the City's areas of persistent poverty and historically disadvantage communities experiencing the brunt of climate change impacts and environmental justice challenges.

Salt Lake City's commitment of \$1.37 million or 22 percent worth in nonfederal local funding matched with \$5 million or 78 percent worth of federal assistance will accelerate a comprehensive approach of east-west connections toward a subsequent construction phase.

The project addresses the urgent need to improve east-west connections across the I-15 and north-south rail corridors, particularly for walking, biking, and transit, and reverse decades of disinvestment while opening future paths of regional connectivity and mobility and greater economic equity.

Please contact me at (801) 535-7743 with any additional information needs or questions. Thank you for your consideration of Salt Lake City's RAISE Planning funding request.

Sincerely,

  
[Erin Mendenhall \(Apr 14, 2022 12:17 MDT\)](#)

Mayor Erin Mendenhall  
Salt Lake City, Utah