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Director

April 11, 2022

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

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

As Director of Salt Lake City Division of Transportation, I write to commit \$100,000 worth in local match as part of the \$1.37 million local nonfederal match committed by Salt Lake City toward its request 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 requested \$5 million RAISE Planning grant will accelerate a comprehensive approach for eight multi-modal east-west crossings of the Interstate-15, commuter rail, and freight rail corridor in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The communities that benefit from the project are the City's historically redlined Westside neighborhoods. The north-south rail and interstate 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 public enthusiasm received by my project team speaks to the pressing need to reach a concrete plan of action for restorative East-West connections demonstrated in equity-informed surface transportation solutions.

Please contact me at (801) 535-7146 with any additional information needs or questions. Thank you for your consideration of Salt Lake City's RAISE Planning funding request.

Sincerely,

Jon Larsen (Apr 11, 2022 13:24 MDT)

Jon Larsen
Director, Division of Transportation

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