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

RE: Support Letter – Salt Lake City RAISE Planning Grant 2022

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

Salt Lake County is pleased to provide a letter of support for Salt Lake City's RAISE planning project, Solving the Puzzle of East-West Connections. Salt Lake City is seeking \$6.3M of federal funding for a study of eight east-west connections across the I-15 and north-south rail corridors, a key piece of which is to redress historic transportation infrastructure disinvestment in areas of persistent poverty and historically disadvantaged communities within Salt Lake City

Salt Lake City has identified and prioritized eight multi-modal east-west crossing of I-15 and UPRR freight line corridor with the greatest need or opportunity for improvement. Salt Lake's initiative to address east-west connections will result in a planning process that can be modeled by other cities and towns in Salt Lake County, and along the Wasatch Front. This project elevates equity and access to opportunity for all.

I urge you to consideration of Salt Lake City's RAISE Planning funding request. Please reach out to me if you need more information at <u>jwilson@slco.org</u>.

Sincerely,

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