

April 8, 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 City & Metropolitan Department at the University of Utah 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.

The City & Metropolitan Planning has many projects that seek to improve transportation and mobility equity among low-income individuals, immigrants, second language English speaker, older adults, youth, immigrants, people of color, those with disabilities and experiencing homelessness. In addition, we conduct community engagement and research projects with those who are those who are particularly transit dependent or encounter mobility barriers when walking and biking related to historical and environmental justice issues such as redlining and urban renewal.

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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