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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 The Utah State Fair Corporation, a 501(c30 nonprofit corporation, I write in support of Salt Lake City's initiative to address east-west connections across the I-15 and north-south rail corridors.

The fair relocated to our current location on the west side of Salt Lake City in 1902. (The corporation was created in 1856) Over time the corporation has witnessed the arrival of the motor coach, space travel and countless other advances in transportation and technology. However, the one constant throughout history has been the lack of transportation options for members of our west side community. Many of the east and west throughfares that serve the west side are littered with old railroad crossings, freeways, and other relics that impede east to west travel.

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.

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