

October 5, 2022

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

RE: Partner Support Letter – Salt Lake City Reconnecting Communities Grant 2022

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The City of South Salt Lake is pleased to support and will enthusiastically participate in Salt Lake City's Reconnecting Communities project, Solving the Puzzle of East-West Connections. Salt Lake City is seeking federal funding to address east-west connections across I-15 and several 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. One of these connections is located on 2100 South, the northern boundary between the two cities. The study will also look at a pinch point on the Parley's Trail in South Salt Lake.

South Salt Lake is a small city situated in the middle of Utah's most populated county. The median income of our residents falls well below the State average. Many of our residents rely on alternate forms of transportation, such as cycling and transit, to go to school, work, church, social functions and even shopping for food. Transportation corridors in the Salt Lake Valley evolved in such a way that many north-south corridors were established, but barriers to east-west corridors were created in the process. Solving the puzzle of east-west access through the county benefits all residents. We applaud Salt Lake City for taking the lead in this effort and fully support this initiative.

We look forward to working in partnership with the Salt Lake City Transportation Division on this project. Because we share common borders with Salt Lake City cooperation between both cities is imperative to ensure seamless connectivity in our transportation network.

Salt Lake City's initiative to address east-west connections will result in a planning process that can be modeled by other cities and towns along the Wasatch Front.

I urge you to earnestly consider Salt Lake City's Connecting Communities funding request.

Sincerely,



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