



October 4th, 2022

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

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of the Salt Lake City's Downtown Alliance, I write in support of our 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 connections between the west and east side of Salt Lake City is critical for the sustainable and equitable growth of our region. Downtown is currently experiencing record residential growth. Additionally, the area just west of 400 West within Downtown is slated for redevelopment within the near future. These unprecedented growth realities will bring employment, recreation, and transit opportunities that must be considered for the overall livability and economic vitality of Salt Lake City. Historically, Salt Lake's east and west side have been divided physically by rail and interstate, and in-turn, divided racially. Exploring approaches to soften this long standing barrier could lift the economy, increase accessibility, and improve equity.

Because these connections matter so deeply, I am interested in being an active participant and giving input on this planning and design project. I support Salt Lake City's grant application to the federal Reconnecting Communities 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 and address longstanding equity issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dee Brewer".

Dee Brewer  
Executive Director  
Downtown Alliance SLC