

October 12, 2022

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



RE: Letter of Support – Reconnecting Communities

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Gardner Batt, LLC, a development firm located in Salt Lake City, I write in support of Salt Lake City's initiative to address east-west connections across I-15 and the north-south rail corridors, particularly for people walking, biking, and taking transit.

We have a number of developments along this corridor and connectivity in this area is a critical component to the ongoing growth and success of this area. We have focused much of our development the last 10 years on sustainable transit-oriented projects and continue to find that there is a major divide in the city between the west and east side of the city because of the dividing highways and railways that intersect the city. We often have a difficult time getting people to abandon their historic demand for cars because of the inability to safely and successfully cross these dividing transit corridors. In many cases this undermines our ability to really provide sustainable, green developments. We are very supportive of the efforts of Salt Lake City to address this major initiative in our community.

I support Salt Lake City's grant application for the Reconnecting Communities Grant to conduct a comprehensive planning project to make improvements to multiple east-west crossings between 600 North and 2100 South.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael D. Batt".

Michael Batt  
Owner  
Gardner Batt, LLC