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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 Reconnecting Communities Planning Grant 2022

Dear Secretary, Buttigieg:

On behalf of NeighborWorks Salt Lake, 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 current transportation divide in Salt Lake City makes it difficult for the members of the communities that we serve to get from one side of the city to the other in a safe, timely, and efficient manner. Many residents that live and work on the Westside of the city often must make a choice of taking utilizing city streets where they may get stopped by rail and must change directions, causing them to potentially be late to their desired destination or to utilize the freeway for short trips within the city to avoid rail. Having these connectivity issues makes it difficult for many of our residents to want to utilize alternative forms of transportation because of the limited access and routes from their homes to their destinations. More frequency among public transportation options and routes and corridors, in general, would decrease the current divide in our city.

I support Salt Lake City's grant application to the federal Reconnecting Communities program to conduct a comprehensive planning project to make improvements across the east-west divide. This work will improve our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jasmine Walton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jasmine Walton
Director of Community Initiatives



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