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

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

Salt Lake County is pleased to provide a letter of support for Salt Lake City's planning project, Critical Connections: Healing Salt Lake City's East-West Divide. The City is seeking \$1.97M of federal funding for a study of east-west connections across the I-15 and 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 within Salt Lake City

Working together with the community, Salt Lake City will determine the greatest opportunities to resolve east-west travel, particularly for people walking, bicycling, or using public transportation. The City's initiative to address east-west connections will result in a planning process that can be modeled by other cities and towns in Salt Lake County, and along the Wasatch Front. This project elevates equity and access to opportunity for all.

I urge you to consideration of Salt Lake City's Reconnecting Communities Planning funding request. Please reach out to me if you need more information at jwilson@slco.org.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Wilson