



October 12, 2022

Faith Hall
Grant Lead, Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program FY 2022
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Local Cost-Share Commitment For RCP Pilot Program FY 2022

Dear Faith Hall:

Salt Lake City is pleased to apply for funding through the U.S. Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2022 Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Discretionary Grant Program for *Critical Connections: Healing Salt Lake City's East-West Connections*. The project is a comprehensive approach to analyze and prioritize solutions to the east-west crossings of the Interstate-15 (I-15), commuter rail, and freight rail corridor.

The interstate and rail corridor is a physical barrier that dominates the urban fabric of a 4.5 mile corridor through the heart of Salt Lake City. The corridor has isolated the city's Westside community for the past 150 years. The identification of equity-informed transportation infrastructure changes is critical to redress decades of socio-economic disinvestment and environmental injustice experienced by residents of the city's historically disadvantage communities.

Salt Lake City, as the project sponsor, is proposing of funding package of \$1.77 million or 47 percent worth in non-federal local funding matched with \$1.97 million or 53 percent worth of federal assistance. The \$1.77 million local non-federal match represents a \$1.27 million commitment from Salt Lake City and \$500,000 from project partner Utah Transit Authority (UTA), for which UTA has substantiated in a third-party match commitment letter.

As the authorized representative for Salt Lake City, I formally commit our City-side \$1.27 million local match. My administration, project partners, and the community are eager to leverage the U.S. Department of Transportation funding to stabilize the Westside community and increase mobility and connectivity.

Please contact me at (801) 535-7743 with any additional information needs or questions. Thank you for your consideration of the \$1.97 million funding request to the RCP Discretionary Grant Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erin Mendenhall".

[Erin Mendenhall \(Oct 11, 2022 15:34 MDT\)](#)

Mayor Erin Mendenhall
Salt Lake City, Utah