



UTAH INLAND PORT AUTHORITY

October 11, 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 **Utah Inland Port Authority (UIPA)**, 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 UIPA is an independent political subdivision of the state with a state-wide public purpose. The Authority is responsible for implement strategies that improve logistics and goods movement in and through Utah and throughout the U.S. supply chain. Our mission is to promote sustainable, equitable, and smart logistics investments through partnerships, policies and programs. We are excited to support Salt Lake City in this initiative as it addresses our core values of accountability, sustainability, collaboration and safety. Long-term planning around how all modes of transportation interact is a win for the city, for our business community and most importantly for our residents.

The UIPA fully supports Salt Lake City's grant application to the federal Reconnecting Communities program to conduct a comprehensive planning project regarding improvements to multiple east-west crossings between 600 North and 2100 South.

Sincerely,

Ben Hart
Executive Director
Utah Inland Port Authority