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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 The Utah State Fair Corporation, a 501(c)30 nonprofit corporation, I write in support of Salt Lake City's initiative to address east-west connections across Interstate -15 and the north-south rail corridors.

The Utah State Fair Corporation was created in 1856 and was tasked with the responsibility of producing the annual Utah State Fair. Initially the annual fair was held in downtown Salt Lake City. We relocated to our current location on the west side of Salt Lake City in 1902. Over time the corporation has witnessed the arrival of the motor coach, space travel and countless other advances in transportation and technology. However, the one constant throughout history has been the lack of transportation options for residents and business living and working on the west side. Many of the east and west throughfares that serve the west side are littered with old railroad crossings, freeways, and other relics that impede east to west travel.

I support Salt Lake City's grant application to the federal "Reconnecting Communities program to conduct a comprehensive planning project to make improvements to multiple east-west crossings between six hundred North and 2100 South. This work once completed will provide business and residents of the west side equal access to services and medical care.

Sincerely,

Larry Mullenax  
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