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Oct. 26, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Letter of Support for UTA's FY 21 Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Sharp-Tintic Railroad Connection Project Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing today to express support for the Utah Transit Authority's Sharp-Tintic Railroad Connection Project.

Utah has one of the most diverse and fastest-growing economies in the country. This translates to an economic environment that has long-term stability and sustainability. The funds being requested with this grant request will provide important infrastructure for the local community and the surrounding economy.

By constructing a new connector railroad line between the Sharp Subdivision line and the Tintic Industrial Lead Line in Springville City and Spanish Fork City; the Sharp-Tintic Railroad Connection Project will provide increased safety through the elimination of highway-rail crossings, access for future trails, a safer walking route for children to a local elementary school and future expansion of the UTA FrontRunner to southern Utah County creating greater access. As the region continues to grow, FrontRunner will need to grow to help meet the travel demand on the I-15 corridor.

The Utah Transit Authority is partnering on this project with the Utah Department of Transportation, Union Pacific Railroad, Mountainland Association of Governments, Spanish Fork, and Springville City in this endeavor to enable key public transit objectives while improving local community accessibility and safety.

On behalf of the residents of Utah, I encourage and appreciate your full and fair consideration of this important grant application.

Sincerely,

Spencer J. Cox
Governor



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November 17, 2021

Mary DeLoretto, Interim Chief Executive
Utah Transit Authority
669 West 200 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Dear Ms. DeLoretto:

SUBJECT: Letter of Support for UTA's FY 21 Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Sharp-Tintic Railroad Connection Project Application

As Executive Director of the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), I would like to give my support for UTA's Sharp-Tintic Railroad Connection project for FY 2021 FRA CRISI funding.

UDOT supports integrated transportation options for all Utahns. Our vision at UDOT is simple and straightforward: Keep Utah Moving. That includes improving our roads, public transit, freight, public trails, and safe routes to school. Public transit provides reliable and convenient service which strengthens and connects communities.

By constructing a new connector railroad line between the Sharp Subdivision line and the Tintic Industrial Lead Line in Springville City and Spanish Fork; the Sharp-Tintic Railroad Connection Project will provide increased safety through the elimination of highway-rail crossings, access for future trails, and a safer walking route for children to a local elementary school. It will also facilitate future expansion of the UTA FrontRunner to southern Utah County to help meet the travel demand on the I-15 corridor.

UDOT joins project partners, UTA, Union Pacific Railroad, Mountainland Association of Governments, Spanish Fork and Springville City in this endeavor to enable key public transit objectives while improving local community accessibility and safety. As part of this partnership, UDOT reaffirms the availability of \$190,000 in local UDOT state match and contingency funds as previously detailed in agreements with the UDOT and UTA.

The project represents an important milestone in this crucial process of improving the nation's transportation infrastructure and thus promoting a high quality of life.

Ms. Mary DeLoretto
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We appreciate this opportunity to endorse the Utah Transit Authority's Sharp-Tintic Railroad Connection project.

Sincerely,

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Carlos M. Braceras, P.E.
Executive Director

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Cc: Teri Newell, UDOT
Ben Huot, UDOT



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November 24, 2021

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

Re: CRISI Grant - Utah Transit Authority Sharp-Tintic Railroad Connection Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

Union Pacific supports Utah Transit Authority's (UTA's) CRISI application for the *Sharp-Tintic Railroad Connection Project*, which will optimize freight operations while improving local community accessibility and safety and, ultimately, allow for expansion of UTA's FrontRunner passenger service.

Federal funds from a grant award will allow for the closure of multiple public and private crossings. In addition, it will allow for realignment and elimination of roadway skew through another existing crossing, among other significant safety improvements.

If awarded a grant, Union Pacific will continue working with UTA to ensure all plans meet current operation and engineering standards and safety requirements.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

Liisa Stark



669 West 200 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

November 18, 2021

Frances Bourne,
ATTN. Office of Policy and Planning
Federal Railroad Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Local Match Availability for the FY 2021 Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program - UTA Sharp-Tintic Railroad Connection Project.

Dear Ms. Bourne,

Utah Transit Authority (UTA) is applying for funding through the FRA CRISI Program to build approximately 7,400 linear feet of new railroad tracks connecting the Sharp and Tintic Railroad corridors within the cities of Springville and Spanish Fork, Utah. The project will mitigate safety issues by eliminating train traffic from highway-rail crossings, provide access to Springville City to areas currently used for the Tintic Railroad for a future trail and future expansion of the UTA FrontRunner rail service to southern Utah County.

The local match is from UTA, the Utah Department of Transportation, Mountainland Association of Governments, Springville and Spanish Fork funds. UTA's board of trustees and executive team have committed \$300,000 to the project, and also \$117,985 of in-kind contributions. This amount is acceptable within UTA's long-range financial model. The \$5,200,970 in state and local funds on the entire project cost equates to 32.68 percent local funding and 67.32 percent federal funding—well exceeding the minimum 20% local amount required match for the CRISI program.

The new railroad tracks are a necessary improvement for UTA to provide future FrontRunner rail service to continue south and for the project. Award of the CRISI funds would complete the funding plan for this much needed project.

Please contact me (801-287-3367) or Alika Lindsay (801-287-1902) with any needs or questions. Thank you for your consideration of UTA's application.

Sincerely,

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Bill Greene
Chief Financial Officer



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November 16, 2021

Mary DeLoretto
Executive Director
Utah Transit Authority
669 West 200 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Re: Letter of Support for UTA's FY 20 Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)
Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Sharp-Tintic
Railroad Connection Project Application

Dear Ms. DeLoretto,

Spanish Fork is in support of Utah Transit Authority's (UTA) Sharp-Tintic Railroad Connection Application for the FRA CRISI Grant. Spanish Fork is the 'Home of Pride and Progress!' and values transit and understands its importance to the quality of life for residents.

The Sharp-Tintic Railroad Connection Project will provide increased safety through the elimination of highway-rail crossings, access for future trails, a safer walking route for children to a local elementary school and future expansion of the UTA FrontRunner to southern Utah County creating greater access for our community. As the region continues to grow, FrontRunner will need to grow to help meet the travel demand on the I-15 corridor.

Spanish Fork joins project partners, UTA, Utah Department of Transportation, Union Pacific Railroad, Mountainland Association of Governments, and Springville City in this endeavor to enable key public transit objectives while improving local community accessibility and safety. As part of this partnership, Spanish Fork reaffirms the availability of \$117,985 in local matching funds as previously detailed in agreements with the UDOT and UTA.

The Sharp-Tintic Railroad Connection Project offers critical steps in a course of action for an exciting future for transit in our community.

Sincerely,

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Spanish Fork City Mayor
Steve Leifson



November 16, 2021

Mary DeLoretto
Executive Director
Utah Transit Authority
669 West 200 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Re: Letter of Support for UTA's FY 21 Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)
Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Sharp-Tintic Railroad
Connection Project Application

Dear Ms. DeLoretto,

Springville City is in support of Utah Transit Authority's (UTA) Sharp-Tintic Railroad
Connection Application for the FRA CRISI Grant.

The Sharp-Tintic Railroad Connection Project will provide increased safety through the
elimination of highway-rail crossings, access for future trails, a safer walking route for
children to a local elementary school and future expansion of the UTA FrontRunner to
southern Utah County creating greater access for our community. As the region
continues to grow, FrontRunner will need to grow to help meet the travel demand on the
I-15 corridor.

Springville City joins project partners, UTA, Utah Department of Transportation, Union
Pacific Railroad, Mountainland Association of Governments, and Spanish Fork in this
endeavor to enable key public transit objectives while improving local community
accessibility and safety. As part of this partnership, Springville reaffirms the availability
of \$117,985 in local matching funds as previously detailed in agreements with the UDOT
and UTA.

The Sharp-Tintic Railroad Connection Project offers critical steps in a course of action
for an exciting future for transit in our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bradley D. Stapley".

Bradley D. Stapley, P.E.
Director of Public Works
bstapley@springville.org



November 22, 2021
Marry DeLoretto
Executive Director
Utah Transit Authority
669 West 200 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Re: Letter of Support for UTA's FY 21 Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Sharp-Tintic Railroad Connection Project Application

Dear Ms. DeLoretto,

As the Executive Director of the Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG), I would like to offer our endorsement of the Utah Transit Authority's (UTA) 2021 FRA CRISI proposal. The funds from this award request will fund the construction of a new connector railroad line between the Sharp and Tintic lines in Springville City and Spanish Fork. This award would represent the funding necessary to complement the local and state resources that have recently been dedicated to the Sharp-Tintic project.

MAG serves the governments and citizens of Summit, Utah and Wasatch Counties and has the task of planning for the urban Utah County regional transportation needs. MAG has a strong history of working together with stakeholders and accomplishing results. Part of MAG's focus is to support the increase of accessibility and mobility of people and freight. Growth in Utah County is robust, rising by 40% in each of the last two decades. The state and county have invested nearly \$4 billion in highway and rail projects, making a significant impact towards easing congestion and creating better connectivity. This Sharp-Tintic project is part of our Regional Transportation Plan, TransPlan 50, and is crucial to future growth.

Progress has been made toward the region's ongoing strategy of offering more and better transportation choices for our communities. MAG joins project partners, UTA, Utah Department of Transportation, Union Pacific Railroad, Spanish Fork and Springville City in this endeavor to enable key public transit objectives while improving local community accessibility and safety. As part of this partnership, MAG reaffirms the availability of \$200,000 in local MAG Exchange funds as previously detailed in agreements with the UDOT and UTA. The project is already listed in the MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which can be updated to reflect this award, if received, within 3-4 months of notification.

Thank you for this opportunity to support the Utah Transit Authority's Sharp-Tintic Railroad Connection project.

Sincerely,


Shawn Seager, MPO Director

MICHAEL S. LEE
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4404

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October 28, 2021

Mr. Carlton Christensen
Chair of The Board of Trustees
Utah Transit Authority
669 West 200 South
Salt Lake City, Utah 84101

Dear Mr. Christensen:

Thank you for notifying me that the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) intends to apply for a Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program competitive grant.

It is my understanding that the grant would be used to build approximately 7,400 feet of new railroad tracks connecting the Sharp and Tintic Railroad corridors within the Cities of Springville and Spanish Fork, Utah

I commend UTA's efforts to provide Utahns with a safe, reliable, and efficient transit system.

It is a pleasure and honor to serve you and the people of Utah in the United States Senate. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Michael S. Lee
United States Senator

MITT ROMNEY
UTAH

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United States Senate

November 2, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Letter of Support for UTA's FY 21 Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Sharp-Tintic Railroad Connection Project Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

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The Utah Transit Authority is partnering on this project with the Utah Department of Transportation, Union Pacific Railroad, Mountainland Association of Governments, Spanish Fork and Springville City in this endeavor to enable key public transit objectives while improving local community accessibility and safety.

On behalf of the residents of Utah, I encourage and appreciate your full and fair consideration of this important grant application. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Alex Vargo at Alex_Vargo@romney.senate.gov in my Washington Office.

Sincerely,



Mitt Romney
United States Senator

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

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October 25, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing today to urge full and fair consideration of the CRISI grant application for Utah Transit Authority's Sharp-Tintic Railroad Connection Project.

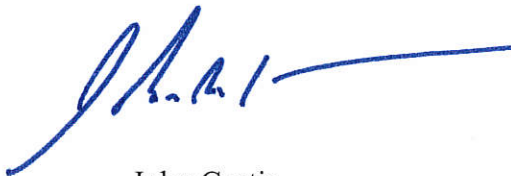
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The Utah Transit Authority is partnering on this project with the Utah Department of Transportation, Union Pacific Railroad, Mountainland Association of Governments, Spanish Fork and Springville City in this endeavor to enable key public transit objectives while improving local community accessibility and safety.

On behalf of the residents of Utah, I encourage and appreciate your full and fair consideration of this important grant application. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Troy Dougall at Troy.Dougall@mail.house.gov in my Washington Office.

Sincerely,



John Curtis
Member of Congress

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4404

October 26, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Letter of Support for UTA's FY 21 Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Sharp-Tintic Railroad Connection Project Application

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The Utah Transit Authority is partnering on this project with the Utah Department of Transportation, Union Pacific Railroad, Mountainland Association of Governments, Spanish Fork and Springville City in this endeavor to enable key public transit objectives while improving local community accessibility and safety.

On behalf of the residents of Utah, I encourage and appreciate your full and fair consideration of this important grant application. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Miriam Harmer at Miriam.Harmer@mail.house.gov in my Washington Office.

BURGESS OWENS
4TH DISTRICT, UTAH

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Congress of the United States
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Washington, DC 20515-4404

Sincerely,

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Burgess Owens
Member of Congress



Utah County Commission

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November 15, 2021

Mary DeLoretto
Executive Director
Utah Transit Authority
669 West 200 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Re: Letter of Support for UTA's FY 21 Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Sharp-Tintic Railroad Connection Project Application

Dear Ms. DeLoretto,

Utah County is in support of Utah Transit Authority's (UTA) Sharp-Tintic Railroad Connection application for the FY 2021 FRA CRISI Grant.

Utah County values transit and understands its importance to the quality of life for residents. We are fortunate to have a strong public transportation network including our newly opened UVX BRT which operates between Provo and Orem. High quality transportation is essential for Utah County.

The Sharp-Tintic Railroad Connection Project will provide increased safety through the elimination of highway-rail crossings, access for future trails, a safer walking route for children to a local elementary school and future expansion of the UTA FrontRunner to southern Utah County creating greater access for our community. As the region continues to grow, FrontRunner will need to grow to help meet the travel demand on the I-15 corridor.

The project offers an exciting future for transit in Utah County and provides the foundation for future transit improvements, which will benefit our residents and local communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to support the Utah Transit Authority's Sharp-Tintic Railroad Connection project.

Sincerely,

William C. Lee
Thomas V. Sakievich
Amelia Powers Gardner



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October 25, 2021

Carolyn M. Gonot
Executive Director
Utah Transit Authority
669 West 200 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Re: Letter of Support for UTA's FY 21 Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Sharp-Tintic Railroad Connection Project Application

Dear Ms. Gonot,

Nebo School District is in support of Utah Transit Authority's (UTA) Sharp-Tintic Railroad Connection Application for the FRA CRISI Grant.

The Sharp-Tintic Railroad Connection Project will provide increased safety through the elimination of highway-rail crossings, access for future trails, a safer walking route for children to a local elementary school and future expansion of the UTA FrontRunner to southern Utah County creating greater access for our community. As the region continues to grow, FrontRunner will need to grow to help meet the travel demand on the I-15 corridor.

The project partners include UTA, Utah Department of Transportation, Union Pacific Railroad, Mountainland Association of Governments, Spanish Fork and Springville City and we support this endeavor to enable key public transit objectives while improving local community accessibility and safety.

The Sharp-Tintic Railroad Connection Project offers critical steps in a course of action for an exciting future for transit in our community.

Sincerely,

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Rick Nielsen
Superintendent



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November 15, 2021

Mary DeLoretto
 Executive Director
 Utah Transit Authority
 669 West 200 South
 Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Re: Letter of Support for UTA’s FY 21 Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)
 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Sharp-Tintic Railroad
 Connection Project Application

Dear Ms. DeLoretto,

Here at Utah Clean Air Partnership (UCAIR), we strive to make it easier for individuals, businesses, and communities to make small changes to improve Utah’s air. Every small change adds to a collective bigger step toward better health, a better economy and better overall quality of life for all of us. We promote individuals to TravelWise and drive less by carpooling, using transit, walking/biking, and e-commuting. Transit, due to its ability to transport large groups of people, is one of the best ways to address air quality.

The Sharp-Tintic Railroad Connection Project will provide increased safety through the elimination of highway-rail crossings, access for future trails, a safer walking route for children to a local elementary school and future expansion of the UTA FrontRunner to southern Utah County creating greater access for our community. As the region continues to grow, FrontRunner will need to grow to help meet the travel demand on the I-15 corridor.

Improved service will help reduce congestion by encouraging more Utahns to use transit. Improving air quality is an extremely high priority, and a major goal, for government leaders, communities, and families here in Utah.

We look forward to the advancement of this project and the positive results in our Utah communities.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Frost

Kimberly Frost, Executive Director
 Utah Clean Air Partnership



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October 12th, 2021

Mary DeLoretto
Executive Director
Utah Transit Authority
669 West 200 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Re: Letter of Support for UTA's FY 21 Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Sharp-Tintic Railroad Connection Project Application

Dear Ms. DeLoretto,

I am writing today in support of Utah Transit Authority's (UTA) Sharp-Tintic Railroad Connection project.

The mission of the Utah Clean Cities Coalition (UCCC) is to advance the energy, economic, and environmental security of the United States by supporting local decisions to adopt practices that reduce the use of petroleum in the transportation sector.

The Sharp-Tintic Railroad Connection Project will provide increased safety through the elimination of highway-rail crossings, access for future trails, a safer walking route for children to a local elementary school and future expansion of the UTA FrontRunner to southern Utah County creating greater access for our community. As the region continues to grow, FrontRunner will need to grow to help meet the travel demand on the I-15 corridor.

Improved service will help reduce congestion by encouraging more Utahns to use transit. Improving air quality is an extremely high priority, and a major goal, for government leaders, communities and families here in Utah.

Utah Clean Cities Coalition, formerly Salt Lake Clean Cities, was the 16th coalition in the nation to join the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Clean Cities Program in 1994. Today it is one of nearly 100 coalitions across the country that are part of the U.S. DOE's Vehicle Technologies Program—a program designed to reduce the U.S. import and overall consumption of petroleum.

This project is part of the solution for future system capacity improvements for FrontRunner. We look forward to the advancement of this project and the positive results in our Utah communities.

Sincerely,

Tammie Bostick-Cooper
Utah Clean Cities Coalition
Executive Director