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RE: Local Match Availability for the UTA Point of the Mountain Transit Study BUILD Application

Dear Ms. Barnea, Mr. Bathrick, and Mr. Hill,

Utah Transit Authority (UTA) is applying for FY 2020 funding through the US Department of Transportation Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) program for the Point of the Mountain Transit Project. The local non-federal amount listed in the application for this project is \$1 million to support the BUILD request of \$3 million for a total project cost of \$4 million.

Of the \$1 million in match, \$750,000 is covered by a Utah State Legislature appropriation towards the completion of an environmental study. Use of the legislative funds is contingent upon contribution of non-state funds to the analysis. UTA and the Utah Department of Transportation will finalize the contracts for UTA to use these funds.

UTA's board of trustees and executive team have committed to budgeting the additional \$250,000 if selected to receive BUILD funds. These amounts are acceptable within UTA's long-range financial model. The \$1 million in match equates to 25 percent local funding and 75 percent BUILD funding - exceeding the minimum required match for the BUILD program.

The Point of the Mountain Transit Project is a coordinated effort between state and local agencies to complete an environmental study and preliminary design for transit improvements that will serve the growing and developing communities between southern Salt Lake County and northern Utah County. The Project will allow UTA to expand service as called for in municipal and regional transportation plans. The project has local support and Utah State Legislature appropriated funds. Award of the BUILD funds would complete the funding plan for this much needed project.

Please contact me (801-287-3367) or Tracy Young (801-287-3220) with any needs or questions. Thank you for your consideration of UTA's application.

Sincerely,

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